



# FRANKLIN COUNTY, WASHINGTON

## BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

**REGULAR MEETING**  
**DECEMBER 21, 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

9:00 a.m. **Approval of Minutes**

*September 21 2021 Commissioners Meeting Minutes approved as presented*

*September 28 2021 Commissioners Meeting Minutes approved as presented*

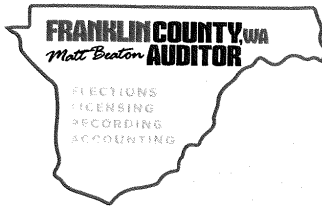
*November 30 2021 Commissioners Meeting Minutes approved as presented*

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



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

12/21/2021

Franklin County Commissioners:

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

Action: As of this date, 12/21/2021

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:	00377249 - 00377364	\$127,893.51
EFT Check Numbers:	00001005 - 00001016	\$65,424.55
		<u>\$193,318.06</u>

Fund Expenditures	Amount Issued
CURRENT EXPENSE	\$142,537.26
AUDITOR O & M	\$45.61
ELECTION EQUIP REVOLVING	\$1,057.14
EDA CARES ACT RECOVERY ASSIST	\$6,104.28
DARE FUND SHERIFF	\$264.95
COUNTY ROADS	\$5,909.92
ENDING HOMELESSNESS	\$5,843.34
BF MENTAL HEALTH	\$1,054.66
THE HAPO CENTER	\$17,420.29
FRANKLIN COUNTY RV PARK	\$2,125.71
MOTOR VEHICLE	\$10,954.90
TREASURERS TRUST FUNDS	\$2,238.91

In the amount of: \$195,556.97

The motion was seconded by: Paul Peck

And passed by a vote of: 3 to 0

Reviewed by the County Administrator: Thomas Westerman

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 December 21, 2021 for payment totaling \$195,556.97. Commissioner Peck seconded and the motion carried.*



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

1. Resolution 2021-301 Website Design Contract with Civic Plus
2. Resolution 2021-302 Contract between Franklin County and Potts and Associates
3. Resolution 2021-303 Agreement between Catholic Housing Services and Franklin County Human Services
4. Resolution 2021-304 Abadan Contract 140597 for Copier in Superior Court
5. Resolution 2021-305 Contract with Regional Toxicology Services Cordant Health Solutions and Juvenile Justice Center
6. Resolution 2021-306 Public Works Contract with Roto-Rooter Service for Juvenile Justice Center
7. Harms Engineering Letter

❖ *Commissioner Mullen moved to approve consent items 1-7. Commissioner Peck seconded with discussion on item 7 and Commissioner Didier would like discussion on item 2. Commissioner Peck amended the motion to exclude item 7 for separate discussion. Commissioner Mullen seconded and the motion carried. All in favor to approve items 1-6 and the motion carried.*

*Commissioner Mullen moved to approve Harms Engineering's recommendation and conclude that the opening is sufficient and meets the required area of support. Commissioner Peck seconded and the motion carried 2:1 with Commissioner Peck nay.*

### 9:19a.m. Commissioner/Administrator Updates

#### Administrator Keith Johnson update

- Met with Confederated Tribes of Umatilla, Representative Dan Newhouse and Shoreline Reconveyance work group.
- Redistricting meetings
- ARPA American Rescue Plan Act Projects

#### Commissioner Peck update

- Greater Columbia Behavioral Health- Budget and Policies
- Met with Confederated Tribes of Umatilla, Representative Dan Newhouse and Shoreline Reconveyance work group.
- Ben Franklin Council of Governments- Loan Fund
- Greater Columbia Behavioral Health Special Meeting
- WSAC Planning for Legislative Steering Committee

#### Commissioner Mullen update

- Emergency Management Exit Conference- Thank you to Sean Davis who does an outstanding job as the Director.



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- Local decision makers teleconference.
- Benton Franklin Board of Health- nominated to be Chair and Will McKay Vice Chair for 2022
- Met with William "Billy" Gunn, Manager Project Development Services for the Confederated Tribes of Colville Reservation. King City area travel plaza development

### Commissioner Didier update

- Franklin County Budget Review canceled
- Hanford Communities meeting
- Met with William "Billy" Gunn, Manager Project Development Services for the Confederated Tribes of Colville Reservation
- Benton Franklin Board of Health- Congratulations to Commissioner Mullen
- CBC has asked that the Law Library be moved elsewhere
- Port of Pasco

### 9:24 a.m. **Public Comment**

- Jeffery Robinson concerned that masks were not worn in the Commissioners room and the transparency of the Redistricting Committee.
- Lawanda Hatch asked for peer review on mask mandate and leaders follow the Constitution.

### 9:30 a.m. **Certificate of Appreciation- Matt Mahoney Public Works Director**

Commissioner Didier thanked Matt Mahoney for his service. Craig Erdman received the certificate on behalf of Matt Mahoney. Commissioner Peck thanked Matt Mahoney and wished him well. Administrator Keith Johnson thanked Matt for his professionalism and helping the county.

### 9:34 a.m. **Redistricting Discussion**

### 9:35 a.m. **Executive Session RCW 42.30.110(1)(i) – Potential Litigation**

Commissioner Didier recessed into Executive Session at 9:35 a.m., for up to 30 minutes to discuss Potential Litigation. Those participating are Commissioner Didier, Commissioner Mullen, Commissioner Peck, County Administrator Keith Johnson, Prosecuting Attorney Shawn Sant, Chief Civil Deputy Attorney Jennifer Johnson, Outside Council Brittney Ward, Dr. Morrison, GIS Specialist Michael Morgan, Clerk of the Board Karin Milham, and Administrative Assistant Jennifer Medelez.

10:06 a.m. *Commissioner Didier reconvened the regular meeting to extend executive session an additional ten minutes under the same RCW.*

10:17 a.m. *Commissioner Didier reconvened the regular meeting to extend executive session an additional ten minutes under the same RCW.*

10:30 a.m. Commissioner Didier reconvened the regular meeting.



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Administrator Keith Johnson introduced Cindy Hayse who is Chair of the redistricting committee. Ms. Hays gave information about the committee, and how they came to conclusion of four maps that are being proposed to the Board.

Discussion on the maps ensued. The Commissioners will continue this discussion next week.

### 10:49 a.m. **Commissioner Assignments**

The Commissioners discussed the assignments, however, they will vote on resolution 2021-307 next week.

### 10:55 a.m. **Administration Office Business**

- Hanford Communities inter local agreement expires the end of the year and Mr. Johnson asked the Board to grant him permission to sign a temporary document until the new agreement is drafted.
- ❖ *The Commissioners were in consensus for the Administrator to sign a temporary document.*
- Governor Inslee has delayed the long-term health care tax until further notice.

### 10:57 a.m. **Public Comment**

- Sheriff Jim Raymond asked who created map number five.
- Jeffery Robinson voiced his concerns on the redistricting committee staff meetings not being transparent. He is also concerned with those not abiding by mask mandate.
- Administrator Keith Johnson clarified that the redistricting committee advisory meetings are not part of the OPMA.
- Steve Bauman asked why there are so many Executive Sessions. The public needs to know what the topics are after the secrecy ends. He would like to see a specific title given to executive session, not just the legal description of potential litigation.
- Mr. Johnson explained the purpose of Executive Sessions, and why the information is excluded from the public during this time.
- Lupe Cardenas is a member of the redistricting committee. He explained the process of how the committee came up with the maps presented today and he hoped that this would help with moving forward.

Commissioner Didier and Commissioner Mullen wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

### **Adjourn**

With no further business to bring before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 11:10 a.m.

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Chair

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Clerk of the Board

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Date