



FRANKLIN COUNTY, WASHINGTON BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

REGULAR MEETING AND
PUBLIC HEARING
OCTOBER 5, 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

- American Rescue Plan Act meetings to discuss proposals and to prepare for the Public Hearing today.
- Working with the Redistricting Committee
- Discussions with Benton County and Commander Monty Huber on Mental Health tax.
- Discussion on sale on the "Wilson House"

Commissioner Peck update

- WSAC virtual meeting
- HAEIFAC- Hanford Area Economic Investment Fund Advisory Committee Meeting
- Personal time

Commissioner Mullen update

- Benefits Committee
- Attended a fundraiser for Ronald McDonald House in Spokane

Commissioner Didier update

- Workforce Development Meeting
- Housing Authority meeting was canceled this week.
- Several correspondence from public on the mask mandate

9:05 a.m. TECHNICAL DIFFICULTY Recess for five minutes.

9:07 a.m. Commissioner Didier reconvened the regular meeting

9:07 a.m. **2022 Employee Benefits Presentation**

Human Resources Generalist Eric Wyant introduced Dave Gyll from Conover Insurance, who was giving the PowerPoint presentation.



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❖ *After the PowerPoint presentation and discussion, the Commissioners were in consensus to the following options.*

- Vision: VSP, plan design option 2
- Dental: Willamette Dental and United Health Care
- Medical: United Health Care, with the alternate plan design at a 4-tier rate structure
- Life and Disability: Lincoln Financial

10:15 a.m. Hire a Deputy Treasurer at Step

Human Resources Director Carlee Nave gave a background of the reasoning behind the Step three request in the Treasurer's Department.

❖ *After discussion, Commissioner Peck moved to approve the step three-position hire in the Treasurer's Office as presented. Commissioner Mullen seconded and the motion carried.*

❖ **10:18 a.m. Commissioner Didier opened the Public Hearing for the American Rescue Plan Act Budget.**

Administrator Keith Johnson explained that this resolution is to approve budget at the highest possible level. This does not include specific projects or programs that will be funded by ARPA. Those items will come before the Board as individual proposals at a later date. These funds need to be approved by this Board by the end of 2024, with all work and bills paid by the end of 2026.

- Lawanda Hatch would like to see the funds used by hiring an Occupational Virus Specialist to mitigate the viruses that we are dealing with.
- John Rose would like to see a peer review committee gather and discuss new evidence of the virus. This would include data and science, which states, the acquired immunity from Covid 19 is truly good. Maybe we could actually lead the country with information that was gathered and a make decisions based those facts.
- John Dockstader would like to see funds used to purchase new ambulances, selling the old ones and use it towards the road funds and mental health facilities.

Commissioner Didier closed the public hearing at 10:27 a.m.

❖ *Commissioner Mullen moved to approve Resolution 2021-216. Commissioner Peck seconded and the motion carried.*



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10:26 a.m. Resolution Relating to the Creation and Requirements of a Redistricting Committee

Administrator Keith Johnson brought forth two options, which lay out the direction for the Redistricting Committee. Commissioner Peck suggested that the Chair votes in case of a tie and votes should be taken with a quorum present.

- ❖ *Commissioner Mullen moved to approve Resolution 2021-211 Option 2. Commissioner Peck seconded. With discussion, they amended to have “Chair votes in case of a tie and votes should be taken with a quorum present.*

10:35 a.m. Public Comment

- *Lawanda wanted to know where to find the census and where to find it. What were the eight items the Prosecuting Attorney stated? Keith Johnson read those 8 items. Staff or Committee only meetings at first then the public would be invited.*
- *John Rose referenced Sheriff Jim Raymond’s letter as he addressed the issues to arrest people who are not wearing masks. Masks mandates are destroying our kids. What is happening in Australia isn’t the answer. (Police choking and taking people down that do not have a mask on.) There needs to be an opportunity for peaceful protest. Knowledge gives us power and if information is hidden, we cannot make wise decisions.*
- *George Dockstader appreciates the email blast. He believed it should include all county business including the Planning and Building office. He would like to see more night meetings especially the ones that deal with ARPA funds.*

October 19, 2021 and October 26, 2021 Commissioner Meetings will be held in the evening at the HAPO Center.

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10:45 a.m. **Fund Expenditure Warrants**

10/05/2021

Franklin County Commissioners:

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

Action: As of this date, 10/05/2021

Roddy Mullen

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:	00374894 - 00375010	\$391,456.35
EFT Check Numbers:	00000943 - 00000943	\$5,200.00
		<u>\$396,656.35</u>

Fund Expenditures	Amount Issued
CURRENT EXPENSE	\$255,867.15
JAIL COMMISSARY	\$9,084.83
COUNTY ROADS	\$44,657.94
SOLID WASTE	\$16,924.06
ENDING HOMELESSNESS	\$26,614.17
THE HAPO CENTER	\$7,511.37
MOTOR VEHICLE	\$35,996.83

In the amount of: \$396,656.35

The motion was seconded by: *Paul Peck*

And passed by a vote of: 3 to 0

Reviewed by the County Administrator: *Matt Beaton*

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

Paola Mendoza
Vouchers Audited By:
Paola Mendoza

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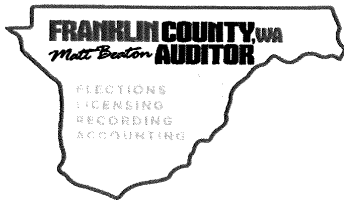
❖ *Commissioner Mullen moved to approve Fund Expenditures audited and certified by the auditing officer for warrants prepared for the week of October 5, 2021 for payment totaling \$396,656.35. Commissioner Peck seconded and the motion carried.*



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10:45 a.m. Approval of Salary Clearing and Emergency Management Payroll

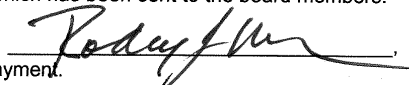


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Franklin County Commissioners:

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, October 5, 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	00374847-00374851	\$ 6,926.31
Net EFT Payroll Checks	00036120-00036384	\$ 513,299.04
Deduction and Contribution Checks	00374852-00374856	\$ 324,858.73
	Total	\$ 845,084.08
Emergency Mgmt Payroll:		
Net EFT Payroll Checks	00036385-00036388	\$ 8,124.39
Deduction and Contribution Checks	00374857-00374860	\$ 5,009.47
	Total	\$ 13,133.86
Grand Total All Payrolls		\$ 858,217.94

In the total amount of **\$858,217.94**

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 Gadomskiy

❖ **Commissioner Mullen moved to approve Salary Clearing and Emergency Management Payroll totaling \$858,217.94. Commissioner Peck seconded and the motion carried.**



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10:45 a.m. **Approval of Consent Agenda**

1. Resolution 2021-214 Corrections Contract K9549 Amendment 4 Increasing Offender Per Diem Rate
2. Resolution 2021-215 Contract between JJC and Personal Touch Cleaning

10:45 a.m. **Administration Office Business**

Commissioner Meeting Cancelled for October 12, 2021

10:47 a.m. Public Comment

- John Rose thanked the Commissioners for their service. He also asked whom will the public turn to when things get rough, the Mayor, the Commissioners, the Governor. He stated that there is a lot of fear in the community. They look to you for leadership, unity and guidance.

10:49 a.m. **RECESS Commissioner *Didier* recessed the regular meeting for five minutes.**

10:57 a.m. **RECONVENE Commissioner *Didier* reconvened the regular meeting.**

10:58 a.m. **Executive Session RCW 42.30.110(1)(i) – Potential Litigation**

Commissioner Didier recessed into Executive Session at 10:58 a.m., for up to 20 minutes to discuss Potential Litigation Those participating are Commissioner Didier, Commissioner Mullen, Commissioner Peck, County Administrator Keith Johnson, Clerk of the Board Karin Milham, Prosecuting Attorney Shawn Sant and Chief Civil Deputy Jennifer Johnson.

11:18 a.m. **RECONVENE Commissioner *Didier* reconvened the regular meeting.**

Adjourn

With no further business to bring before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 11:18 a.m.

Chair

Clerk of the Board

Date