



FRANKLIN COUNTY, WASHINGTON BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

REGULAR MEETING AND
PUBLIC HEARING
JULY 13, 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

9:00 a.m. **Approval of Minutes**

- ❖ *June 15, 2021 Commissioners Meeting Minutes were approved as presented.*
- ❖ *June 22, 2021 Commissioners Meeting Minutes were approved as presented.*
- ❖ *June 29, 2021 Commissioners Meeting Minutes were approved as presented.*

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

Administrator Keith Johnson update

- NACo (National Association of Counties) held their annual conference last week
- American Rescue Act Plan discussions
- McKinstry working on the HAPO Center energy audit. May be complete by the end of September.
- Economic Development Review Committee working on .09 projects, which will come before the board in a few weeks
- Tri-City Regional Water- discussion on the Columbia River and retain the Snake River Dams
- Delta Works hired by Benton County Emergency Services to provide strategic planning/consultation
- Municipal Advisory Committee is in the process of closing down the Columbia Basin College (CBC) site for Covid-19 Vaccinations. The site will close on July 19.

Commissioner Peck update

- Odessa ground water replacement project and obtaining funding to assist this program
- Benton Franklin Health District is updating personnel policy. Concerns on low rate of Covid-19 vaccinations in Franklin County.
- Would like to see City of Pasco and Franklin County unite with joint standards of development
- New Animal Shelter being built near A street



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Commissioner Mullen update

- First in person meeting at Ben Franklin Transit. Discussion on the impact of the one tenth of a percent reduction of tax revenue

Commissioner Didier update

- Attended the Ben Franklin Transit and had unions discuss the impact of reduction of tax revenue. They discussed the one hundred million in reserves and their unwillingness to divert one tenth of a percent to mental health projects.
- Levey Park mismanaged. Trees are dying.
- Concerned with the extended heat and its effects on animals and crops

9:13 a.m. Closed Record Hearing CUP 2021-01- Event Center in AP-20 Zone

- ❖ *Commissioner Didier opened the closed record hearing at 9:13 a.m.*

Planning and Building Director Derrick Braaten gave a background of CUP 2021-01

The applicant proposes to establish and operate an indoor/outdoor event center on parcel 108-060-057, located South of Levey Road, West of the Snake River and East of Rogers Road. The property is zoned AP-20 and the Comprehensive Plan designation is Agricultural. The proposed activities are private events and would take place primarily indoors, with some activities conducted outdoors. The applicant proposes to use approximately 1.92 acres of the 27.9 acre site for the proposed use, which will include a 6,500 sq. ft. two-story single-family dwelling, 4,500 sq. ft. auxiliary building for event hall, 4,800 sq. ft. outdoor event space and 104 parking spaces. Events would have a range of 200-250 people in attendance. The County Building and Planning Department processed the application, coordinated for agency comments, and reviewed the application in accordance with Chapter 17.82 Franklin County Code.

The County Building and Planning Department staff provided the Planning Commission with a written recommendation of approval for the application. Subsequently, at their meeting on May 4, 2021, the Planning Commission held a duly advertised open-record public hearing and unanimously passed a motion (7-0) to forward a recommendation of approval, based on six findings of fact and with seventeen suggested conditions of approval. There were no appeals.

- ❖ *Commissioner Didier closed the closed record hearing at 9:43 a.m.*

- ❖ *Commissioner Mullen moved to approve Resolution 2021-143 CUP 2021-01. Commissioner Peck seconded and the motion carried.*

9:44 a.m. PUBLIC HEARING –Vacation of Easement 2021-02 531 Levey Road

- ❖ *Commissioner Didier opened the Public Hearing at 9:44 a.m.*



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Planning and Building Director Derrick Braaten gave a background to the Vacation of Easement. An application to vacate a 30' wide, private access easement (AFN #554778), starting at the north center of the property, and extending southwest to the south border of Lot 2 of Short Plat 2019-05. The land is zoned Agricultural Production 20 (AP-20).

Parcel #108-060-042 is addressed as 531 Levey Road. The easement runs from the approximate center of the north property line, southwest, along a ridgeline, with 15%-40%+ slopes to the east, and active vineyards to the west. The Snake River is to the east of the property. The applicants stated that this easement was recorded without his permission and is redundant. The property has a second existing access/egress (AFN #1619162) to serve the lot.

Commissioner Didier asked for public comment 9:56 a.m.

Jeff Gordon voiced his concerns on the vacation of easement and its validity. After discussion, the Commissioners decided to bring this item of business back after being reviewed by legal. In approximately two weeks.

- ❖ *10:00 a.m. Commissioner Didier continued the Public Hearing until documents have been reviewed by legal and brought back before the Board.*

10:00 a.m. Closed Record Hearing CUP 2021-03- Training Facility for Veteran and 1st Responder service Dogs

- ❖ *Commissioner Didier opened the closed record hearing at 10:00 a.m.*

Planning and Building Director Derrick Braaten gave a background of this application. The parcel is located approximately 4,000 feet South of Ringold Road, and is bounded to the west by Taylor Flats Road and an open SCBID irrigation canal, by Bellevue Road. He discussed the uses of the parcel and being ADA compliant.

- ❖ *Commissioner Didier closed the closed record hearing at 10:16 a.m.*
- ❖ *Commissioner Peck moved to approve Resolution 2021-145, CUP 2021-03/ SEPA 2021-06. Commissioner Mullen seconded and the motion carried.*

10:17 a.m. Public Comment

George Dockstader would like to see participation that is more public on the distribution of the American Rescue Plan Act funds. He also would like to see more evening Commissioner Meetings.



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10:18 a.m. **Approval of Fund Expenditure Warrants**

07/13/2021

Franklin County Commissioners:

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

Action: As of this date, 07/13/2021

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:	00372457 - 00372586	\$611,787.17
EFT Check Numbers:	00000865 - 00000871	\$8,886.00
		<u>\$620,673.17</u>

Fund Expenditures	Amount Issued
CURRENT EXPENSE	\$336,986.66
AUDITOR O & M	\$14.31
CRIME VICTIMS WITNESS	\$3,406.61
ENHANCED 911	\$1,035.33
COUNTY ROADS	\$200,783.74
SOLID WASTE	\$459.52
LAW LIBRARY	\$2,987.87
VETERAN'S ASSISTANCE	\$112.84
ENDING HOMELESSNESS	\$21,814.02
THE HAPO CENTER	\$6,851.93
FRANKLIN COUNTY RV PARK	\$1,856.83
MOTOR VEHICLE	\$44,363.51

In the amount of: \$620,673.17

The motion was seconded by: Brad Peck

And passed by a vote of: 3 to 0

Reviewed by the County Administrator: [Signature]

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

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 July 13, 2021 for payment totaling \$620,673.17. Commissioner Peck seconded and the motion carried.*



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10:18 a.m. **Approval of Salary Clearing and Emergency Management Payroll**




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

July 13, 2021

Franklin County Commissioners:

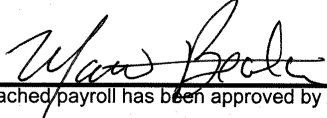
Vouchers audited and certified by the auditing officer by RCW 42.24.080, expense reimbursement claims certified by RCW 42.24.090, have been recorded on a listing, which has been sent to the board members.


Action: As of this date, July 13, 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	00372385-00372390	\$ 7,716.08
Net EFT Payroll Checks	00034508-00034767	\$ 458,755.30
Deduction and Contribution Checks	00372391-00372410	\$ 502,578.51
	Total	\$ 969,049.89
Emergency Mgmt Payroll:		
Net EFT Payroll Checks	00034768-00034771	\$ 7,979.09
Deduction and Contribution Checks	00372411-00372415	\$ 5,860.71
	Total	\$ 13,839.80
Grand Total All Payrolls		\$ 982,889.69

In the total amount of **\$982,889.69**

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 \$982,889.69. Commissioner Peck seconded and the motion carried.**



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10:19 a.m. **Approval of Consent Agenda**

1. Resolution 2021-146 Contract between Juvenile Justice Center and Multi Systemic Therapy Comprehensive Healthcare
2. Resolution 2021-147 Contract between Juvenile Justice Center and Chemical Dependency Disposition Alternative Healthcare
3. Resolution 2021-148 Contract between JJC and DCYF-JRA 2163-24546 for i-ACT Program Development
4. Resolution 2021-149 Michael Prince Office of Public Defense_ Conflict
5. Resolution 2021-150 Disposal of Assessor Vehicle

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

10:05 a.m. **Administration Office Business**

- Four states in the North West, which includes Idaho, Oregon, Montana and Washington, formed the Columbia Basin Collaborative group. This group works on species recovery. Concerns arose out of support of removal of Snake River dams from some members of the group. A letter of concern regarding filling the Collaborative with dam removal proponents.
- ❖ *Commissioners were in consensus to sign the letter.*

10:28 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 10:29 a.m., for up to 15 minutes to discuss with legal counsel regarding litigation or potential litigation.

Participating is the Board, County Administrator Keith Johnson, Clerk of the Board Karin Milham, and Prosecuting Attorney Shawn Sant.

Commissioner Didier reconvened the Regular Meeting at 10:40 a.m. with no action taken.

Commissioner Mullen asked Prosecuting Attorney Shawn Sant if he had any updates on redistricting. After Mr. Sant collects information, he will bring it before the Board.

Adjourn

With no further business to bring before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 10:45a.m.

Chair

Clerk of the Board

Date