

Agenda Summary Report (ASR)

Franklin County Board of Commissioners

DATE SUBMITTED: September 29, 2020	PREPARED BY: Matt Mahoney, Public Works Director
Meeting Date Requested: October 6, 2020	PRESENTED BY: Matt Mahoney, Public Works Director
ITEM: (Select One) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Consent Agenda	<input type="checkbox"/> Brought Before the Board Time needed: N/A
SUBJECT: Declaration of County Emergency.	
FISCAL IMPACT: Through this declaration, certain emergent funds may be available for the response, cleanup, and repairs of the damage caused by the fires. Therefore, there could be an increase in revenues and expenditures within the County Roads Fund.	
BACKGROUND: On September 7, 2020, fires occurred in Franklin County which required response by emergency services and the Public Works Department. Said fires required the temporary and long-term closures of County Roads, caused extensive damage to overhead railroad trestles on Burr Canyon Road and Wallace-Walker Road, destroyed the deck of a box culvert and guardrail on Burr Canyon Road. At this time, we have estimated the costs of the response, cleanup and repairs, as a result of the fires, to be \$1,500,000 (APPROXIMATE). Due to the high costs of this event, we do not have the budgetary resources available. Therefore, we have submitted request for financial aid to both the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and the County Road Administration Board (CRAB). In a response from CRAB, it was noted that we would need an emergency declaration from the Board of Commissioners to be eligible for certain State emergent funds. Therefore, pursuant to RCW 36.40.180 and 38.52.070, we are requesting the Board's consideration of a declaration of a County emergency due to the subject fires.	
RECOMMENDATION: Approve attached resolution for the declaration of a County emergency.	
COORDINATION: This item was discussed with Keith Johnson, County Administrator, Sean Davis, Franklin County Emergency Management Director (via email correspondence), and Craig Erdman, County Engineer/Assistant Public Works Director, all of whom agree with this proposed action. Further, this has been reviewed and approved as to form by Jennifer Johnson, Chief Civil Deputy Prosecuting Attorney.	
ATTACHMENTS: 1. DRAFT Resolution	
HANDLING / ROUTING: 1. Original Resolution to the Clerk of the Board. 2. Copy of Resolution to Franklin County Sheriff, Franklin County Emergency Management, Public Works Department, and County Auditor / Accounting.	

I certify the above information is accurate and complete.



Matt Mahoney, Public Works Director

FRANKLIN COUNTY RESOLUTION _____

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF
FRANKLIN COUNTY WASHINGTON**

DECLARATION OF A COUNTY EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, the Board of Franklin County Commissioners has been notified of an emergency event in northeast Franklin County; and

WHEREAS, the emergency situation requires the implementation of emergency protective actions to protect the property, health, and welfare of the citizens of Franklin County; and

WHEREAS, the emergency response resources of Franklin County will not be sufficient to meet the requirements of a prolonged response to an emergency of this nature and magnitude; and

WHEREAS, the emergency event requires the activation of the Franklin County Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan and use of statutory emergency powers granted pursuant to RCW 36.40.180 and 38.52.070.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY DECLARED AND RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF FRANKLIN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS:

- 1) There is, and has existed since September 7, 2020, a county-wide emergency resulting from fire adjacent to and over Burr Canyon Road and Wallace-Walker Road which caused damage that exceeds the Franklin County equipment, infrastructure, personnel, and budgetary resources available to protect the public health, safety, and welfare.
- 2) In response to the declared emergency and in accordance with RCW 38.52.070, all departments and offices of Franklin County are authorized to exercise the powers vested under this section without regard to time-consuming procedures and formalities prescribed by law (excepting mandatory constitutional requirements), including, but not limited to, budget law limitations, requirements of competitive bidding and publication of notices, provisions pertaining to the performance of public work, entering into contracts, the incurring of obligations, the employment of temporary workers, the rental of equipment, the purchase of supplies and materials, the levying of taxes, and the appropriation and expenditures of public funds.
- 3) All departments and offices of Franklin County are authorized to enter into contracts and obligations necessary to respond to the declared emergency to protect the public health, safety, welfare and property of the citizens of the County and to provide the citizens with emergency assistance.

- 4) The actions taken, and to be taken by the Board of Commissioners, County Administrator, and authorized designees, as deemed necessary to prevent or minimize the loss of life and property, are hereby confirmed.
- 5) A copy of this declaration shall be effective as an original.

DATED this 6th day of October, 2020.

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FRANKLIN COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

Chair

Chair Pro Tem

Attest: _____
Clerk of the Board

Member

Approved as to form:



Deputy Prosecuting Attorney

Original: Clerk of the Board

Copy: Franklin County Sheriff
Franklin County Emergency Management
Public Works Department
County Auditor / Accounting