



**FRANKLIN COUNTY, WASHINGTON  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**REGULAR MEETING AND  
PUBLIC HEARING  
NOVEMBER 16, 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

9:01 a.m. Approval of Minutes

- ❖ *September 23, 2021 Commissioners Meeting Minutes (Scriveners error, date correction October 21, 2021) approved as presented*
- ❖ *November 2, 2021 Commissioner Meeting Minutes approved as presented*

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9:01 a.m. Approval of Fund Expenditure Warrants

11/16/2021

Franklin County Commissioners:

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

Action: As of this date, 11/16/2021

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:	00376125 - 00376238	\$624,700.81
EFT Check Numbers:	00000973 - 00000976	\$7,955.00
		<u>\$632,655.81</u>

Fund Expenditures	Amount Issued
CURRENT EXPENSE	\$271,868.82
AUDITOR O & M	\$145.74
COURTHOUSE FACILITATOR	\$920.00
JAIL COMMISSARY	\$2,484.71
COUNTY ROADS	\$277,971.30
VETERAN'S ASSISTANCE	\$683.13
ENDING HOMELESSNESS	\$17,839.32
BF MENTAL HEALTH	\$1,863.99
CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND	\$585.00
THE HAPO CENTER	\$19,478.91
FRANKLIN COUNTY RV PARK	\$3,962.55
MOTOR VEHICLE	\$34,852.34

In the amount of: \$632,655.81

The motion was seconded by: [Signature]

And passed by a vote of: 3 to 2

Reviewed by the County Administrator: [Signature]

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

[Signature]  
Vouchers Audited By:  
Paola Mendoza

[www.co.franklin.wa.us/auditor](http://www.co.franklin.wa.us/auditor)

❖ *Commissioner Mullen moved to approve Fund Expenditures audited and certified by the auditing officer for warrants prepared for the week of November 16, 2021 for payment totaling \$632,655.81. Commissioner Peck seconded and the motion carried.*



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9:01 a.m.      **Approval of Salary Clearing and Emergency Management Payroll**



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

November 16, 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, November 16, 2021 Jody Mullen moves that the following warrants be approved for payment.

<u>FUND</u>	<u>WARRANT</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
<b>Salary Clearing Payroll:</b>		
Net Payroll Checks	00375841-00375847	\$ 5,321.53
Net EFT Payroll Checks	00036933-00037198	\$ 476,677.34
Deduction and Contribution Checks	00375853-00375872	\$ 481,439.08
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 963,437.95</b>
<b>Emergency Mgmt Payroll:</b>		
Net EFT Payroll Checks	00036929-00036932	\$ 8,118.03
Deduction and Contribution Checks	00375848-00375852	\$ 5,472.36
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 13,590.39</b>
<b>Grand Total All Payrolls</b>		<b>\$ 977,028.34</b>

In the total amount of **\$977,028.34**

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

[Signature]  
The attached payroll has been approved by Auditor or Deputy

[Signature]  
Payroll Prepared by Peter Gadomskiy

❖ **Commissioner Mullen moved to approve Salary Clearing and Emergency Management Payroll totaling \$977,028.34. Commissioner Peck seconded and the motion carried.**



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## 9:02 a.m. Approval of Consent Agenda

1. Resolution 2021-262 Structural Engineer for Door Opening in Assessors Office
2. Resolution 2021-263 Franklin County Dedication Deed Road 108 Burns Road Pasco School District 1

- ❖ *Commissioner Mullen moved to approve consent agenda items one and two with discussion. Commissioner Peck seconded. Commissioner Didier amended the motion to pull item #1 for separate discussion and vote. Commissioner Mullen seconded. Discussion on item #2 commenced.*
- ❖ *After Discussion on item on #2, the motion carried.*
- ❖ *After Discussion on item #1, the Commissioners' were in consensus to pursue a second opinion. Resolution 2021-262 did not pass at this time.*

## 9:25 a.m. Commissioner/Administrator Updates

### Administrator Keith Johnson update

- Working on the 2022 Budget, Preliminary Budget and Public Hearing will be held on November 23 with the final approval expected on November 30.
- Working with State Auditor's Office and CARES Act funding from last year.
- Professional Services contract between a consultant and bi-pin.
- Attending WSAC Conference this week

### Commissioner Peck update

- 2 weeks of uneventful jury duty
- Columbia Basin Development League of Trustees meeting
- Shoreline Reconveyance Meeting
- Reviewing the budget

### Commissioner Mullen update

- Pasco Chamber of Commerce meeting and development of Osprey area
- Reminder of Open Enrollment ending November 19, 2021.
- Attending WSAC Conference this week

### Commissioner Didier update

- Port of Pasco TIF meeting
- Redistricting meeting at East Pasco
- Gloria Boyce resigned from the Ben Franklin Transit.



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## 9:30 a.m. **Public Comment**

- Lawanda Hatch voiced her concern that Commissioner Peck attended some meetings while being sick and later informed the public he had Covid. She asked everyone to stay home if you are sick, as masks do not protect you from the spread.
- George Dockstader would like the Board to seek 1 /10<sup>th</sup> of 1 percent from the Ben Franklin Transit now that the General Manager is resigning. If it does not go through, he would like the County to pursue it in the county to help with the mental health facility. He was concerned that we are not using local engineers. He would like to have more night meetings at the HAPO Center. What are you doing about the salary commission? He is also interested in the ARPA funds and how it is being used.
- Steve Bauman did not intend to cause hate and discontent when he gave some background on an issue presented to the Board. His intention was to provide clarity on the process. He was sorry that the Chair and he were attacked on this matter. He would like to see more night meetings.

## 9:39 a.m. **New Employee Position Office of Public Defense-Resolution 2021-264**

Office of Public Defense Manager Larry Zeigler presented information to the Board on the request for a new employee position in the office of public defense.

- ❖ *After discussion, Commissioner Peck moved to approve 2021-264 as presented. Commissioner Mullen seconded and the motion carried.*

## 9:52 a.m. **Administration Office Business**

- Update on the Wilson House. Lourdes was not interested in purchasing through an auction house. Mr. Johnson will bring forth a lease extension until the home sold.
- Human Resources Director Carlee Nave gave her resignation, which will go into effect the end of the year.
- ❖ *Consensus from the Board to seek a replacement for Human Resources position to commence immediately.*

## 9:56 a.m. **Public Comment**

Steve Bauman commented on the unfortunate circumstances of our local animal shelter and the way the animals were treated. He was grateful to those who helped and provided meals.

Commissioner Mullen asked Public Works Director Matt Mahoney what was the status of the Kahlotus Highway project. Mr. Mahoney replied that it is wrapping up with rumble strips and paint strips.



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Administrator Keith Johnson informed the Board that former Commissioner Bob Koch was in the hospital. The family has made a request to keep him in our thoughts and prayers.

**Adjourn**

With no further business to bring before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 9:24 a.m.

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Chair

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Clerk of the Board

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

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