



**FRANKLIN COUNTY, WASHINGTON
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**REGULAR MEETING AND
PUBLIC HEARING
OCTOBER 26, 2021**

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7:00 p.m.

Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

Commission Chairman Clint Didier called the Franklin County Commissioners' Regular Board Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m., at the HAPO CENTER located at 6600 Burden Blvd, Pasco, Washington.

Commissioners Present: Commission Chair Clint Didier, Chair Pro Tem Rocky Mullen and Member Brad Peck

7:01 p.m. **Approval of Minutes**

❖ *October 5, 2021 Special Meeting Minutes approved as presented.*

7:02 p.m. **Approval of Salary Clearing and Emergency Management Payroll**

October 19, 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, October 19, 2021 Rocky 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	00375191-00375196	\$ 5,714.01
Net EFT Payroll Checks	00036389-0003654	\$ 469,076.36
Deduction and Contribution Checks	00375197-00375216	\$ 478,832.11
	Total	\$ 953,622.48
Emergency Mgmt Payroll:		
Net EFT Payroll Checks	00036655-00036658	\$ 8,085.70
Deduction and Contribution Checks	00375217-00375221	\$ 5,457.09
	Total	\$ 13,542.79
	Grand Total All Payrolls	\$ 967,165.27

In the total amount of **\$967,165.27**

The motion was seconded by Brad Peck Approved Telephonically and passed by a vote of 3 to 0.

M. Peck
The attached payroll has been approved by Auditor or Deputy

Raul Ramirez
Payroll Prepared by Raul Ramirez

Clint Didier



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❖ *Commissioner Mullen moved to approve Salary Clearing and Emergency Management Payroll totaling \$967,167.27. Commissioner Peck seconded and the motion carried.*

7:02 p.m. **Approval of Fund Expenditure Warrants**

10/26/2021

Franklin County Commissioners:

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

Action: As of this date, 10/26/2021

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:	00375573 - 00375669	\$512,660.29
EFT Check Numbers:	00000955 - 00000967	\$51,982.53
		<u>\$564,642.82</u>

<u>Fund Expenditures</u>	<u>Amount Issued</u>
CURRENT EXPENSE	\$292,329.56
AUDITOR O & M	\$611.84
BOATING SAFETY	\$248.25
SHERIFF SEX OFFENDER GRANT	\$568.13
ENHANCED 911	\$540.00
COUNTY ROADS	\$213,087.55
SOLID WASTE	\$155.59
VETERAN'S ASSISTANCE	\$1,643.18
ENDING HOMELESSNESS	\$15,546.50
CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND	\$45.00
THE HAPO CENTER	\$9,004.03
FRANKLIN COUNTY RV PARK	\$201.31
MOTOR VEHICLE	\$30,661.88
TREASURERS TRUST FUNDS	\$808.80

In the amount of: \$565,451.62

The motion was seconded by: Brad Peck
Approved Telephonically

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:
Thomas Westerman

Vouchers Audited By:
Paola Mendoza

❖ *Commissioner Mullen moved to approve Fund Expenditures audited and certified by the auditing officer for warrants prepared for the week of October 26, 2021 for payment totaling \$565,451.62. Commissioner Peck seconded and the motion carried.*

7:04 p.m. **Approval of Consent Agenda**

1. Resolution 2021-233 LAA_2 CN Safety _ Guardrail Curve 625
2. Resolution 2021-234 Joint Defense Common Interest_ Confidentiality Agreement
3. Resolution 2021-235 Personal Service Agreement with Adolphsen and Human Services
4. Resolution 2021-236 Michael Anthoni Nguyen Emergency Contract Office of Public Defense



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5. Resolution 2021-237 Contract between JJC and Intermountain Specialized Abuse Treatment Center
 6. Resolution 2021-238 Contract between Juvenile Justice Center and Pronto Process Service
 7. Resolution 2021-239 Benton Franklin Workforce Development Council Out of School Youth Contract
 8. Resolution 2021-240 Benton Franklin Workforce Development Council-Dislocated Worker Contract
 9. Resolution 2021-241 Benton Franklin Workforce Development Council Adult Contract
 10. Resolution 2021-242 JJC Purchase of Janitorial Supplies from Crown Paper and Janitorial Supply
 11. Resolution 2021-243 Interlocal Agreement for Prosecution of Franklin County Case in BC Veterans Court
 12. Resolution 2021-244 Current Expense Budget Transfer for WA State Law Enforcement Funding
- ❖ *Commissioner Mullen moved to approve consent items 1-12. Commissioner Peck seconded and the motion carried.*

7:04 p.m. Commissioner/Administrator Updates

Administrator Keith Johnson update

- Changes in the redistricting meeting due to outside council guidance
- Salary Commission does not have the applicants needed to move forward. Mr. Johnson would like to try recruiting with Human Resources Director
- WSAC meeting discussed changes in state law with public works contracts

Commissioner Peck update

- Benton Franklin Health District meeting
- Hanford Area Economic Investment Meeting
- Special Board Meeting
- Met with constituents to discuss the one-tenth of one percent tax. Bring before the Board in the future
- WSAC weekly update
- Executive meeting of Hanford Trust

Commissioner Mullen update

- Tri city Regional Chamber Meeting
- Ben Franklin Health Department
- Met with a group to discuss the one-tenth of one percent tax at Merrill's Corner
- Disability Board Meeting
- Emergency Management Meeting



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Commissioner Didier update

- Finance Committee and Budget Review Meeting
- Ben Franklin Health District- diluting the Board
- Hanford Communities
- Emergency Management Meeting

❖ *Commissioner Mullen moved to dissolve the Salary Commission. Commissioner Didier seconded. Commissioner Peck called point of order. He asked that the Board would hold off until next week. Commissioner Mullen withdrew his motion and it will be placed on next week's meeting agenda*

7:12 p.m. **Certificate of Appreciation for Ellen Mancuso**

Commissioner Didier read the letter to Ms. Mancuso and thanked her for her service to Franklin County. Shawn Sant gave a background on Ellen Mancuso's work history and thanked her for her service in the child support division.

7:14 p.m. **Closed Record Hearing SUB 2021-06 Zaragoza Addition** Resolution 2021-231

❖ *Commissioner Didier opened the Closed Record Hearing*

Planning and Building Director Derrick Braaten gave a background of the SUB 2021-06 Zaragoza Addition with a PowerPoint Presentation.

- ❖ *Commissioner Didier closed the Closed Record Hearing at 7:31 p.m.*
- ❖ **NO MOTION**

7:32 p.m. **Public Hearing -Surplus Declaration of County Owned Property** Resolution 2021-232

❖ *Commissioner Didier opened the Public Hearing*

Public Works Director Matt Mahoney reported on the items that were of surplus and were in need of disposal. He named various auctions that would be able to provide services.

There was no public comment

- ❖ *Commissioner Didier closed the Public Hearing*
- ❖ *Commissioner Mullen moved to approve Resolution 2021-232 as presented. Commissioner Peck seconded and the motion carried.*

7:39 p.m. **Public Comment**

- Clay Whipple voiced his concerns of Governor Inslee's overreach and a Builder that adjoins his property.



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- James Follansbee attended three of the redistricting meetings. He suggested three lengthwise districts to include, rural, suburb and urban in each district.
 - Citizen concerned with black wastewater from a potato plant.
 - Steve Bauman asked the Commissioners to consider sending a letter stating no support for income tax. Support the efforts in building an additional bridge across the Columbia River.
 - Kevin Heinen asked if the redistricting committee still in effect, and will the East Pasco meeting continue to happen.
 - Administrator Johnson replied that the meeting is temporarily on hold and will take place as soon as the legal gives direction on when to move forward.
 - George Dockstader supports an additional bridge across the Columbia River. He does not support zoom meetings.
 - Curt Didier supported having an East Pasco redistricting meeting.
 - Kevin Shultz voiced his concerns on redistricting and urged those to stand up for equality. Franklin County is 54% Latino and have every opportunity to vote, just like any other citizen.
 - Administrator Johnson explained that he had empathy on those who are concerned about the redistricting process and he is obligated to follow the legal counsel.
 - Commissioner Mullen was disappointed to hear the East Pasco redistricting meeting was canceled. He would like their voices to be heard.
 - Commissioner Didier would also like the East Pasco resident's voices to be heard on the redistricting.
 - Commissioner Peck explained that there is Attorney Client privilege and the Board is legally barred from waiving that privilege individually. This is to avoid the damage to Franklin County in a lawsuit.
 - Steve Bauman attended three of the redistricting meetings and agreed that the East Pasco meeting should continue.
 - Curt Didier supported having an East Pasco redistricting meeting.
 - Clay Whipple supports local representatives to run our community, not those from the West Side.
 - Franklin County Prosecuting Attorney Shawn Sant explained the process of the Redistricting Committee and the lawsuit, which changed the direction of the strategy. This process is not stopping the meetings; it is temporarily postponing them until legal has given us guidance.
 - Sheriff Jim Raymond asked if there was a court order to stop you from talking to the public about redistricting.
 - Commissioner Mullen believed we should have had the East Pasco redistrict meeting.
 - Steve Bauman saw people come together at the meetings and working on a plan for their community. He urged the Commissioners to proceed with an East Pasco meeting.
- ❖ ***Commissioner Didier asked Administrator Keith Johnson to reschedule East Pasco meeting.***



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8:27 p.m. **Administration Office Business**

- ❖ *The Commissioners supported a letter for the Three Rivers Recovery Center addressed to Senator Patty Murray. The consensus was unanimous.*
- ❖ *Proposing an opposing state income tax letter. Commissioner Peck opposed sending such a letter.*

Public Comment

- Steve Bauman stated that the HAPO parking lot is in dire need of repair, which needs immediate attention before it needs total replacement.
- George Dockstader stated it was not hard to find a Salary Commission, as it was not rocket science.

Commissioner Didier would like to see a letter opposing a state income tax come before the Board. He would like the Commissioners to meet with the City to discuss the possibilities of another bridge and a bypass highway.

Adjourn

With no further business to bring before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 8:39 p.m.

Chair

Clerk of the Board

Date