



FRANKLIN COUNTY, WASHINGTON  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

REGULAR MEETING  
AUGUST 9, 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. **Approval of Minutes**

- *July 26, 2022 Commissioners Meeting Minutes approved as presented*

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

08/09/2022

Franklin County Commissioners:

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

Action: As of this date, 08/09/2022

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:	00384415 - 00384563	\$690,183.73
EFT Check Numbers:	00001231 - 00001238	\$15,690.08
		<u>\$705,873.81</u>

Fund Expenditures	Amount Issued
CURRENT EXPENSE	\$139,557.90
EDA CARES ACT RECOVERY ASSIST	\$91,124.82
BOATING SAFETY	\$35,704.77
ENHANCED 911	\$815.25
COUNTY ROADS	\$389,545.30
VETERAN'S ASSISTANCE	\$4,468.76
ENDING HOMELESSNESS	\$33,087.51
AFFORDABLE HOUSING	\$1,192.27
THE HAPO CENTER	\$5,169.15
FRANKLIN COUNTY RV PARK	\$3,863.80
MOTOR VEHICLE	\$1,344.28

In the amount of: \$705,873.81

The motion was seconded by Brad Peck

And passed by a vote of: 3 to 0

Reviewed by the County Administrator: Tim Anderson

The attached vouchers have been approved by Auditor or Deputy:  
Tim Anderson

Vouchers Audited By:  
Paola Mendoza

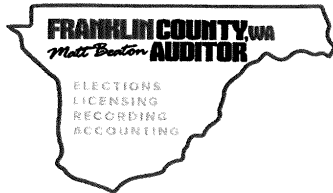


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- ❖ *Commissioner Mullen moved to approve Fund Expenditures audited and certified by the auditing officer for warrants prepared for the week of August 9, 2022 for payment totaling \$705,873.81. Commissioner Peck seconded and the motion carried.*

9:01 a.m.      **Approval of Salary Clearing and Emergency Management Payroll**



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

August 9, 2022

Franklin County Commissioners:

Vouchers audited and certified by the auditing officer by RCW 4  
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, August 9, 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	00384337-00384351	\$ 16,543.49
Net EFT Payroll Checks	00041938-00042203	\$ 501,700.95
Deduction and Contribution Checks	00384357-00384370	\$ 204,118.93
A/P EFT	00001230	\$ 320,545.54
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 1,042,908.91</b>
<b>Emergency Mgmt Payroll:</b>		
Net EFT Payroll Checks	00041934-00041937	\$ 8,430.94
Deduction and Contribution Checks	00384352-00384356	\$ 5,792.90
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 14,223.84</b>
<b>Grand Total All Payrolls</b>		<b>\$ 1,057,132.75</b>

In the total amount of      **\$1,057,132.75**

The motion was seconded by Brenda Peck and passed by a vote of 3 to 0.

The attached payroll has been approved by Auditor or Deputy

Payroll Prepared by Paola Mendoza

- ❖ *Commissioner Mullen moved to approve Salary Clearing and Emergency Management Payroll totaling \$1,057,132.75. Commissioner Peck seconded and the motion carried.*



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### 9:03 a.m. Approval of Consent Agenda

1. Resolution 2022-167 Coroner's Randox Multistat Analyzer
  2. Resolution 2022-168 Resolution 2022-169 Accept Work by Apollo 617 Covan Bridge
- ❖ *Commissioner Mullen moved to approve consent agenda items 1-2. Commissioner Peck seconded with discussion. After discussion, the motion carried.*

### 9:06 a.m. Certificate of Appreciation

Commissioner Didier read a letter of appreciation to Tony Bear and thanked him for his service. Public Works Director Craig Erdman accepted the certificate on behalf of Mr. Bear.

Commissioner Didier read a letter of appreciation to Human Resources Director Eric Wyant and thanked him for his contribution to the county. Commissioner Peck and Commissioner Mullen thanked him for his time and service.

### 9:10 a.m. Commissioner/Administrator Updates

#### Administrator Keith Johnson update

- Subcommittee of the Benton Franklin Mental Health Board vetted for the seventeenth position on the Board. Three applicants have been selected and final approval will take place during the next meeting.
- Percentage of the Mental Health tax collected in Franklin County for April \$232,140.76 and May \$258,421.00.
- Collective bargaining meetings with attorneys
- WSAC call
- Meeting with Human Resources Director Eric Wyant who is leaving position, as well as HAPO Manager Tom French
- Working on ARPA projects- Utility Improvements
- HVAC issue at the Courthouse
- Franklin County website has a new look
- Juvenile Justice Remodel update

#### Commissioner Peck update

- Are there any updates on the KGH purchase for mental health facility? Mr. Johnson gave an update on the purchase of the facility. KGH facility will be purchased, however, the condition of the sale remains that no long-term mental health care be provided. Benton County is looking to procure a secondary facility for long-term care.
- Preparation for the upcoming 2023 legislative session in Olympia through the Washington State Association of Counties
- Legislative Steering Committee-refining issues that will be presented to the legislature on behalf of the 39 counties.



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- Council of Government-Salary and Budget, letter to legislators regarding the removal of Lower Snake River Dams- had an in brief on the routine state audit

### Commissioner Mullen update

- Ben Franklin Transit planning and marketing meeting. Board meeting this Thursday. Possibly taking one of the vehicles and turning it into a mobile dispatch unit. Also, forming their own police force. Van Pool is making a comeback after Covid.
- Greater Columbia Behavior Health
- South East Aging and Long Term Care Board Meeting- Wage increase to retain the current staff.
- WSAC- Department of Revenue SAW (Secure Access Washington) account

### Commissioner Didier update

- Veteran's meeting- close to hiring a VSO Veterans Service Officer
- Ben Franklin Transit Operations and Maintenance- New General Manager- Looking into smaller buses for Franklin County routes.

### 9:25 a.m. Public Comment

- George Dockstader had concerns on the Ben Franklin Transit police proposal, county roads, lawsuit with Futurewise, KGH facility purchase, and reclassification and pay raises in various departments.
- Kelly Shadler voiced her concerns on budget process and reclassifications taking place in departments as well as the appearance of favoritism.

### 9:30 a.m. A. Create County Road Project 632 Taylor Flats Ringold Road

Craig Erdman gave a background on the purpose of the 632 Taylor Flats creation and project prospectus.

- ❖ *Commissioner Peck moved to approve Resolution 2022-169 Create County Road Project 632 Taylor Flats Ringold Road as presented. Commissioner Mullen seconded and the motion carried.*

### B. Project Prospectus LAA CRP 632 Taylor Flats and Ringold

- ❖ *Commissioner Peck moved to approve Resolution 2022-170 LAA CRP 632 Taylor Flats and Ringold. Commissioner Mullen seconded and the motion carried.*

### 9:35 a.m. EWGMHB CASE 21-1-005 Compliance Emergency Declaration and Moratorium

Planning and Building Director Derrick Braaten gave a background on the purpose of Ordinance 04-2022. Due to the Hearing Management ruling, Franklin County would need to do an emergency moratorium to be in compliance with the courts until the appeal finalizes.



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10:01 a.m.

- ❖ *Commissioner Peck moved to approve Ordinance 04-2022. Commissioner Mullen seconded and the motion carried 2:0. Commissioner Didier abstained.*

## 10:10 a.m. Planning and Building Position Reclassification

Human Resources Director Eric Wyant and Planning and Building Director Derrick Braaten came before the Board to reclassify a position in the Planning and Building Department.

- ❖ *Commissioner Mullen moved to approve Resolution 2022-171. Commissioner Peck seconded and the motion carried.*

## 10:25 a.m. Treasurer's Office Position Reclassifications

Human Resources Director Eric Wyant, Treasurer Josie Koelzer and Chief Deputy Treasurer Ruslan Stetskiy came before the Board with the reclassifications, which were addressed during the 2022 budget workshops. It took longer than anticipated to rewrite the job descriptions and for it to pass through reclassification by Human Resources before presenting to the Board.

- ❖ *Commissioner Mullen moved to approve Resolution 2022-172 as presented. Commissioner Peck seconded and the motion carried.*

## 10:30 a.m. Creation of Deputy Prosecuting Attorney /Rule 9

Human Resources Director Eric Wyant and Chief Civil Deputy Attorney Jennifer Johnson presented the Board with a creation of a Deputy Prosecuting Attorney using Rule 9, that allows a law student that has finished at least two-thirds of their program to qualify for a temporary bar license. This would allow them to operate as an attorney while finishing their last year of law school.

- ❖ *Commissioner Peck moved to approve resolution 2022-173 as presented. Commissioner Mullen seconded and the motion carried.*

## 10:39 a.m. Settlement Agreement between Franklin County and IWAG Group for Pasco Landfill

Administrator Keith Johnson gave a brief background on the Pasco landfill history that reflected the process of chemicals dumped were now leaching into the ground. The initial cleanup of the industrial waste drums have taken place. This agreement would cover Franklin County's responsibilities moving forward.

- ❖ *Commissioner Mullen moved to approve Resolution 2022-174 as presented. Commissioner Peck seconded with discussion and the motion carried.*



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

- George Dockstader asked if the moratorium would nullify the annexation, the city has done on the port property and Clark Road. He spoke of the classes of soil and conservation district considered it marginal under their rules and regulation. He would like to see written letters go to local property owners to inform them of a public hearing concerning this matter.
- Steve Bauman reported that the Health district was giving \$50 gift certificates to parents if they were to get their children vaccinated. This attempting to bribe parents concerned him. He also had concerns on the growth management hearings board. It appears that the unelected are being empowered to choose how taxpayer dollars are spent instead of elected officials.

10:53 a.m. *Commissioner Didier recessed the meeting until 10:58 a.m.*

10:59 a.m. *Commissioner Didier reconvened the regular meeting.*

### 11:00 a.m. **Closed Session RCW 42.30.140 (4) Contract Negotiations**

Commissioner Didier recessed into Closed Session at 11:00 a.m., for up to 30 minutes to Collective Bargaining. Those participating are Commissioner Didier, Commissioner Mullen, Commissioner Peck, County Administrator Keith Johnson, Human Resources Director Eric Wyant, Outside Council Tony Menke and Clerk of the Board Karin Milham.

11:31 a.m. Commissioner Didier reconvened the regular meeting.

### 11:32 a.m. **Executive Session RCW 42.30.110(1) (i) – Potential Litigation**

Commissioner Didier recessed into Executive Session at 11:31 a.m., for up to 45 minutes to discuss litigation. Those participating are Commissioner Didier, Commissioner Mullen, Commissioner Peck, County Administrator Keith Johnson, Chief Civil Deputy Attorney Jennifer Johnson, Clerk of the Board Karin Milham and Outside Council Tony Menke.

12:00 p.m. Commissioner Didier reconvened the regular meeting.

### **Adjourn**

With no further business to bring before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 12:24 p.m.

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Chair

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Clerk of the Board

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Date