



# FRANKLIN COUNTY, WASHINGTON BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

REGULAR MEETING  
FEBRUARY 16, 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.

**Commissioners Present** Commission Chair Clint Didier in Chambers, Chair Pro Tem Rocky Mullen and Member Brad Peck telephonically.

9:01 a.m. **Approval of Minutes**

*January 19, 2021 Commissioners Meeting Minutes*  
*February 2, 2021 Commissioners Meeting Minutes*

❖ *Commissioners' Meeting Minutes approved as presented.*

9:02 a.m. **HAPO Update**

HAPO Director Tom French presented some updates on the HAPO Center.

The HAPO Center became a testing site for COVID-19 in June and ran through December 2020. The Center has new guidelines from the Governor to open events in the coming year. They have started booking some events and training staff on how to follow safety procedures for these events.

Commissioner Peck requested Mr. French coordinate with Legal to review contracts prior to approving them, to verify they are in accordance to the current laws.

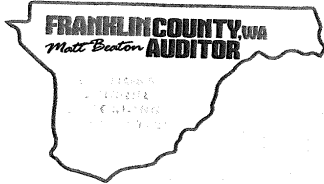
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9:13 a.m. **Approval of Fund Expenditure Warrants**



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

02/16/2021

Franklin County Commissioners:

Vouchers audited and certified by the auditing officer by RCW 42.24.080, expense reimbursement claims.  
Action: As of this date, 02/16/2021 *Brad Peck*  
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:	00368195 - 00368275	\$164,928.31
EFT Check Numbers:	00000729 - 00000732	\$3,375.88
		<u>\$168,304.19</u>

Fund Expenditures	Amount Issued
CURRENT EXPENSE	\$47,717.77
AUDITOR O & M	\$1,021.52
ENHANCED 911	\$1,514.17
COUNTY ROADS	\$4,079.88
LAW LIBRARY	\$1,311.18
VETERAN'S ASSISTANCE	\$332.92
ENDING HOMELESSNESS	\$30,303.68
AFFORDABLE HOUSING	\$45,000.00
THE HAPO CENTER	\$19,503.44
FRANKLIN COUNTY RV PARK	\$13,358.82
MOTOR VEHICLE	\$4,160.81

In the amount of: \$168,304.19

The motion was seconded by: Brad Peck  
Approved Telephonically

And passed by a vote of: 3 to 0

Reviewed by the County Administrator: *Tim Anderson*

The attached vouchers have been approved by Auditor or Deputy:  
Tim Anderson

*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 February 16, 2021 for payment totaling \$168,304.19. Commissioner Peck seconded and the motion carried.*

9:14 a.m. **Public Comment**



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- Alexia, a Latino Community Organizer wanted to know about the redistricting.

9:15 a.m. **Approval of Consent Agenda**

1. Resolution 2021-035 Termination of Professional Services Contract between Lutheran Community Services NW and Benton Franklin Juvenile Justice Center
2. Resolution 2021-036 Establishing Employee and Volunteer Recognition Award Policy for Benton Franklin Juvenile Justice Center
3. Resolution 2021-037 Telco Broadband (MAN) Agreement for Remote County Buildings
4. Resolution 2021-038 Appointing Kara Kaelber to Franklin County Water Conservancy Board
5. Resolution 2021-039 Benton Franklin Juvenile Justice Purchase of (2) 2021 Ford Escape Vehicles

❖ *Commissioner Mullen moved to approve the Consent Agenda 1-5. Commissioner Peck seconded and the motion carried.*

\*\*YouTube Audio Difficulties\*\*

9:18 a.m. **RECESS**

Commissioner Didier called for a five-minute recess to work on YouTube. At 9:29 a.m., the meeting reconvened with no resolve to the YouTube audio.

9:30 a.m. **Administration Office Business**

Commissioner Peck informed the Board of a letter written by the Tri-Cities National Park Committee to Senator Patty Murray in regards to the Manhattan Project records that are currently stored in Seattle. The building in which they are stored is being sold and the documents must be moved. They are requesting that the records not transfer outside of our region.

❖ *The Commissioners were in consensus to have Commissioner Peck sign the letter on behalf of Franklin County.*

9:37 a.m. **Public Comment**

- Lawanda Hatch wanted to thank Benton County Commissioner Will McKay and Yakima County Commissioner Amanda McKinney for helping us move into Phase 2. Ms. Hatch wanted to see if a wedding show at the HAPO Center is possible.
- Erica wanted to know if we are planning to redistrict before the general election.

9:39 a.m. **Additional or Unfinished Business**

- Commissioner Didier announced the Canvassing Board Workshop February 17, 2021 at 3:00 p.m.
- Commissioner Peck announced that Commissioner McKinney reached out to him to discuss the numbers relating to COIV-19 and that they did not add up correctly. He also spoke with Commissioner Tompkins in regards to this matter. Commissioners McKinney, Tompkins and Peck resolved the incorrect figures given by health providers.



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**9:44 a.m. Public Comment**

- Michelle Andres asked if other counties are going to look into miscalculations. She asked if it was a modeling issue or reporting issue. Ms. Andres wanted to know if anyone is addressing the issue of those who wish to breach the dams.
- Commissioner Peck reviewed the means by which the county is allowed to remain in phase 2. We must meet the criteria or minimum requirements of three out of four categories.
- Commissioner Didier would like to unite with other counties to write a strongly written letter to the Governor about no plans for any county to move into phase 3 and the miscalculation on numbers continues to hurt businesses.
- Commissioner Peck stated that WSAC Washington State Association of Counties is placing a lot of presser on the Legislature and Governor. They oppose the regionalization of public health.

**9:55 a.m. Recess**

Commissioner Didier recessed the regular meeting until 10:30 a.m.

**10:30 a.m. Reconvene**

Commissioner Didier reconvened the regular meeting at 10:30 a.m.

**10:34 a.m. Executive Session**

RCW 42.30.110 (1) (i) to discuss with legal counsel: litigation or potential litigation.

Commissioner Didier recessed into Executive Session at 10:34a.m., for up to 40 minutes to discuss with legal counsel regarding litigation or potential litigation. Administrator Keith Johnson requested himself, the Board of Commissioners, Shawn Sant, Jennifer Johnson, Karin Milham and outside counsel John Safarli to attend.

Commissioner Didier reconvened the Regular Meeting at 11:15 a.m. to extend the Executive Session for an additional 30 minutes.

Commissioner Didier reconvened the Regular Meeting at 11:45 a.m. with no action taken.

**Adjourn**

With no further business to bring before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 11:46 a.m.

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Chair

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Clerk of the Board

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Date