



**FRANKLIN COUNTY, WASHINGTON
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**SPECIAL MEETING
JUNE 10, 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' Special 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 via phone and Member Clint Didier in Boardroom

❖ *Delay in meeting due to technical difficulties*

Commissioner Peck reiterated that this meeting was designated as phone-in only.

9:42 a.m. Commissioner Koch opened the meeting with discussion on adopting the application for phase 2 reopening plan.

Commissioner Didier opposed the hiring of thirty new full time employees to assist the Health Department with contact tracing. He stated that it was an infringement to our civil liberties and it would be an injustice to our county. Commissioner Didier had a few questions that were unanswered in the documents. What are the term limits for the thirty new employees as contact tracers? Where do we obtain the resources to pay them? Do they get benefits as well as full time pay? Will they be permanent employees of the health district?

Commissioner Peck concurred with the infringement of civil liberties of the citizens. However, he concluded, we must do what we can to get through this covid mess and into phase 2.

Commissioner Koch agreed it was better to move forward and apply for phase 2.

After discussion on whether to omit the contact tracing from the document or to move forward as presented, the motion was made.

❖ *Commissioner Peck moved to approve Resolution 2020-132A, Adopting the Application for Phase 2 Reopening Plan. Commissioner Koch seconded and the motion carried 2:0. Commissioner Didier opposed.*

Adjourn

With no further business to bring before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 10:07 a.m.

Chair

Clerk of the Board

Date