



FRANKLIN COUNTY, WASHINGTON BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

REGULAR MEETING
JULY 21, 2020

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Commissioners Present: Commission Chair Robert Koch and Chair Pro Tem Brad Peck present telephonically, and Member Clint Didier was present in Commissioners room and telephonically.

9:01 a.m. Discussion on in-person Commissioners meetings.

Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

Commission Chairman Robert Koch called the Franklin County Commissioners' Regular Board Meeting to order at 9:03 a.m., in the Commissioners' Meeting Room in the Franklin County Courthouse located at 1016 North Fourth Avenue, Pasco, Washington.

❖ *After discussion on in-person Commissioner Attendance, Commissioner Koch recessed the meeting at 9:12 a.m. for five minutes to allow Commissioner Didier to set up in his office remotely.*

❖ *Commissioner Koch reconvened the meeting 9:17 a.m.*

9:17 a.m. **Approval of Minutes**

❖ *June 23, 2020 Commissioners' Meeting Minutes- revised with verbatim section approved as presented.*

❖ *July 7, 2020 Commissioners' Meeting Minutes approved as presented.*

9:19 a.m. **Liberty State Foundation Presentation**

Dani Bolyard brought information before the Board on the Liberty State Foundation. They are seeking the Commissioners' support for an advisory vote on the November ballot. This advisory vote pertains to creating a new state East of the Cascades. The deadline for submitting the request and funds associated with this proposal is August 4, 2020. The amount of funds required to do this action was unclear. The Commissioners were supportive of Liberty State Foundation with the condition that they had the means to fund the advisory vote request.

9:32 a.m. **CARES Act Update**

Administrator Keith Johnson received the final CARES Act contract and funds for \$5,207,400 is ready for distribution. Mr. Johnson proposes allocation of \$3,000,000 to TRIDEC for disbursement to local businesses.

❖ *Commissioner Peck moved to approve Resolution 2020-157. The motion dies for lack of second.*

Commissioner Didier inquired as to where the remaining funds would be allocated. Administrator Keith Johnson responded with the following; Benton Franklin Juvenile Justice-\$150,000 for personal protective equipment and technology updates, Franklin County \$100,000 for personal protective equipment and



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technology updates, Benton Franklin Health District \$1,000,000 for tracing and testing, \$90,000 for contingency, leaving \$734,000 yet to be determined. Commissioner Didier was not in favor of allotting BFHD additional money, as they receive money from federal and state.

❖ *Commissioner Peck moved to approve resolution 2020-157. Commissioner Koch seconded and the motion carried 2:1 with a nay from Commissioner Didier.*

9:51 a.m. **Public Comment**

- Melinda Didier thanked the Commissioners for their service and was concerned with the divisiveness of the Commissioners and the effects it has on the county.
- Lawanda Hatch was concerned with giving money to the Health District. She would like to see the money go to the local businesses.

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9:56 a.m. **Approval of Fund Expenditure Warrants**

07/21/2020

Franklin County Commissioners:

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

Action: As of this date, 07/21/2020

Move that the following warrants be approved for payment:

Peck **BRAD PECK Telephonically**

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

Warrants \ Check Numbers:	00361964 - 00362071	\$231,582.85
EFT Check Numbers:	00000537 - 00000540	\$1,988.53
		<u>\$233,571.38</u>

Fund Expenditures	Amount Issued
CURRENT EXPENSE	\$73,974.10
AUDITOR O & M	\$724.85
COURTHOUSE FACILITATOR	\$787.50
BOATING SAFETY	\$1,362.86
COUNTY ROADS	\$10,804.71
SOLID WASTE	\$520.07
LAW LIBRARY	\$44,743.38
VETERAN'S ASSISTANCE	\$1,765.90
ENDING HOMELESSNESS	\$63,499.64
THE HAPO CENTER RENEW & REPLAC	\$55.25
THE HAPO CENTER	\$8,047.54
FRANKLIN COUNTY RV PARK	\$1,510.87
MOTOR VEHICLE	\$25,774.71

In the amount of: \$233,571.38

The motion was seconded by: Clint Didier telephonically

And passed by a vote of: 3 to 0

Reviewed by the County Administrator:

Jeff Burckhard

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

Peter Gadomskiy

Vouchers Audited By:
Peter Gadomskiy

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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 July 21, 2020 for payment totaling \$233,571.38. Commissioner Didier seconded and the motion carried.**



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9:57 a.m. Approval of Consent Agenda

1. Resolution 2020-154 Adoption of Updated Franklin County Travel Policy
2. Resolution 2020-155 Food Service Contract between Aramark Correctional Service and Benton Franklin Juvenile Justice.
3. Resolution 2020-156 Elections’ Building Access Addition Project

❖ *Commissioner Didier would like to pull item #1 for a separate discussion and vote.*

❖ *Commissioner Peck moved to approve the consent agenda items 2 and 3. Commissioner Didier seconded. Commissioner Koch was concerned with the lack of information on the Elections building project. Administrator Keith Johnson explained the project consists of locks and security of this building. After discussion, the motion carried.*

Commissioner Didier had concerns with the new travel policy. It includes transportation allowances and travel expenses. He believed the policy should be separated into two. After discussion, Commissioner Koch agreed that the two should be a separate policy as well. This resolution needs revision and will return later.

10:12 a.m. Administration Office Business

Administrator Keith Johnson forwarded proposals for the social media contract and requested the Board give him guidance as to direction they desired to go on this matter. Commissioner Didier did not support spending extra money on a Facebook page. Commissioner Peck supported the idea of a Facebook page to keep citizens updated on various items since the CARES Act covers the expenses. Commissioner Koch did not support the proposals, as \$5,000 per month was deemed too expensive to operate a Facebook page.

10:20 a.m. Public Comment

- Lawanda Hatch did not support paying for a Facebook page. She asked the Board to place either a link or the agenda on their own page to get the word out about meetings and it would cost nothing to the county.

Adjourn

With no further business to bring before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 10:23 a.m.

Chair

Clerk of the Board

Date