



FRANKLIN COUNTY, WASHINGTON BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

REGULAR MEETING AND
PUBLIC HEARING
JUNE 29, 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

9:02 a.m. Commissioner/Administrator Updates

Administrator Keith Johnson spoke of the possible brown outs with the high temperatures and electric usage. He will suggest some alternatives to the current work schedule in order to assist with the Utility Districts.

He reported that fireworks would be for sale.

Commissioner Peck update
Reconveyance Shorelines meetings with local tribes
Odessa groundwater replacement meeting
Local decisions makers meeting

Commissioner Mullen update
Pasco Chamber of Commerce meeting- New Welcome sign for Pasco
Visit Tri- Cities Meeting
FEMA Training at Emergency Management

Commissioner Didier update
FEMA Training at Emergency Management
Eastern Washington Council of Government Meeting- Water rights discussion
WSAC Virtual meeting and discussion on fireworks

9:07 a.m. Certificate of Appreciation

- *Captain Ronelle Nelson- Forty Years of Service*
- *Darryl Brown- Thirty-One Years of Service*
- *Rodney Norstedt- Twenty-Three Years of Service*

The Commissioners thanked each employee for their dedicated service and wished them well in retirement.



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9:11 a.m. Columbia Basin Development League Presentation

Deputy Director Sara Higgins and Director of Government Relations Mike Schwisow presented a PowerPoint updating the Commissioners on the Columbia Basin Project and the Odessa Ground Water Project. Sara provided a background and history as well as progress and needs.

Columbia Basin Project was originally authorized for development in 1933. The intention was to convert wasteland into habitation or cultivation through phased development process. These phases would take decades to complete. There are approximately three hundred thousand acres left for future Columbia Basin Development. In the beginning wells were drilled allowing farmers to grow crops until the project brought water to farmers. These aquifers that produced water to the wells are not recharging and wells are going dry.

Mike Schwisow talked about the status of the ground water replacement program and its infrastructure. It currently covers one thousand square miles of irrigated agriculture. He discussed the replacement and repair of the system, as it is deteriorating from age and usage. He is encouraging public investment in this project to sustain its function. Mr. Schwisow reviewed the projects that need completion, which includes the Odessa Ground Water Replacement Program. A list of projects were listed in the handout/agenda for public to see, as well as maps of the area. Mr. Schwisow discussed state and federal funding for some of the projects.

9:55 a.m. Closed Record Hearing SUB 2021-03/ SEPA 2021-09 Warm Springs Ranch

Commissioner Didier opened the closed record hearing SUB 2021-03 Warm Springs Ranch at 9:55 a.m.

Planning and Building Director Derrick Braaten presented SUB 2021-01 before the Board. It is a project to subdivide a parcel of land of approximately 24.96 Acres into 18 Single-family residential lots. The applicants propose to do this in two phases. Mr. Braaten showed maps and discussed the details of the six findings of fact and six conditions of approval.

Commissioner Didier closed the closed record hearing at 10:17 a.m.

- ❖ Commissioner Mullen move to approve SUB 2021-03/ SEPA 2021-09.
Commissioner Peck seconded with a statement that he had no conflict of interest.
Commissioner Didier and Commissioner Mullen did not have conflict of interest.
Commissioner Mullen amended the motion to include resolution 2021-131.
Commissioner Peck seconded and the motion carried.*

10:21 a.m. Closed Record Hearing SUB 2021-02/ SEPA 2021-08 Kohler Estates

Commissioner Didier opened the closed record hearing SUB 2021-02/SEPA 2021-08 Kohler Estates at 10:21 a.m.



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Planning and Building Director Derrick Braaten asked the Board if there were any potential conflicts of interest. Each Commissioner stated there was no conflict of interest. This preliminary plat project is to subdivide a parcel of land approximately 19.1 acres into 17 single-family residential lots. Mr. Braaten showed maps and discussed the details of the six findings of fact and six conditions of approval.

Commissioner Didier closed the closed record hearing at 10:34 a.m.

- ❖ *Commissioner Mullen moved to approve Resolution 2021-130. Commissioner Peck seconded and the motion carried.*

10:35 a.m. Public Hearing- Amend Speed Limit Ordinance 10-2021

Commissioner Didier opened the public hearing at 10:35 a.m.

Public Works Director Matt Mahoney gave a background on the Speed Limit Ordinance. On June 23, 2020, the Board of County Commissioners passed Ordinance 04-2020, which set the regulations for speed limits in Franklin County with respect to Section 46.61.400 RCW. The ordinance was codified in the Franklin County Code as Chapter 10.08. Said ordinance has been in effect since that time without revision.

The Public Works Department has drafted an ordinance that will amend the aforementioned section and replace it with conditions that have changed as shown below and address new roads that have been adopted since the passage of Ordinance 04-2020. Also, roads that have been annexed have been removed from the list.

State law (RCW 46.61.400) sets Washington's basic speed law and the maximum speed limits for state highways, county roads, and city streets. County roads are set at 50 MPH. The statute also authorizes agencies to raise or lower these maximum speed limits, when supported by an engineering and traffic investigation as defined in RCW 46.61.415.

The Public Works Department has determined, on the basis of an engineering and traffic investigation, that the conditions have changed and warrant changes to the following speed limits:

Commissioner Didier opened the Public Hearing for public comment. There was no public comment and Commissioner Didier closed the Public Hearing at 10:46 a.m.

- ❖ *Commissioner Peck moved to approve the attached amendment to Section 10.08.20 to the Franklin County Code as presented. Commissioner Mullen seconded and the motion carried.*

10:47 a.m. Public Comment

- Michelle Andres opposed the possible action of a brown out with the local Public Utility Districts. She announced that she was running for school board.



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- Steve Bauman would like to know why the Planning and Building Department and Public Works is not open fully. He was concerned with this issue.
- Chief Deputy Assessor Piper Mitchell spoke of the Assessor's Office remodel and thanked the Board for building private place for public to discuss personal matters that is not available currently.
- Public Works Director Matt Mahoney replied that the Public Works and Planning Offices have been open with employees present; however, the access to the entry has been controlled. There are signs posted with phone numbers and doorbells to achieve access to the buildings. Mr. Mahoney has been fully compliant with L&I guidelines and doing the best they can with short staff.
- Steve Bauman disclosed that he was the person that went to Planning and Public Works with complaints about access to the facility. It is not an L& I violation to have access to the facility, however, you do need to have rules in place.

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11:06 a.m. **Approval of Fund Expenditure Warrants**

06/29/2021

Franklin County Commissioners:

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

Action: As of this date, 06/29/2021

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:	00372117 - 00372216	\$636,240.29
EFT Check Numbers:	00000851 - 00000864	\$58,771.69
		<u>\$695,011.98</u>

<u>Fund Expenditures</u>	<u>Amount Issued</u>
CURRENT EXPENSE	\$475,215.46
AUDITOR O & M	\$4,644.25
CRIME VICTIMS WITNESS	\$3,399.00
SHERIFF SEX OFFENDER GRANT	\$37.81
JAIL COMMISSARY	\$8,451.55
COUNTY ROADS	\$188,128.94
SOLID WASTE	\$1,090.83
THE HAPO CENTER	\$685.36
FRANKLIN COUNTY RV PARK	\$5,428.45
MOTOR VEHICLE	\$7,930.33

In the amount of: \$695,011.98

The motion was seconded by: Beard Peck

And passed by a vote of: 3 to 0

Reviewed by the County Administrator: [Signature]

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

[Signature]
Vouchers Audited By:
Paola Mendoza

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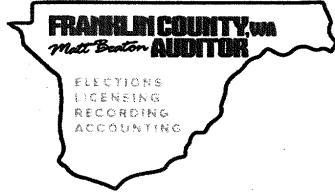
❖ *Commissioner Mullen moved to approve Fund Expenditures audited and certified by the auditing officer for warrants prepared for the week of June 29, 2021 for payment totaling \$695,011.98. Commissioner Peck seconded and the motion carried.*



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11:06 a.m. Approval of Salary Clearing and Emergency Management Payroll



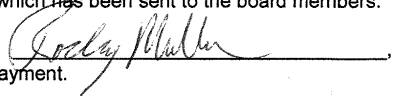
1016 N 4th Ave, Pasco,
WA 99301
509-545-3502

June 29, 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, June 29, 2021
moves that the following warrants be approved for payment.




<u>FUND</u>	<u>WARRANT</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
Salary Clearing Payroll:		
Net Payroll Checks	00372073-00372081	\$ 5,789.16
Net EFT Payroll Checks	00034249-00034507	\$ 469,365.96
Deduction and Contribution Checks	00372099-00372116	\$ 493,927.30
	Total	\$ 969,082.42
Emergency Mgmt Payroll:		
Net EFT Payroll Checks	00034245-00034248	\$ 7,728.74
Deduction and Contribution Checks	00372082-00372098	\$ 12,212.02
	Total	\$ 19,940.76
	Grand Total All Payrolls	\$ 989,023.18

In the total amount of **\$989,023.18**

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


The attached payroll has been approved by Auditor or Deputy


Payroll Prepared by Peter Gadomski

❖ **Commissioner Mullen moved to approve Salary Clearing and Emergency Management Payroll totaling \$989,023.18. Commissioner Peck seconded and the motion carried.**



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11:07 a.m. **Approval of Consent Agenda**

1. Resolution 2021-132 Franklin County Wireless Communication Device Policy Revision 2021
2. Resolution 2021-133 Professional Services Contract between Career Path Services and Juvenile Justice Center
3. Resolution 2021-134 County Program DCUF/JRA Agreement 2183-22395 for Consolidated Juvenile Services
4. Resolution 2021-135 County Program DCUF/JRA Agreement Evidence Based Expansion 2163-21231
5. Resolution 2021-136 2021-2023 Contract between Franklin County and Conservation District
6. Resolution 2021-137 Provide Funding for Continuance of Voluntary Stewardship Program

❖ Commissioner Mullen moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Commissioner Peck seconded. Commissioner Didier had questions on item #6. After discussion on item #6, the motion carried.

11:09 a.m. **Administration Office Business**

- Mr. Johnson discussed Franklin County's inclement weather policy and its use for electrical conservation during the extended high temperatures we are enduring. He proposed closing nonessential services at 3:00 p.m. to conserve energy in the courthouse.

Human Resources Director Carlee Nave discussed the details of who has authority to make changes to the schedule to reduce consumption of electric.

The Commissioners gave Administrator Keith Johnson discretion on dealing with this matter.

Assessor John Rosenau said his office would support earlier hours.

11:22 a.m. **RECESS**

Commissioner Didier recessed the regular meeting for five minutes.

Commissioner Didier reconvened the meeting at 11:33 a.m.

11:33 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 11:33 a.m., for up to 15 minutes to discuss with legal counsel regarding litigation or potential litigation. Participating is the Board, County



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Administrator Keith Johnson, Acting Clerk of the Board Shirley Jones, Prosecuting Attorney Shawn Sant and Civil Deputy Attorney Jennifer Johnson.

Commissioner Didier reconvened the Regular Meeting at 11:50 a.m. with no action taken.

Adjourn

With no further business to bring before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 11:50 a.m.

Chair

Clerk of the Board

Date

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