



# FRANKLIN COUNTY, WASHINGTON BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

REGULAR MEETING  
JANUARY 19, 2021

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9:00 a.m.

## **Call to Order, Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance**

Commission Chairman Clint Didier 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. Commissioner Mullen offered invocation.

**Commissioners Present Telephonically:** Commission Chair Clint Didier, Chair Pro Tem Rocky Mullen and Member Brad Peck

## 9:02 a.m. **Certificate of Appreciation**

- **Julie Michel** -Commissioner Didier read a letter of appreciation to Julie Michel for her 30 years of service in Assessors Office, and Planning and Building Department.
- **Reserve Captain Russell Akers**- Commissioner Didier read Sheriff Raymond's letter to Mr. Akers and thanked him for his 33 years of Volunteer Service in Sheriff's Office. Sheriff Raymond spoke of Mr. Akers outstanding volunteer work, thanked him for his service, and wished him well.

## 9:06 a.m. **Approval of Minutes**

*November 10, 2020 Commissioners Meeting Minutes*  
*November 17, 2020 Commissioners Meeting Minutes*

❖ ***Commissioners' Meeting Minutes were approved as presented.***

## 9:07 a.m. **Public Comment**

Administrator Keith Johnson read in two public comments.

- The first letter was from Kim Lehrman stating the celebration of Martin Luther King Day. She admonished the Commissioners to listen to the public and seek equality for all members of the county.
- Freedom from Religion Foundation sent a letter, opposing local government officials from writing and offering prayers in a Commissioners Meeting, calling it unconstitutional.
- Michelle Andres encouraged a moment of silence in place of prayer.
- Hector Alamillo had concerns on the speed enforcement on Wernett and Road 44

## 9:22 a.m. **Requesting Statuary Language Setting Limits on State of Emergency Duration without Legislative Approval**

Administrator Keith Johnson presented a resolution/letter to be sent to the Governor in regards to the conditions that arbitrarily and capriciously impacts Franklin County residents and businesses. Franklin County Legal staff reviewed this document.

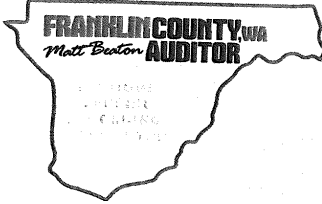
❖ ***Commissioner Peck moved to approve Resolution 2021-025. Commissioner Mullen seconded and the motion carried.***



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9:30 a.m. **Approval of Fund Expenditure Warrants**



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

01/19/2021

Franklin County Commissioners:

Vouchers audited and certified by the auditing officer by RCW 42.24.080, expense reimbursement claims.  
Action: As of this date, 01/19/2021 *Robert Mullen*  
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:	00367298 - 00367443	\$501,622.00
EFT Check Numbers:	00000698 - 00000702	\$2,133.67
		<u>\$503,755.67</u>

Fund Expenditures	Amount Issued
CURRENT EXPENSE	\$356,887.85
TREASURER O & M	\$3.00
CRIME VICTIMS WITNESS	\$3,238.76
BOATING SAFETY	\$622.77
JAIL COMMISSARY	\$10,000.14
ENHANCED 911	\$1,355.19
COUNTY ROADS	\$26,256.12
RENTAL CAR EXCISE TAX	\$7,000.00
LAW LIBRARY	\$2,910.78
VETERAN'S ASSISTANCE	\$1,238.38
ENDING HOMELESSNESS	\$3,770.38
DISTRESSED CNTY LTGO DS	\$42,336.12
THE HAPO CENTER	\$10,223.47
FRANKLIN COUNTY RV PARK	\$7,823.67
MOTOR VEHICLE	\$30,089.04

In the amount of: \$503,755.67

The motion was seconded by: Brad Peck  
Approved Telephonically

And passed by a vote of: 3 to 0

Reviewed by the County Administrator: *[Signature]*

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

Vouchers Audited By:  
Paola Mendoza

[www.co.franklin.wa.us/auditor](http://www.co.franklin.wa.us/auditor)

❖ *Commissioner Mullen moved to approve Fund Expenditures audited and certified by the auditing officer for warrants prepared for the week of January 19, 2021 for payment totaling \$503,755.67. Commissioner Peck seconded and the motion carried.*



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9:31 a.m. **Approval of Consent Agenda**

1. Resolution 2021-018 2021 Budget Personnel Changes
2. Resolution 2021-019 Agreement 2021-HHAA-Oxford between Human Services and Oxford Housing
3. Resolution 2021-020 Agreement 2021-HHAA-GW between Human Services and Goodwill Industries
4. Resolution 2021-021 2021-HHAA-DVS between Human Services and Domestic Violence Services
5. Resolution 2021-022 2021-HHAA-CBVC between Human Services and Columbia Basin Veterans Coalition
6. Resolution 2021-023 2021-HHAA-SHCN between Human Services and Safe Harbor Crisis Nursery
7. Resolution 2021-024 Awarded County Road Project 616 Selph Landing Bridge 906-8.79 Replacement - Reduced

❖ *Commissioner Mullen moved to approve the Consent Agenda 1-7 with discussion on #1. Commissioner Peck seconded and stated a clerical mistake on #5. (It should read Columbia Basin Veterans Coalition). Commissioner Mullen had a question on # 1 and did not wish to move forward with positions, except the Sheriff's office until the county opens. Human Resources Director Carlee explained the purpose of the budget and the positions. Commissioner Mullen amended the motion, pulling item #1 and tabling it until next week. Commissioner Didier seconded and the motion carried 2:1 with Commissioner Peck opposed.*

❖ *Approval of motion for Consent Items 2-7. All approved and the motion carried.*

9:42 a.m. **Public Comment**

- Lawanda Hatch would like to see the budget reopen.

9:43 a.m. **Administration Office Business Additional or Unfinished Business**

- Mr. Johnson will be sending a letter to the Republican Party to submit three applicants to come before the Board for the appointment to the Assessors' Position.
- The Governors not lifted rules for Open Public Meetings. Mr. Johnson needed to get information on the security of WEB EX before this was an option for future meetings. The previous Board chose not to approve WEB EX during Commissioner Meetings. Mr. Johnson suggested the Board vote if they wished to reverse this decision.

❖ *All three Commissioners supported using WEB EX as long as Information Services deems it safe.*



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- Prosecuting Attorney Shawn Sant stated that the four corners of Legislature extended the Proclamation of the Governor for the Open Public Meetings Act.
- Commissioner Didier would like Administrator Keith Johnson to look into what Kitsap and Walla Walla Commissioners are doing as they have sent letters to the Governor. Mr. Sant responded to Commissioner Didier’s request. Mr. Sant and five other counties have met to discuss this matter and are drafting up unified approaches.
- After discussion on the Canvassing Board and the Dominion machine, the Canvassing Board decided to set up a workshop for the public to address their concerns and move forward as needed from that point.
- Commissioner Mullen asked Mr. Johnson if the Board wishes to freeze positions in the Assessor’s office and Administrator’s office until the county opens. What is the process for doing this? Can these positions be postponed until a later date? Discussion will take place next week.

**10:26 a.m. Public Comment**

- Michelle Andres expressed her regret that Assessor Peter McEnderfer turned in his resignation.

**10:28 a.m. Executive Session-RCW 42.30.140(4) Contract Negotiations**

Commissioner Didier recessed into Executive Session at 10:28 a.m., for up to 1 hour to discuss RCW 42.30.140(4) Contract Negotiations. Administrator Keith Johnson invited the following to participate: Members of the Commission, County Administrator Keith Johnson, Clerk of the Board Karin Milham, Human Resources Director Carlee Nave and Sheriff Jim Raymond.

Commissioner Didier reconvened the Regular Meeting at 10:59 a.m. with no action taken.

Commissioner Peck had remarks on the subject of prayer during the Commissioners Meeting and he will send a letter with his thoughts to each Commissioner.

With no further business to bring before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 11:01 a.m.

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Chair

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Clerk of the Board

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Date