



FRANKLIN COUNTY, WASHINGTON

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

REGULAR MEETING
JANUARY 12, 2021

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9:00 a.m.

Call to Order 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 Didier started the meeting with invocation.

The Pledge was repeated due to background noise.

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

9:00 a.m. **Potts and Associates Legislative Updates**

Zak Kennedy reported that his Grandfather Jim Potts was in the hospital. Mr. Kennedy gave a brief update on the following bills.

- HB1054- disarm officers from apprehending criminals including the use of K-9's
- Criminal Justice Reform- training requirements, civil liability even if officers do exactly as they are trained.
- Property Tax bills
- Noxious Weeds
- Governor will try to put forward anything pertaining to Carbon and new taxes
- SB 5415 Environment, Energy and Technology
- Unfunded Mandates

Mr. Kennedy voiced his concerns on being able to get in front of Committees this year with meetings carried out virtually due to Covid-19 restrictions.

9:30 a.m. **Human Services- Veteran's Program Update**

Human Services Director Kyle Sullivan spoke on the previous advisory board and developing a new board. Mr. Sullivan turned in three applications for the new board; however, he would like to have five members. As per the RCW, Kyle will need to find someone else who is associated to the Veterans agency and he will look into this further.

9:45 a.m. **Public Comment**

- Lawanda Hatch urged the Commissioners to look at Pete Serrano's ordinance and create something similar for the county.
- Matt Bailey supports opening the county and helping the businesses in Franklin County.
- Terri Chase supports opening the restaurants and businesses.
- Kevin Heinen supports opening the county and something needs to happen to protect the businesses. He would like to see the Commissioners meet in the Conference room.



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- Shayla Noon encouraged people to stand up and support the community. Our county is dying from shut down, not covid-19. People are doing everything they can to survive. She encouraged getting a plan together to open up our community.
- Erica Taranto is in support of an ordinance to open the county. She would like to see a full audit of the voting machines and she would like to see the Commissioners meeting in person.
- Steve Bauman congratulated Commissioner Peck and Commissioner Mullen on their election. He would like to see the Commissioners meeting in the same room. He would like the Commissioners to produce an ordinance to open the county. He stated it is unacceptable for the Governor to deem who is essential and who is not. He appreciated Auditor Matt Beaton and the work he did with the voting machines and would like to see an audit on the machines.
- Paula Cartwright supports an ordinance to open the county and come up with a plan to move forward. She also would like to see the Commissioners in the Commissioners room.
- Brant Heinen would like to see the Commissioners meeting held in the HAPO Center so everyone can participate. He supports the Commissioners in standing up and writing an ordinance to open the county up.
- Steve Simmons appreciated Ms. Hatch's comments. He spoke with Tim Inman on civil disobedience. He does not agree with violence, but encouraged the Commissioners to open up businesses and perhaps get an ordinance in place. He did not understand why we are creating greater harm by the lockdown than by the pandemic itself. He would like to see an audit on the voting machine.
- Shayla Noon agreed with doing an audit on the voting machines. She urged the Commissioners to reassure the county that there is not a problem with the machines. Benton County Will McKay has written a proclamation and Franklin County needs to do the same. She asked what Commissioners have been in office social distancing and working for the public.
- Administrator Keith Johnson read Justin Carey's letter public comment. Supported the audit of the voting machine. He requested the Commissioners support an ordinance, stand up as a leader, and protect the rights of the citizens.

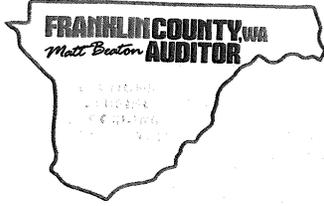
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10:15 a.m. **Approval of Fund Expenditure Warrants**



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

01/12/2021

Franklin County Commissioners:

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

Action: As of this date, 01/12/2021

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:	00367200 - 00367266	\$341,397.23
EFT Check Numbers:	00000691 - 00000697	\$15,749.72
		<u>\$357,146.95</u>

Fund Expenditures	Amount Issued
CURRENT EXPENSE	\$273,080.70
AUDITOR O & M	\$73.85
CRIME VICTIMS WITNESS	\$492.09
COURTHOUSE FACILITATOR	\$420.00
BOATING SAFETY	\$527.15
COUNTY ROADS	\$40,744.49
CAP OUTLAY ONE QTR PCT TAX	\$14,801.31
ENDING HOMELESSNESS	\$4,120.00
BF MENTAL HEALTH	\$13,849.79
THE HAPO CENTER	\$7,581.25
FRANKLIN COUNTY RV PARK	\$1,232.23
MOTOR VEHICLE	\$224.09

In the amount of: Brad Peck \$357,146.95
Approved Telephonically

The motion was seconded by: _____

And passed by a vote of: 3 to 0

Reviewed by the County Administrator: Jeff Burckhard

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

Paola Mendoza
Vouchers Audited By:
Paola Mendoza

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❖ *Commissioner Mullen moved to approve Fund Expenditures audited and certified by the auditing officer for warrants prepared for the week of January 12, 2021 for payment totaling \$657,146.95. Commissioner Peck seconded and the motion carried.*



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10:15 a.m. Approval of Salary Clearing and Emergency Management Payroll



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

January 12, 2021

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, January 12, 2021 Rodney J. Mullen moves that the following warrants be approved for payment.

<u>FUND</u>	<u>WARRANT</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
Salary Clearing Payroll:		
Net Payroll Checks	00367170-00367174	3,685.43
Net EFT Payroll Checks	00031066-00031329	469,396.33
Deduction and Contribution Checks	00367175-00367194	503,028.83
	Total	\$ 976,110.59
Emergency Mgmt Payroll:		
Net EFT Payroll Checks	00031062-00031065	\$ 7,847.50
Deduction and Contribution Checks	00367195-00367199	5,740.69
	Total	\$ 13,588.19
Grand Total All Payrolls		\$ 989,698.78

In the total amount of **\$989,698.78**

Brad Peck
Approved Telephonically

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

John A. Brueschman
The attached payroll has been approved by Auditor or Deputy

Peter Gadomski
Payroll Prepared by Peter Gadomski

❖ **Commissioner Mullen moved to approve Salary Clearing and Emergency Management Payroll totaling \$989,698.78. Commissioner Peck seconded and the motion carried.**



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10:15 a.m. Approval of Consent Agenda

1. Resolution 2021-012 Appraisers' Collective Bargaining Agreement 2021
2. Resolution 2021-013 Amendment 2 to Local 874-CH2019-2021 CB Agreement
3. Resolution 2021-014 Updated Equal Employment Opportunity Utilization Report
4. Resolution 2021-015 Amendment 2 to Local 874 2019-2021 CB Agreement AFL-CIO
5. Resolution 2021-016 Surplus Property Disposal List Information Services December 2020
6. Resolution 2021-017 Reappointment of Brian Cochrane to Mosquito Control Board

❖ *Commissioner Mullen moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Commissioner Peck seconded with discussion on item 6. Commissioner Peck wanted to acknowledge Brian Cochrane as a former air force officer wanted to thank him for his service since we discussed the veterans in an earlier conversation. Commissioner Mullen and Commissioner Didier also thanked Brian Cochrane for his service. All in favor and the motion carried.*

10:17 a.m. Administration Office Business

❖ *Correction to Emergency Management Assignment to have additional Commissioner serve. Commissioner Didier volunteered to serve with Commissioner Mullen on this assignment. Commissioner Peck would be happy to serve but deferred to Commissioner Didier. Consensus for Commissioner Didier to serve on the Emergency Management Assignment. Administrator Keith Johnson would serve as the alternate in the event that either Commissioner could not attend.*

Assessor Peter McEnderfer resigned and the Administrator will be sending a letter to the Republican Party to submit three names to the Board of Commissioners to fill in the position according to state statutes until the election takes place.

- ❖ *The Commissioners gave consensus to Mr. Johnson to send the letter requesting three nominees to bring before the Board to fill the Assessors position.*
- ❖ *Commissioner Didier moved for an injunction relief from the Governors proclamation. Commissioner Didier would like a second opinion on whether the Commissioners can meet in the Commissioner room. Commissioner Mullen seconded for discussion. Commissioner Didier wanted to read a document from legal but did not have permission from all Commissioners, so he paraphrased what the intent was, opening the meeting to the commissioners and public. Chief Deputy Attorney Jennifer Johnson suggested putting a firm plan in place as to how the Commissioners Meetings would proceed in the future. Commissioner Peck calls to question to end the discussion prior to moving on to discussion on the plan. Commissioner Didier asked for motion to end discussion on injunction. Commissioner Peck aye, Commissioner Mullen aye. Commissioner Didier moved to seek injunction relief from the Governor. All in favor, Commissioner Didier aye, Commissioner Peck nay and Commissioner Mullen nay. Motion fails.*



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Discussion continued on how to move forward with Commissioner Meetings. Mr. Johnson discussed the HAPO Center as an alternate place to hold the meetings. Commissioner Peck asked for legal to give us guidelines to follow for the in person meetings. Commissioner Mullen agreed that he would like to meet in person and have legal give us guidelines so that we can comply with the laws.

Commissioner Peck asked for consensus to have the Administrator and legal gather a written plan to move forward with this.

- ❖ *Commissioner Didier moved to approve Administrator and legal to gather a written plan to revisit the Commissioners chambers for our meetings. Commissioner Peck seconded with discussion. After discussion of the consensus, the motion carried.*

Commissioner Didier called into question the voting machines. Auditor Matt Beaton has heard concerns from the citizens. We did run an L & A and did an audit prior to the elections. He suggested convening the canvassing board to meet with citizens to hear their concerns.

- ❖ *Consensus from all three Commissioners to move forward with a plan to hold a meeting to address the issues on the voting machine.*
- Commissioner Didier asked about the Ordinance that Pete Serrano put together and if our legal has reviewed it. Mr. Johnson stated that legal has just finished the review and it will come before the Board next week. (Jennifer Johnson let the Commissioners know that an Ordinance requires a public hearing.)
- Clarification as to who puts the agenda together. The Clerk of the Board gathers information\requests from the Commissioners and Administrator and places them on the agenda.
- Commissioner Didier requested clarification on county travel policies and reimbursement of travel for the Commissioners and the Prosecuting Attorney. Commissioner Didier inquired of Jennifer Johnson responses to his questions. Ms. Johnson responded that Prosecuting Attorney Shawn Sant is working on the response.

10:57 a.m. Public Comment

- Shayla Noon agreed with meeting at the HAPO Center for the Commissioners Meetings. Ms. Noon challenged the Commissioners to meet at the HAPO Center. She thanked Mr. Beaton for allowing the citizens voice their concerns with the voting machine.
- Commissioner Peck spoke to the challenges of meeting at the HAPO Center.



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- ❖ *Commissioner Mullen made a motion to freeze hiring until the county is opened. Commissioner Didier seconded with discussion.*

Administrator Keith Johnson asked to discuss this matter with Human Resources as to the details of this and bring back next week.

- ❖ *Commissioner Mullen rescinded the motion.*

This matter will come before the Board next week.

11:08 a.m. Public Comment

- Steve Bauman asked the Commissioners to do their jobs in representing the county and not make excuses.

Adjourn

With no further business to bring before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 11:10 a.m.

Chair

Clerk of the Board

Date

