



FRANKLIN COUNTY, WASHINGTON BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

REGULAR MEETING AND
PUBLIC HEARING
JULY 6, 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 update

- Darigold announced that they will be opening a facility in Franklin County
- The State is still processing final rules on the Blake decision. We will have a discussion once we get information from the state.
- Gathering information on the American Rescue Plan Act and verifying the details from the Treasury.

Commissioner Peck update

- Greater Columbia Behavioral Health-new guidelines for increased behavioral health services and facilities
- Spoke with constituents about Sandifer Road

Commissioner Mullen update

- Mirror Ministries looking for a place in Franklin County

Commissioner Didier update

- Attended the Port of Pasco meeting where Darigold announced they would open a facility in Franklin County.
- Constituents concerned about the integrity of the voting system
- Mirror Ministries contacted Commissioner Didier also.

9:06 a.m. **PUBLIC HEARING- 2022-2027 Transportation Improvement Program**

Commissioner Didier opened the Public Hearing at 9:06 a.m.

Public Works Director Matt Mahoney gave a background and a list of projects on the transportation improvement program (TIP).



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In regards to the purpose of the TIP, it is pursuant to Section 36.81.121 RCW, the Board of Franklin County Commissioners is responsible for the preparation and adoption of a comprehensive transportation program for the ensuing six calendar years. The Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) requires submittal of such a program as part of the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program for the allocation of Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) funding. According to WAC 136-15-050(1), the comprehensive transportation improvement program was devised with respect to priorities and needs of the County.

Also, WAC 136-15-050(2), the County Road Engineer's bridge condition report has been provided with the comprehensive transportation improvement program.

The Commissioners discussed various items such as, funding, priorities, unfunded safety enhancements, all weather roads, projects and needs of the county.

Commissioner Didier opened the Public Comment portion of the Public Hearing at 9:29 a.m.

George Dockstader voiced his concerns on wasting county money on Burns and Dent Road, when it will be tore up in a few years when the city takes over. In addition, intersection Road 68 and Clark Road is dangerous and glad to see it on the list of projects.

Steven McFadden, Economic Development Director thanked the Franklin County team in bringing Darigold to Pasco. He thanked Matt Mahoney and Craig Erdman for placing Vineyard Road on the TIP, as Darigold recognized it as an issue with their engineers and the amount of trucks they will be running when the plant is in full service.

John Logue was concerned with focusing on priorities of the county roads and not just the projects that will receive funding.

Commissioner Didier closed the Public Hearing at 9:40 a.m.

- ❖ ***Commissioner Peck moved to approve resolution 2021-138 as presented.
Commissioner Mullen seconded and the motion carried.***

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9:40 a.m. Approval of Fund Expenditure Warrants

07/06/2021

Franklin County Commissioners:

Vouchers audited and certified by the auditing officer by RCW 42.24.080, expense reimbursement claims.
Action: As of this date, 07/06/2021 *Paola Mendoza*
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: 00372315 - 00372384 \$115,499.62
EFT Check Numbers: -
\$115,499.62

Fund Expenditures	Amount Issued
CURRENT EXPENSE	\$55,846.77
AUDITOR O & M	\$458.55
COURTHOUSE FACILITATOR	\$560.00
BOATING SAFETY	\$1,393.56
JAIL COMMISSARY	\$3,201.24
ENHANCED 911	\$78.52
COUNTY ROADS	\$917.50
ENDING HOMELESSNESS	\$30,536.29
2012 003 CJ SALES TAX LTGO DS	\$16,969.00
THE HAPO CENTER	\$1,346.66
FRANKLIN COUNTY RV PARK	\$1,371.67
MOTOR VEHICLE	\$2,819.86

In the amount of: \$115,499.62

The motion was seconded by: *Brian Peck*

And passed by a vote of: 3 to 0

Reviewed by the County Administrator: *Jeff Burckhard*

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

Vouchers Audited By:
Paola Mendoza
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 July 6, 2021 for payment totaling \$115,499.62. Commissioner Peck seconded and the motion carried.*



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9:41 a.m. **Approval of Consent Agenda**

1. Resolution 2021-139 Washington State Military Department 911 Contract E22-018
2. Resolution 2021-140 Contract between Franklin County and Shawna Morris-Harrington Investigations
3. Resolution 2021-141 Professional Services Contract with Michael Nguyen for Indigent Representation
4. Resolution 2021-142 Replacement Vehicle in Assessors Office

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

9:41 a.m. **Administration Office Business**

- Administrator Keith Johnson is working with the Public Utility District on the American Rescue Plan Act in regards to households and businesses that are delinquent in their bills.
- Assessing the needs of transportation and use of the ARPA funds

9:46 a.m. **Executive Session** RCW 42.30.110 (1) (g) review performance of public employee

Commissioner Didier recessed into Executive Session at 9:47 a.m., for up to 20 minutes to discuss review performance of public employee.

Commissioner Didier, Commissioner Mullen, Commissioner Peck, Administrator Keith Johnson, Clerk of the Board Karin Milham, Human Resources Carlee Nave and Information Services Director Liz Cupples were in attendance.

Commissioner Didier reconvened the Regular Meeting at 9:56 a.m.

❖ *Commissioner Mullen moved to approve step increase exception to step two for Eric Smith and authorize the Chair to sign the personnel action form. Commissioner Peck seconded with discussion. The motion carried.*

Adjourn

With no further business to bring before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 9:58 a.m.

Chair

Clerk of the Board

Date