



FRANKLIN COUNTY, WASHINGTON

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

REGULAR MEETING AND
PUBLIC HEARING
JANUARY 11, 2022

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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. **Potts and Associates- Legislative Update**

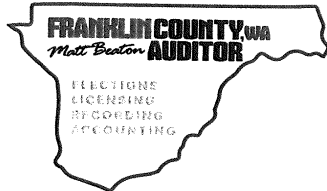
- WAC 246-100 procedures for isolation and quarantine due to communicable and other diseases
- Bill limiting Governor's emergency powers
- 1722- Micro trenching 5G wireless
- 1933-city or county to place a tax on cannabis producers
- 1202-civil remedies for police misconduct
- Cattle bills- country of origin labeling for beef, blue tongue disease in deer, livestock identification, electronic cattle transaction reporting and pesticides.
- 5626- climate resilience
- 1703- modernizing 911 systems
- 1410-defers property taxes
- 1618, 1630, 5568 Firearms bills
- SB5597- Washington voting rights act
- 1623-addressing rolling blackouts and power supply inadequacy
- Long-term care tax
- HB 1718-prohibiting activities related to production and manufacturing of fur products.



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9:24 a.m. Approval of Fund Expenditure Warrants



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

01/11/2022

Franklin County Commissioners:

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

Action: As of this date, 01/11/2022

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:	00377658 - 00377719	\$295,940.43
EFT Check Numbers:	00001028 - 00001032	\$9,022.58
		<u>\$304,963.01</u>

Fund Expenditures	Amount Issued
CURRENT EXPENSE	\$267,344.26
AUDITOR O & M	\$707.38
BOATING SAFETY	\$812.80
COUNTY ROADS	\$8,423.99
SOLID WASTE	\$15.15
LAW LIBRARY	\$1,039.37
THE HAPO CENTER	\$19,623.42
FRANKLIN COUNTY RV PARK	\$703.55
MOTOR VEHICLE	\$6,293.09

In the amount of: \$304,963.01

The motion was seconded by: Barry 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

Vouchers Audited By:
Paola Mendoza

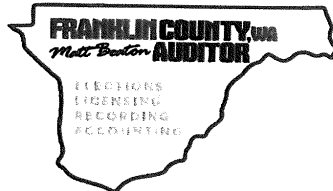
- ❖ Commissioner Mullen moved to approve Fund Expenditures audited and certified by the auditing officer for warrants prepared for the week of January 11, 2022 for payment totaling \$304,963.01. Commissioner Peck seconded and the motion carried.



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9:24 a.m. Approval of Salary Clearing and Emergency Management Payroll



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

January 11, 2022

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, January 11, 2022
moves that the following warrants be approved for payment.

<u>FUND</u>	<u>WARRANT</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
Salary Clearing Payroll:		
Net Payroll Checks	00377630-00377636	\$ 6,483.54
Net EFT Payroll Checks	00037995-00038250	\$ 484,331.02
Deduction and Contribution Checks	00377643-00377657	\$ 491,509.36
Total		\$ 982,323.92
Emergency Mgmt Payroll:		
Net EFT Payroll Checks	00037991-00037994	\$ 8,142.05
Deduction and Contribution Checks	00377637-00377642	\$ 5,535.47
Total		\$ 13,677.52
Grand Total All Payrolls		\$ 996,001.44

In the total amount of **\$996,001.44**

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 Gadowski

❖ **Commissioner Mullen moved to approve Salary Clearing and Emergency Management Payroll totaling \$966,001.44 Commissioner Peck seconded and the motion carried.**



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9:26 a.m. Approval of Consent Agenda

1. Resolution 2022-006 2022-2024 Courthouse Collective Bargaining Agreement
2. Resolution 2022-007 Planning and Building Copy Machine Agreement
3. Resolution 2022-008 Agreement 2022_HHAA_GW between Human Services and Columbia Industry
4. Hire Step 4 Increase Prosecuting Attorney II T. Clark

❖ *Commissioner Mullen moved to approve consent items 1-4. Commissioner Peck seconded and the motion carried.*

9:25 a.m. Commissioner/Administrator Updates

Administrator Keith Johnson update

- Weather related shut down last week. Damage on roads, but nothing serious.
- ARPA Funds
- Interviews for the Human Resources Director and Public Works Director
- WSAC
- Benton County Juvenile Justice Center discussions

Commissioner Peck update

- Greater Columbia Behavior Health
- WSAC Legislative Steering Committee
- Notice from State Department of Commerce appointed him to Washington State Aviation and Aerospace Advisory Committee
- WSAC

Commissioner Mullen update

- Ben Franklin Transit- replacement of operations building
- Received calls and concerns with ending contract between Lourdes and Greater Columbia Behavior Health. Lourdes has provided help for over 40 years and deserves an explanation.
- Thanked the Redistricting Committee for all the time and effort they put into this process. Thanked demographer Dr. Morrison for reviewing the maps. His recommendation for Franklin County, and the only map that he recommended was Map #2. Commissioner Mullen took a lot of public scrutiny for being the only one to choose map #2. He believes in having fair representation to all of Franklin County and map #2 represents that equity.
- Commissioner Peck answered Commissioner Mullen's question on GCBH Termination. It was a termination for convenience. Commissioner Peck suggested contacting Mr. Jim Bell, the attorney over this contract. Commissioner Peck specifically abstained from the vote to cancel the contract, due to having other county contracts with Lourdes and the perceived conflict of interest.



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Commissioner Didier update

- Ben Franklin Operation of Maintenance- proposed destruction of their building and rebuild at a cost of 17 million dollars.
- Meeting tonight with the Assessor to answer any questions you might have on taxes. The meeting will be held at 12901 North Glade Road 7p.m.
- Commissioner Didier was in opposition of 246-100 WAC.

9:36 a.m. **Public Comment**

- Dr. Raul Garcia concerned with termination of Greater Columbia Behavior Health contract. He asked for the reason behind the termination.
- Joan White Wagner CEO of Lourdes Medical Center received termination letter on Thursday. The reason stated was that they were going in a different direction. She believed that this was a mislead termination. It effects approximately 80% of Lourdes work services.
- Jeffery Robinson inquired as to whether the meetings were official due to Commissioners not wearing masks. He voiced concerns on HB 1750 and its possible effects on agriculture.
- Steve Bauman thanked Commissioner Peck on the continuation of representation with our local resources (possible new nuclear power resource). COOL- Country of Origin Labeling is of great concern and is not true representation of the origin. Concerned with the termination of Lourdes contract and asked the Commissioners to look into it.
- Michelle Andres asked the Commissioners to look into NEPA- National Environmental Policy Act training.

9:51 a.m. **OPEN PUBLIC HEARING Redistricting Map**

Commissioner Didier continued the open public hearing by turning the time over to demographer Dr. Peter Morrison. Dr. Morrison gave a quick overview of option #2 and alternative #2A maps. He recommended either of the # 2 plans for a Hispanic influenced district. He did not recommend 1, 3 and 4 as they were flawed by packing and cracking.

Dr. Morrison answered the Commissioners questions on the two #2 maps.

- James Follansbee still in favor of #4 map with revisions.
- Jeffery Robinson thanked the demographer for his work but disagreed with his recommendation. He prefers the plaintiffs map.
- Steve Bauman was thankful for the local process and was grateful is does not go directly to the Supreme Court for outside entities to make a decision. He was disappointed that the demographer's information was not given to the public sooner.



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- George Dockstader sat on the Redistricting Committee for five months and stated, it takes time to put all of the information together. He requested at large voting in the general elections.
- Lupe Cardenas was a member of the Redistricting Committee asked Dr. Morrison if the data used was the 2020 census. Dr. Morrison explained that the 2020 census covers population, not citizens. ACS-American Community Survey is based on citizens, which runs continuously (the latest data is from 2019). He supports districts in primary and at large for general election.
- Prosecuting Attorney Shawn Sant gave the Board options to vote on #2 , 2A or open it up to additional Public Hearings.

10:45 a.m. Commissioner Didier closed the open public hearing.

- Commissioner Peck feels that committee should have the opportunity to craft another map or reworking an existing map.
- Commissioner Mullen has no objection to having the committee look at map #2 or #2A.
- Commissioner Didier thanked the committee for their services, however, the demographer gave his recommendation and he supports his expertise in this matter.
- Commissioner Didier asked members of the committee to weigh in on whether they would like to look at map #2 and #2A.
- Lupe Cardenas is fine with #2 or #2A, or if the committee would like to meet, he would be able to do that as well.
- George Dockstader did not feel like it was the committee's job to tweak the maps.
- Jeffery Robinson agreed with Commissioner Didier, that we need to choose a map and let the courts decide what will happen with the maps.
- George Dockstader let the Board know that when the Committee met with the demographer earlier, they liked map #2 and map #4 with a few tweaks that would make it compliant. He thanked everyone involved, as they were very helpful.
- Steve Bauman agreed that if there were no immediate deadline to choose a map, perhaps taking a bit more time to decide would be helpful.
- Shawn Sant suggested the Board choose sooner than later.

❖ ***Commissioner Mullen moved to approve map #2 as presented. Commissioner Peck seconded and the motion carried.***



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11:14 a.m. Closed Session RCW 42.030.140(4)(b) Collective Bargaining

Commissioner Didier recessed into Closed Session at 11:14a.m., for up to 30 minutes to discuss Collective Bargaining Strategy. Those participating are Commissioner Didier, Commissioner Mullen, Commissioner Peck, County Administrator Keith Johnson, Acting Clerk of the Board Jennifer Medelez and Interim Human Resources Director Eric Wyant.

11:53 a.m. Commissioner Didier reconvened the regular meeting.

Adjourn

With no further business to bring before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 11:53 a.m.

Chair

Clerk of the Board

Date