



FRANKLIN COUNTY, WASHINGTON

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

REGULAR MEETING
AUGUST 10, 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

9:03 a.m. **Commissioner/Administrator Updates**

Administrator Keith Johnson update

- Met with Benton Franklin Health District to discuss and encourage vaccines
- Met with Attorney General regarding the Opioid settlement
- Auditor's office has a proposal to create a new fund to process insurance claims and accounting.
- Commended the Sheriff and Law Enforcement officials for another successful national night out in Basin City.
- Did a ride along with the Sheriff's Office and Mr. Johnson was impressed with the way they cover such a large county. He commended them for the great job that they do.

Commissioner Peck update

- Greater Columbia Behavioral Health had robust conversation on mental health funding from the state.
- Benton-Franklin Council of Government Washington Association of Counties meeting. Discussions on disposal of surplus properties.
- Constituents calling in to voice their concerns about land use and development issues.
- Benton Franklin Health District discussed the stats of Covid-19 cases on the rise. Limited availability of ICU beds.
- Washington State Association of Counties discussed current fires within the state.

Commissioner Mullen update

- Cattlemen's Association will be operating in the red if significant changes do not happen in the Brand department
- Spoke with Jason Zaccaria from the Benton Franklin Health District and the conditions of Covid-19 in the County.
- Elected's from other counties contacted Commissioner Mullen with their concerns on redistricting.
- Attended First Night Out in Basin City and it was very educational
- With the shortage of workforce, fifteen year olds may work if you get a permit from L&I.



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Commissioner Didier update

- Ben Franklin Transit Operation and Maintenance meeting
- Constituents called concerned about zoning with Commercial Wineries and Mirror Ministries.
- Commissioner Didier still maintains that the former KGH building would be the best place for mental health, drug addiction and other health care.
- Many calls concerned about mandated vaccines. Many entities are working to stop the mandate.

9:12 a.m. **Agreement 2163-23904 between Juvenile Justice DCYF and JDAI**

Juvenile Justice Center Administrator Darryl Banks spoke to the questions on Agreement 216-23904 and the training supplied for Diversity Equity Inclusion. Mr. Banks gave a background as to why the training was included. He had taken approximately one third of the training course and established an office mandate for all of his staff to take the training provided. The Commissioners were not opposed to the grant agreement itself, however, they did oppose the mandate that Mr. Banks had placed on his staff, since he did so without prior review of the complete training curriculum.

- ❖ *Commissioners were in agreement not to sign Resolution 2021-153. They would forward the document to Benton County without Franklin County signatures.*

Mr. Banks reviewed a few items of business happening at the Juvenile Justice Center.

- The water tower in the Juvenile Justice Center is in dire need of replacement, and would cost approximately one hundred and fifty thousand dollars to replace.
- Sheila Berry has left her position at the Juvenile Justice Center and excepted a new position elsewhere
- There are four positions open in the Juvenile Justice Center
- Health District may lose its insurance to provide medical in the detention center
- Commissioner Peck asked Mr. Banks to share the training documents with him or review them together in his office.

9:44 a.m. **Bi-County Temporary Staffing Positions for Blake Caseload, Case Manager and Court Commissioner**

Judge Alex Ekstrom, Court Administrator Tiffany Deaton and Franklin County Clerk Mike Killian brought forth information to the Commissioners regarding the Blake decision, and the workload it will bring to their offices. Judge Ekstrom gave a background of what the staffing needs will be and how they plan to handle those needs.

After brief discussion, the Commissioners brought it to a vote.

- ❖ *Commissioner Peck moved to approve resolution 2021-169 as presented. Commissioner Mullen seconded and the motion carried.*



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10:08 a.m. **Temporary Staffing Positions for Blake Caseload LPA II Deputy Clerk**

- ❖ *Commissioner Peck moved to approve resolution 2021-170 as presented. Commissioner Mullen seconded and the motion carried.*

10:09 a.m. **Public Comment**

- George Dockstader asked where we are with the redistricting. Administrator Keith Johnson explained that a redistricting committee has been formed and in the process with working with the public and our legal counsel to move forward with this.
- John Rose concerned with the Juvenile Justice and the language of equity speaks of CRT critical race theory. He wondered if the Judge made decisions based on all facts before coming to conclusions. He asked where the authority of the Commissioners comes from. Mr. Johnson responded from the State Constitution and State Legislation. He questioned who was the leading authority in Law Enforcement. Mr. Johnson responded that the Sheriff is over County, Pasco Police Department had authority within the city. Mr. Rose was concerned with crime getting out of hand and he hoped that we would not turn into a city that is destroyed by crime.

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

08/10/2021

Franklin County Commissioners:

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

Action: As of this date, 08/10/2021

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:	00373379 - 00373474	\$463,562.82
EFT Check Numbers:	00000896 - 00000902	\$11,080.00
		<u>\$474,642.82</u>

Fund Expenditures	Amount Issued
CURRENT EXPENSE	\$367,421.15
AUDITOR O & M	\$54.35
ELECTION EQUIP REVOLVING	\$10,000.00
SHERIFF SEX OFFENDER GRANT	\$59.95
COUNTY ROADS	\$39,465.27
SOLID WASTE	\$1,164.63
ENDING HOMELESSNESS	\$15,195.34
THE HAPO CENTER	\$1,284.21
FRANKLIN COUNTY RV PARK	\$6,977.02
MOTOR VEHICLE	\$33,020.90

In the amount of: \$474,642.82

The motion was seconded by: Beal Peck

And passed by a vote of: 3 to 0

Reviewed by the County Administrator: [Signature]

[Signature]
The attached vouchers have been approved by Auditor or Deputy:
Matt Beaton

[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 August 10, 2021 for payment totaling \$474,642.82. 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

August 10, 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, August 10, 2021 Rodney J. Mullen moves that the following warrants be approved for payment.

<u>FUND</u>	<u>WARRANT</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
Salary Clearing Payroll:		
Net Payroll Checks	00373320-00373325	\$ 4,404.67
Net EFT Payroll Checks	00035039-00035305	\$ 469,011.14
Deduction and Contribution Checks	00373326-00373345	\$ 485,456.51
	Total	\$ 958,872.32
Emergency Mgmt Payroll:		
Net EFT Payroll Checks	00035306-00035309	\$ 8,085.66
Deduction and Contribution Checks	00373346-00373350	\$ 5,457.19
	Total	\$ 13,542.85
Grand Total All Payrolls		\$ 972,415.17

In the total amount of **\$972,415.17**

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

Jeff A. Trumbauer
The attached payroll has been approved by Auditor or Deputy

Peter Gadomski
Payroll Prepared by Peter Gadomski

❖ **Commissioner Mullen moved to approve Salary Clearing and Emergency Management Payroll totaling \$972,415.17. Commissioner Peck seconded and the motion carried.**



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10:19 a.m. Approval of Consent Agenda

1. Resolution 2021-172 2022 Juvenile Cost Share Office of Public Defense
2. Resolution 2021-173 Uniform Guardianship Act Agreement IAA22052 with AOC

❖ *Commissioner Peck moved to approve consent as presented. Commissioner Mullen seconded and the motion carried.*

10:19 a.m. Administration Office Business

❖ *The State Auditor requires a risk assessment meeting with one of the Commissioners. Commissioner Didier volunteered to meet with them*

10:22 a.m. Executive Session RCW 42.30.110(1)(i) discuss with legal counsel, litigation or potential litigation

Commissioner Didier recessed into Executive Session at 10:25a.m., for up to 20 minutes to discuss with legal counsel regarding litigation or potential litigation. Those participating are Commissioner Didier, Commissioner Mullen, Commissioner Peck, County Administrator Keith Johnson, Clerk of the Board Karin Milham, Chief Deputy Prosecuting Attorney Jennifer Johnson and Prosecuting Attorney Shawn Sant.

10:41 a.m. Commissioner Didier reconvened the regular meeting.

Adjourn

With no further business to bring before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 10:41 a.m.

Chair

Clerk of the Board

Date