



**FRANKLIN COUNTY, WASHINGTON  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**REGULAR MEETING  
MAY 19, 2020**

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9:00 a.m.

**Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance**

Commission Chairman Robert Koch called the Franklin County Commissioners' Regular Board Meeting to order at 9:00 a.m., in the Commissioners' Meeting Room in the Franklin County Courthouse located at 1016 North Fourth Avenue, Pasco, Washington.

**Commissioners Present:** Commission Chair Robert Koch, Chair Pro Tem Brad Peck and Member Clint Didier

9:01 a.m.     **Approval of Minutes**

- ❖ ***May 5, 2020 Commissioners' Meeting Minutes and May 12, 2020 Commissioners Meeting Minutes were approved as presented.***
- ❖ Commissioner Peck concurred that public comment be limited to three minutes and refrain from being a question and answer or debate session. Subjecting persons to divulge personal information such as their address is also not required. He did suggest the Board adopt a policy of asking whether the public comment speaker is a resident of Franklin County. Commissioner Didier added that he did not want to exclude those who have businesses in Franklin County. ***The Commissioners were in agreement.***

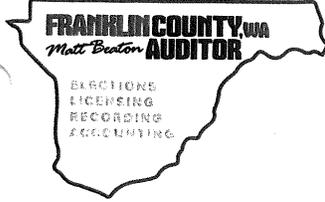
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9:07 a.m. Approval of Fund Expenditure Warrants



1016 N 4th Ave, Pasco,  
WA 99301  
509-545-3502

05/19/2020

Franklin County Commissioners:

Vouchers audited and certified by the auditing officer by RCW 42.24.080, expense reimbursement claims.

Action: As of this date, 05/19/2020 *Beaton*

Move that the following warrants be approved for payment:

Certified by RCW 42.24.090, have been recorded on a listing, which has been sent to the board members.

Warrants \ Check Numbers:	00360348 - 00360455	\$951,764.93
EFT Check Numbers:	00000486 - 00000490	\$7,441.94
		<u>\$959,206.87</u>

Fund Expenditures	Amount Issued
CURRENT EXPENSE	\$357,190.59
CRIME VICTIMS WITNESS	\$3,240.85
COURTHOUSE FACILITATOR	\$105.00
ENHANCED 911	\$5,193.54
COUNTY ROADS	\$270,189.23
SOLID WASTE	\$66.25
2ND QTR PCT EXCISE TAX FUND	\$246,559.24
RENTAL CAR EXCISE TAX	\$7,000.00
LAW LIBRARY	\$655.59
VETERAN'S ASSISTANCE	\$395.43
ENDING HOMELESSNESS	\$3,321.00
THE HAPO CENTER RENEW & REPLAC	\$605.88
THE HAPO CENTER	\$10,388.87
FRANKLIN COUNTY RV PARK	\$12,267.09
MOTOR VEHICLE	\$7,104.37
FR CO UNEMPLOYMENT	\$1,228.00
DEPT COMMERCE PASS THROUGH	\$33,695.94

In the amount of: *Beaton* \$959,206.87

The motion was seconded by: *Didier*

And passed by a vote of: 3 to 0

Reviewed by the County Administrator: *Peck*

*Jeff A. Burckhard*  
The attached vouchers have been approved by Auditor or Deputy:  
Jeff Burckhard

*Peter Gadomski*  
Vouchers Audited By:  
Peter Gadomski

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❖ *Commissioner Peck moved to approve Fund Expenditures audited and certified by the auditing officer for warrants prepared for the week of May 19, 2020 for payment totaling \$959,206.87. Commissioner Didier seconded with discussion. Commissioner Didier was concerned with the means of paying for all the bills. After discussion, the motion carried.*



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**9:08 a.m. Approval of Salary Clearing and Emergency Management Payroll**

May 19, 2020

Franklin County Commissioners:

Vouchers audited and certified by the auditing officer by RCW 42.24.080, expense reimbursement claims certified by RCW 42.24.090, have been recorded on a listing, which has been sent to the board members.

Action: As of this date, May 19, 2020 Brian Peck moves that the following warrants be approved for payment.

<u>FUND</u>	<u>WARRANT</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
<b>Salary Clearing Payroll:</b>		
Net Payroll Checks	00360220-00360222	1,782.36
Net EFT Payroll Checks	00026368-00026638	475,166.10
Deduction and Contribution Checks	00360228-00360247	506,603.16
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 983,551.62</b>
<b>Emergency Mgmt Payroll:</b>		
Net EFT Payroll Checks	00026364-00026367	\$ 7,841.20
Deduction and Contribution Checks	00360223-00360227	5,849.83
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 13,691.03</b>
	<b>Grand Total All Payrolls</b>	<b>\$ 997,242.65</b>

In the total amount of **\$997,242.65** (\$983,551.62 + \$13,691.03)

The motion was seconded by Chris Didier and passed by a vote of 3 to 0.

Yvonne Beaman  
The attached payroll has been approved by Auditor or Deputy

Rosa Gomez  
Payroll Prepared by Rosa Gomez



❖ *Commissioner Peck moved to approve Salary Clearing and Emergency Management Payroll totaling \$997,242.65. Commissioner Didier seconded and the motion carried.*



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### 9:09 a.m. Approval of Consent Agenda

1. Resolution 2020-127 Benton-Franklin Workforce Development Appointment- Lori Mattson
2. Resolution 2020-128 Franklin County Travel Policy Amendment

❖ *Commissioner Peck moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Commissioner Didier asked to pull #2 for separate discussion. All in favor to approve resolution 2020-127.*

❖ *Commissioner Didier asked for clarification on the new travel policy resolution 2020-128 and the discrepancies between resolutions 2012-184 and 2019-050. Administrator Keith Johnson clarified that because resolution 2019-050 did not include reference to 2012-184, it was required to add 2012-184 in resolution 2020-128 to clean up discrepancies and make it consistent in a single policy.*

❖ *Commissioner Peck moved to approve resolution 2020-128. Commissioner Koch seconded and the motion carried 2:1. Commissioner Didier opposed.*

### 9:23 a.m. Public Comment

- Lisa Merrill thanked the Board for doing what they can to get the county running. She had concerns about the broken reflectors on the sides of the road and the money spent on them.
- Michelle Andres asked if there was any response to the letters written by the counties to Governor Inslee. Commissioner Koch replied that there was no response. Ms. Andres believed that the community could mitigate and operate.
- Administrator Keith Johnson spoke of a letter Benton County sent last week to the Governor requesting the opening of the food service industry. In the letter, it mentions a coalition of bars and restaurants in the Tri-Cities area. Would the Franklin County Board like to send a similar request?
- Commissioner Didier was asked to meet with a road crew and see the restrictions they are working with. He stated they were concerned for the wellbeing of themselves and others, as the Personal Protective wear inhibits their sight and poses a danger.

❖ *Commissioner Didier made a motion to open Franklin County for business and challenge the Governor. Motion dies for lack of a seconded.*

- Commissioner Peck reiterated that Franklin County Commissioners do not have the authority to overrule the Governors orders and it is misleading to the community to think otherwise, and could potentially hurt the citizens. The citizens need to send in letters in mass to the Governor.



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- Administrator Keith Johnson asked if the Board would like to renew the Energy Communities Alliance (ECA).
- ❖ *After discussion, the Board agreed to bypass this year's renewal and see where we stand financially next year.*

### 9:35 a.m. Public Comment

- Auditor Matt Beaton wanted to make a clarification on a travel expense statement that the Auditor and others who review expense records are attesting to the expense only. The person submitting the expense attests with their signature that what is being turned in is correct.
- Lawanda Hatch voiced her concerns on being a self-employed person with no employees and the difficulties of getting unemployment. She is also concerned with the continued shutdown of businesses and they need a leader that will stand with them and defend their rights.
- Stephen Bauman voiced his concerns on opening the county and asked Commissioner Peck in what ways can we add pressure to the Governor to allow us to do so. He also gave an update on the problems he is facing with building in the donut hole area and the inconsistencies between the City of Pasco and Franklin County.
- Lawanda Hatch said the City Council does not make the decisions, it is the City Manager and that is where Mr. Bauman needs to go for answers. She had been told that the reason Franklin County did not have business growth like Benton County is due to the complexities of building here.
- Rocky Mullen agreed with Mr. Bauman that the City of Pasco makes it difficult for businesses to come here and that is why they go to neighboring cities. He encouraged the Commissioners to find a way to change this problem.

He also asked if there was anything in the works to open Franklin County, or are we just waiting for the Governor to take action. He voiced his concerns on owning rentals and not being paid. He asked how long will this go on, as he has mortgages to pay also. He is worried about those who do not qualify for loans or unemployment and the wellbeing of families.

- Commissioner Didier quoted Abraham Lincoln, "If you want to test a man's character, give him power".
- Commissioner Peck stated that the Governor is in a unique position that he was given power from the people. Unless and until it gets in front of a court and gets to be judged



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unconstitutional, it will remain. He suggested getting the right message to those that are close to the Governor. Organizing Westside campaigns may be the best course.

- Lawanda Hatch voiced her concerns as to why it is not be appropriate for the County to sue Governor Inslee for loss of property taxes.

**Adjourn**

With no further business to bring before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 10:05 a.m.

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Chair

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Clerk of the Board

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Date

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