



# FRANKLIN COUNTY, WASHINGTON

## BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

REGULAR MEETING  
FEBRUARY 22, 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

### **9:01 a.m. Potts and Associates- Legislative Update**

Zak Kennedy gave an update on the legislative session. The following bills were discussed.

- HB 1117- Exempting Voluntary Stewardship Program
- HB 1630- Limiting Concealed Carry- Elections area
- SB 2037- Modifying the standard for use of force by peace officers
- HB 1705-Concerning Ghost Guns
- SB 5909- Authorizes the majority and minority leaders of each chamber the authority to terminate and emergency after 90 days if the Legislature is not in session.
- SB 5974- Addressing transportation resources. Banning gas vehicles by 2030.

### **9:16 a.m. Greater Columbia Behavior Health Question & Answer**

Co-Director Sindi Saunders, Co-Director Karen Richardson and Legal Counsel Quinn Bell came to brief the Commissioners of the purpose of Greater Columbia Behavior Health (GCBH). Ms. Saunders gave a background on GCBH, which is an administrative service organization. GCBH is accountable for nine counties in Eastern Washington. It is an executive committee comprised of one Commissioner from each county. They are not a direct service provider; however, they do hold two different contracts, one is with the Washington State Health Care Authority and the other is with the Managed Care Organizations in Washington.

GCBH has terminated their contract with Lourdes under "Termination of convenience". They are currently in dispute resolution and unable to go into detail at this time.

The Commissioners asked several questions regarding the termination and a discussion ensued.

❖ *Five minute pause due to technical difficulties*

### **9:53 a.m. Approval of Minutes**

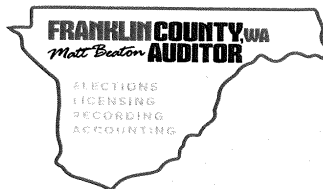
*January 18, 2022 Commissioner Meeting Minutes were approved as presented*  
*February 08, 2022 Commissioner Meeting Minutes were approved as presented*



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9:53 a.m. Approval of Fund Expenditure Warrants



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

02/22/2022

Franklin County Commissioners:

Vouchers audited and certified by the auditing officer by RCW 42.24.080, expense reimbursement claims.  
Action: As of this date, 02/22/2022

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:	00378960 - 00379138	\$414,411.85
EFT Check Numbers:	00001067 - 00001079	\$57,041.22
		<u>\$471,453.07</u>

Fund Expenditures	Amount Issued
CURRENT EXPENSE	\$241,298.77
AUDITOR O & M	\$45.61
ELECTION EQUIP REVOLVING	\$115.38
TREASURER O & M	\$489.00
COURTHOUSE FACILITATOR	\$1,025.00
JAIL COMMISSARY	\$5,047.30
ENHANCED 911	\$8,884.30
COUNTY ROADS	\$152,293.42
SOLID WASTE	\$1,570.69
BF MENTAL HEALTH	\$61.63
THE HAPO CENTER	\$2,246.59
FRANKLIN COUNTY RV PARK	\$1,280.81
MOTOR VEHICLE	\$57,094.57
TREASURERS TRUST FUNDS	\$110.75

In the amount of: \$471,563.82

The motion was seconded by: Brend 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: [Signature]

Vouchers Audited By: [Signature]

- ❖ Commissioner Mullen moved to approve Fund Expenditures audited and certified by the auditing officer for warrants prepared for the week of February 22, 2022 for payment totaling \$471,563.82. Commissioner Peck seconded and the motion carried.



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9:53 a.m.      **Approval of Salary Clearing and Emergency Management Payroll**

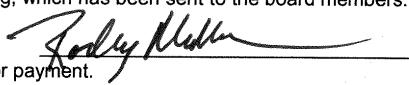


1016 N 4th Ave, Pasco,  
WA 99301  
509-545-3502

February 22, 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, February 22, 2022   
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	00378917-00378930	\$ 6,454.83
Net EFT Payroll Checks	00038783-00039042	\$ 480,633.86
Deduction and Contribution Checks	00378946-00378959	\$ 196,972.00
A/P EFT		\$ 295,137.57
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$ 979,198.26</b>
<b>Emergency Mgmt Payroll:</b>		
Net EFT Payroll Checks	00038779-00038782	\$ 8,773.81
Deduction and Contribution Checks	00378931-00378945	\$ 12,620.80
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$ 21,394.61</b>
<b>Grand Total All Payrolls</b>		<b>\$ 1,000,592.87</b>

In the total amount of **\$1,000,592.87**

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 \$1,000,592.87. Commissioner Peck seconded and the motion carried.**



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9:54 a.m.     **Approval of Consent Agenda**

1. Resolution 2022-035 Reappoint Mike Sullivan and Dan Schneider to the Franklin County Pest Board and Appoint Erick Smith and Luke Hayden to the Franklin County Pest Board two year term
2. Resolution 2022-036 Personal Service Contract between Franklin County and Intermountain Material Testing for 2022-2023 On-Call Materials Testing Services
3. Resolution 2022-037 Department of Ecology's Solid Waste Management Local Solid Waste Financial Assistance (LSWFA) Agreement No. SWMLS WFA-2021-FrCoPW-00100
4. Resolution 2022-038 Department of Ecology's Solid Waste Management Community Litter Cleanup Program Agreement No. SWMCLCP-2123-FrCoPW-00036
5. Approval to Hire Appraiser 1 at Step 4- Sheree Morkal
6. Approval to Hire Corrections Deputy at Step 3- Terry Johnson

❖ *Commissioner Peck moved to approve consent agenda items 1-6. Commissioner Mullen seconded and the motion carried.*

9:56 a.m.     **Commissioner/Administrator Updates**

Administrator Keith Johnson update

- Bi-County meeting on February 23, 2022 at 10 a.m. in Benton County
- McKinstry Energy Audit for HAPO
- Create meeting with Schools, City, and Port to discuss economic opportunities
- BCES strategic planning on Emergency services
- Legislation discussions with WSAC

Commissioner Peck update

- Health Board meeting
- Met with citizens working on project to improve lighting on bridges.
- BFCG Ben Franklin Council of Governments elected Commissioner Peck as Chair
- Legislative Steering Committee
- Calls from Constituents

Commissioner Mullen update

- Tri-Cities Regional Chamber
- Health Board meeting- New rules for cooking temperatures
- Met with citizens on local mental health

Commissioner Didier update

- Quarterly finance committee and budget review
- Health Board meeting
- Elections precertification and certification



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### 10:00 a.m. Public Comment

- Keith Johnson read a text from citizen that thanked Sindi Saunders for her presentation.
- Sheriff Raymond voiced that the community wants a recovery center with wrap around coverage to have everyone under the same umbrella. He hoped that all entities would work together for the best outcome for the community. He stated the community should have a say on how their tax dollars are used concerning the mental health system.
- John Rose thanked the Auditor and Elections office is working. They do a tremendous job. The State has come in with an audit that could cause doubt in the computer system.
- George Dockstader voiced his disapproval of the Department of Health spending money on how to cook a hamburger testing. In addition, bringing an attorney to a meeting to answer simple questions is a prime example of wasting money.
- Chuck Harmon lives in the Clark addition and he is trying to get work accomplished through the Planning Department and needs help from the Commissioners. Administrator Keith Johnson will meet with Mr. Harmon and see how he can help.

### 10:13 a.m. Update/Discussion of HAPO Energy Audit

Christie Hoffpauer, Business Development Director- INW Energy and Lance Funke, Program Manager-INW Region presented a PowerPoint presentation that gave an overall scope and background of the proposed work which would happen at the HAPO Center, including the phases in which they would take place.

The ESPC Process includes Preliminary Facility Assessment, Investment Grade Audit, Construction, Implementation, Measurement, and Verification.

**Phase 1:** \$5.60 -\$6.72 Million- Expo and Atrium HVAC, Controls, and electrical renovation. Internal and External lighting upgrade. Roof repair-refurbishment and snow guard installation.

**Phase 2:** \$6.58-\$7.90 Million- Arena HVAC, controls and electrical renovation.

**Phase 3:** (If needed for CBPS Compliance) \$700-\$840k- (2) 100kW-AC Net Metered PV Solar arrays

Lance spoke of the CBPS Compliance Path. After the presentation, the Commissioners asked several questions.

Administrator Keith Johnson asked the Commissioners for a consensus to move forward with the upgrades. He recommended moving forward with Phase 1.

❖ *The Commissioners gave their consensus to move forward with Phase 1.*



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## 10:46 a.m. **Public Comment**

- Lawanda Hatch recommended selling the HAPO Center. The taxpayers are tired of paying for HAPO with no returns.
- John Rose had a public health comment on WHO data with the graphics of covid deaths. He spoke of Canada and the chart relating to abusive relationships. 40% increase of male deaths in ages between 18 and 45 years. He asked the Commissioners to ask the Health Department why this is happening.

## 10:57 a.m. **Executive Session** RCW 42.30.110(1)(g) to review the performance of a public employee

Commissioner Didier recessed into Executive Session at 10:57 a.m., for up to 15 minutes to discuss performance of a public employee. Those participating are Commissioner Didier, Commissioner Mullen, Commissioner Peck, County Administrator Keith Johnson, and Human Resources Director Eric Wyant.

11:08 a.m. Commissioner Didier reconvened the regular meeting.

- ❖ *Commissioner Peck moved to approve personnel action form for employee Jennifer Medelez as requested. Rocky Mullen seconded and the motion carried.*

## 11:09 a.m. **Executive Session** RCW 42.30.110(1)(g) to review application for public employment

Commissioner Didier recessed into Executive Session at 11:09 a.m., for up to 15 minutes to review application for public employment. Those participating are Commissioner Didier, Commissioner Mullen, Commissioner Peck, County Administrator Keith Johnson, Clerk of the Board Karin Milham and Human Resources Director Eric Wyant.

11:16 a.m. Commissioner Didier reconvened the regular meeting.

- ❖ *Commissioner Peck moved to approve personnel action form for employee Craig Erdman as requested. Rocky Mullen seconded and the motion carried.*

## **Adjourn**

With no further business to bring before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 11:16 a.m.

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Chair

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Clerk of the Board

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Date