



# FRANKLIN COUNTY, WASHINGTON BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

REGULAR MEETING AND  
PUBLIC HEARING  
*JUNE 22, 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, Chair Pro Tem Rocky Mullen and Member Brad Peck

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

- ❖ *June 2, 2021 Special Bi-County Commissioners Meeting Minutes were approved as presented*
- ❖ *June 8, 2021 Commissioner Meeting Minutes were approved as presented*

9:02 a.m. **Commissioner/Administrator Updates**

Administrator Keith Johnson update

- Working with City of Pasco and Chamber of Commerce on the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds and coming up with a plan to move forward. The Treasury just released their reporting requirements. Expected end date is December 2024 with use of the funds ending December 2026.
- Expecting Governor Inslee to address opening the state fully by June 30, 2021.
- Possible change in the PILT funds.

Commissioner Peck update

- Columbia Basin Development League (CBDL) meeting presentation on the Odessa project
- Ben Franklin Health Department (BFHD) meeting
- Greater Columbia Behavior Health (GCBH) hiring several positions
- Benton Franklin Council of Governments- rebuilding mode and looking at Rural Revolving funds
- Washington State Association of Counties (WSAC) speaker from the Department of Commerce. Topic- variety of funds available to state and counties. Additional requirements when funds are received from federal

Commissioner Mullen update

- Thanked Keith Johnson for being on top of the requirements instituted by the federal government.
- Benefits Committee meeting- opt out of long term care information
- Tri cities Chamber of Commerce meeting



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- Ben Franklin Health Department (BFHD) meeting
- Thanked the Pasco Police for a de-escalation of situation involving an armed citizen.
- Toured the Kahlotus fire department and building.

## Commissioner Didier update

- Port of Pasco meeting
- Ben Franklin Health Department (BFHD) meeting
- Ben Franklin Transit (BFT) meeting
- Hanford Communities concerned with budget cuts.

## 9:20 a.m. **PUBLIC HEARING- Ordinance 08-2021 on Unlawful Race Attendance**

This Public Hearing remained open from last week in order to allow for additional public comments. Deputy Roske attended telephonically.

Commissioner Didier opened the Public Hearing for public comment.

- Steve Bauman asked for further justification as to passing this ordinance.

Administrator Keith Johnson and Sheriff Raymond clarified the purpose of the document is to have another tool to break up illegal street races and maintain public safety. The document was sent back to the Prosecuting Attorney for review and change of language.

- Steve Simmons appreciated the change in the document and clarification from Prosecuting Attorney Shawn Sant.

❖ *Commissioner Didier closed the Public Hearing at 9:30 a.m.*

❖ *Commissioner Peck moved to approve ordinance 02-2021 Unlawful Race Attendance) as presented. Commissioner Mullen seconded and the motion carried.*

## 9:31 a.m. **Public Comment**

- Steve Simmons asked for clarification on the two-way radio portion in the ordinance. He had concerns with the language in the ordinance.
- Tara Childs voiced her concerns of kids going to school and riding buses with masks on with the high temperatures.
- Clay Whipple had concerns with the building department.
- Kevin Heinin had concerns with the building department taking too long to get permits.
- Shelly Berg had concerns of kids going to school and riding buses with masks on with the high temperatures.
- Loren thanked the board for their service. Trying to get a shop built for over a year. He was asking for help in getting this accomplished.
- Lawanda Hatch voiced concerns with kids going to school and riding buses with masks on and the high temperatures. Especially the special needs children.



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- George Dockstader was interested in where the American Rescue Plan Act funds are going and if the public would have a chance to look at how the funds will be used. He wanted to know if there would be public input.
- Steve Bauman thanked the Commissioners for having the language changed in the ordinance. He asked for the Planning and Building Department to be fully opened as well as the Public Works Department.

9:53 a.m. **Approval of Fund Expenditure Warrants**

06/22/2021

Franklin County Commissioners:

Vouchers audited and certified by the auditing officer by RCW 42.24.080, expense reimbursement claims.  
Action: As of this date, 06/22/2021 *Rodney Muller*  
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:	00371951 - 00372069	\$258,216.77
EFT Check Numbers:	00000845 - 00000850	\$5,776.54
		<u>\$263,993.31</u>

Fund Expenditures	Amount Issued
CURRENT EXPENSE	\$203,420.76
AUDITOR O & M	\$565.06
ELECTION EQUIP REVOLVING	\$742.89
TREASURER O & M	\$846.51
BOATING SAFETY	\$93.89
JAIL COMMISSARY	\$3,765.08
ENHANCED 911	\$548.02
COUNTY ROADS	\$20,028.58
VETERAN'S ASSISTANCE	\$100.00
ENDING HOMELESSNESS	\$13,338.40
THE HAPO CENTER	\$2,472.66
FRANKLIN COUNTY RV PARK	\$1,572.17
MOTOR VEHICLE	\$16,499.29

In the amount of: \$263,993.31

The motion was seconded by: *Brenda Post*

And passed by a vote of: 3 to 0

Reviewed by the County Administrator: *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 June 22, 2021 for payment totaling \$263,993.31. Commissioner Peck seconded and the motion carried.*
- ❖ *Commissioner Peck asked for consent items #1 and #2 be separated for independent discussion and voting.*
- ❖ *Commissioner Peck moved to approve consent items 3 and 4 with 1 and 2 being separated for independent discussion. Commissioner Mullen seconded and the motion carried.*

9:54 a.m. **Approval of Consent Agenda**

1. Resolution 2021-126 Public Works Contract with MP Construction for Remodel of Human Resource Office and Assessor Office
2. Resolution 2021-127 Memorandum of Understanding between Benton Franklin Counties for Human Services Provisions
3. Resolution 2021-128 Food Service Contract Amendment between Juvenile Justice Center and Aramark
4. Resolution 2021-129 Wilson House Lease Extension

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

After discussion on agenda item #1 occurred, it was brought to a vote.

- ❖ *Commissioner Mullen moved to approve agenda item 1 Resolution 2021-126. Commissioner Didier seconded and the motion carried 2:1 Commissioner Peck voting nay.*

Resolution 2021-127 Memorandum of Understanding between Benton Franklin Counties for Human Services Provisions was discussed with Human Services Director Kyle Sullivan. He talked about grants and how his office is being financed. After discussion, the resolution was brought to a vote.

- ❖ *Commissioner Peck moved to approve Resolution 2021-127 (Human Services MOU) as presented. Commissioner Mullen seconded and the motion carried.*

10:04 a.m. **Administration Office Business**



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10:05 a.m. **Executive Session- RCW 42.30.140 (4) – Contract Negotiations**

Commissioner Didier recessed into Executive Session at 10:05 a.m., for up to 15 minutes to discuss Contract Negotiations. Commissioner Didier, Commissioner Mullen, Commissioner Peck, Administrator Keith Johnson, Clerk of the Board Karin Milham and Human Resources Director Carlee Nave were in attendance.

Commissioner Didier reconvened the Regular Meeting at 10:21 a.m. with no action taken.

10:22 a.m. **Executive Session- RCW 42.30.110 (1) (i) discuss litigation or potential litigation**

Commissioner Didier recessed into Executive Session at 10:22 a.m., for up to 45 minutes to discuss with legal counsel regarding litigation or potential litigation. Commissioner Didier, Commissioner Mullen, Commissioner Peck, Administrator Keith Johnson, Prosecuting Attorney Shawn Sant, Chief Civil Attorney Jennifer Johnson, Clerk of the Board Karin Milham and Outside Council were in attendance.

Commissioner Didier reconvened the Regular Meeting at 10:55 a.m. with no action taken.

**Adjourn**

With no further business to bring before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 10:55 a.m.

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Chair

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Clerk of the Board

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Date

