



FRANKLIN COUNTY, WASHINGTON BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

REGULAR MEETING AND
PUBLIC HEARING
NOVEMBER 30, 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**

October 26, 2021 Commissioners Meeting Minutes approved as presented

November 16, 2021 Commissioners Meeting Minutes approved as presented

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

11/30/2021

Franklin County Commissioners:

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

Action: As of this date, 11/30/2021

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:	00376578 - 00376660	\$211,125.54
EFT Check Numbers:	00000992 - 00000994	\$12,558.76
		<u>\$223,684.30</u>

Fund Expenditures	Amount Issued
CURRENT EXPENSE	\$186,689.21
AUDITOR O & M	\$643.92
COUNTY ROADS	\$5,454.07
VETERAN'S ASSISTANCE	\$898.33
ENDING HOMELESSNESS	\$17,341.44
THE HAPO CENTER	\$6,877.97
MOTOR VEHICLE	\$5,779.36

In the amount of: \$223,684.30

The motion was seconded by: Brian 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:
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 November 30, 2021 for payment totaling \$223,684.30. Commissioner Peck seconded and the motion carried.*



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

November 30, 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 30, 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	00376531-00376537	\$ 6,277.17
Net EFT Payroll Checks	00037203-00037461	\$ 481,078.40
Deduction and Contribution Checks	00376555-00376573	\$ 474,952.26
Total		\$ 962,307.83
Emergency Mgmt Payroll:		
Net EFT Payroll Checks	000367199-00037202	\$ 7,897.69
Deduction and Contribution Checks	00375848-00376554	\$ 11,841.53
Total		\$ 19,739.22
Grand Total All Payrolls		\$ 982,047.05

In the total amount of **\$982,047.05**

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 \$982,047.05. Commissioner Peck seconded and the motion carried.**

9:18 a.m. Approval of Consent Agenda

1. Resolution 2021-271 2022 Bi-County Resolution Establishing Participant Position Allocation
2. Resolution 2021-272 2022 Bi-County Resolution Establishing Percentage Rates for Salaries, Benefits, IT
3. Resolution 2021-273 Personal Service Contract between Juvenile Justice Center and Attorney Kathleen Moreno for BECCA Dockets
4. Resolution 2021-274 Kahlotus T-Mobile Tower Site License Contract
5. Resolution 2021-275 Open Space Advisory Committee Appointments for 2022



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6. Resolution 2021-276 Subordination Agreement between Catholic Housing Services and Human Services
 7. Resolution 2021-277 Lease Term between Franklin County and Lourdes Hospital for the Wilson House
 8. Corrections Deputy G. Daud Step 3 Hire
 9. Deputy Clerk N. Hard Step 2 Hire
- ❖ *Commissioner Peck requested to remove items 1, 4, and 5 for separate discussion.*
- ❖ *Commissioner Mullen moved to approve consent agenda items 2, 3, 6, 7, 8, and 9. Commissioner Peck seconded and the motion carried.*
- ❖ *Commissioner Peck moved to approve Resolution 2021-271 2022 Bi-County resolution establishing participant position allocation. Commissioner Mullen seconded and the motion carried.*
- ❖ *Resolution 2021-274 to return during the next meeting. Awaiting an answer on a proposed building.*
- ❖ *Commissioner Peck moved to approve 2021-275 Open Space Advisory Committee Appointment for 2022. Commissioner Mullen seconded and the motion carried.*

9:18 a.m. Commissioner/Administrator Updates

Administrator Keith Johnson update

- Worked on the 2022 budget
- Setting up Redistricting Committee meetings

Commissioner Peck update

- WSAC leadership team

Commissioner Mullen update

- Pasco Chamber of Commerce
- Viewed the Pasco-Kahlotus Highway improvements. He thanked the Public Works crew for a job well done.

Commissioner Didier update

- Election certification
- Viewed the Pasco-Kahlotus Highway improvements. He thanked the Public Works crew for the hard work on the road.



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9:23 a.m. **Public Comment**

John Rose handed the Commissioners documents relating to the data on vaccines, Ivermectin and masks.

9:27 a.m. Commissioner Didier reconvened the 2022 Budget Public Hearing

Director of Finance Thomas C. Westerman and Accounting Supervisor Tim Anderson presented an overview of the 2022 budget to the Board.

9:39 a.m. Commissioner Didier asked for public comment on the Public Hearing. Hearing none, Commissioner Didier closed the Public Hearing.

9:39 a.m. **Reconvene Public Hearing on 2022 Franklin County Budget**

- ❖ *Administrator Keith Johnson brought for the Current Expense 2022 Budget- Resolution 2021-278. Commissioner Peck so moved. Commissioner Mullen seconded and the motion carried.*
- ❖ *Administrator Keith Johnson brought for the Miscellaneous 2022 Budget- Resolution 2021-279. Commissioner Peck so moved. Commissioner Mullen seconded and the motion carried.*
- ❖ *Commissioner Peck moved to approve the Current Expense Levy- Resolution 2021-280. Commissioner Mullen seconded and the motion carried.*
- ❖ *Commissioner Peck moved to approve the County Road Levy- Resolution 2021-281. Commissioner Mullen seconded and the motion carried.*
- ❖ *Commissioner Peck moved to approve the Levy Certification Current Expense. Commissioner Mullen seconded and the motion carried.*
- ❖ *Commissioner Peck moved to approve the Levy Certification Road Department. Commissioner Mullen seconded and the motion carried.*
- ❖ *Commissioner Peck moved to approve the 2022 Road Department Tax Levy Letter to Assessors. Commissioner Mullen seconded and the motion carried.*
- ❖ *Commissioner Peck moved to approve the 2022 Veteran's Assistance fund Property Tax Letter. Commissioner Mullen seconded and the motion carried.*

9:46 a.m. **Administration Office Business**

- The State's L&I sent a letter asking Franklin County to respond to a complaint of not enforcing mask mandate and social distancing during Commissioner Meetings. Commissioner Mullen believed the county has complied with all the necessary announcements and postings. Commissioner Peck responded that the majority of the Board



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chose to ignore the first letter of request and this is the second opportunity to respond to their letter. Our response is public record. Commissioner Didier believed we are a free county with individual liberty. Commissioner Mullen was in agreement.

- ❖ *Commissioner Didier moved that the Board of Commissioners instruct our Prosecuting Attorney to resist the motion for change in venue from Franklin County to Thurston County and that the Superior Court Judges elected in Franklin County will make a wise decision, and that the voters of Franklin County elected those Superior Court Judges, have faith in them to make a correct decision. Commissioner Mullen seconded. Commissioner Peck responded that State Law does not allow this venue to move to Thurston County. The motion carried.*

9:53 a.m. Public Comment

- John Rose thank you for not increasing our taxes. The last few weeks I have brought you information on the Covid response and Ivermectrin that can help save lives. Other counties are leading the way. He asked the Commissioners to have the integrity and fortitude to recognize what protects these people in other countries and implement it in our county.
- Lawanda Hatch asked if anyone could show a site with peer review studies, which shows face masks stop the spread of COVID-19. She opposes mask mandate.

Adjourn

With no further business to bring before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 9:59 a.m.

Chair

Clerk of the Board

Date