



# FRANKLIN COUNTY, WASHINGTON BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

REGULAR MEETING  
APRIL 25, 2023

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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

**TECHNICAL DIFFICULTIES-** the recording visibly showed as recording but did not record first few minutes due to previous power outage.

9:02 a.m. **Approval of Minutes**

❖ *January 24, 2023 Commissioners Meeting Minutes approved as presented.*

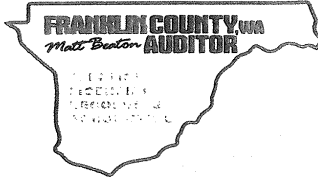
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## 9:02 a.m. Approval of Fund Expenditure Warrants



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

04/25/2023

### Franklin County Commissioners:

Vouchers audited and certified by the auditing officer by RCW 42.24.090, expense reimbursement claims.

Action: As of this date, 04/25/2023

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:	00392988 - 00393117	\$742,849.24
EFT Check Numbers:	00001487 - 00001497	\$73,684.53
		<u>\$816,533.77</u>

Fund Expenditures	Amount Issued
CURRENT EXPENSE	\$696,255.64
AUDITOR O & M	\$144.31
ELECTION EQUIP REVOLVING	\$68.98
TREASURER O & M	\$962.50
CRIME VICTIMS WITNESS	\$13,689.04
TRIAL COURT IMPROVEMENT	\$129.40
JAIL COMMISSARY	\$5,512.71
ENHANCED 911	\$3,411.42
COUNTY ROADS	\$33,448.35
SOLID WASTE	\$1,298.97
THE HAPC CENTER	\$12,500.00
FRANKLIN COUNTY RV PARK	\$878.01
MOTOR VEHICLE	\$29,988.26
INSURANCE CLAIMS FUND	\$17,513.09
TREASURERS TRUST FUNDS	\$733.09

In the amount of:	\$816,533.77
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The motion was seconded by: Brandon Lusk

And passed by a vote of: 3 to 0

Reviewed by the County Administrator: Michel Gentry

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

Vouchers Audited By:  
Teresa Alvarez

[www.co.franklin.wa.us/auditor](http://www.co.franklin.wa.us/auditor)

- ❖ Commissioner Mullen moved to approve Fund Expenditures audited and certified by the auditing officer for warrants prepared for the week of April 25, 2023 for payment totaling \$816,533.77. Commissioner Peck seconded and the motion carried.

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



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1. Resolution 2023-116 Probation Liaison Program Agreement between Juvenile Justice Center and Chiawana High School
2. Resolution 2023-117 Probation Liaison Program Agreement between Juvenile Justice Center and Pasco High School
3. Resolution 2023-118 Contract between Attorney Angela Garratt and Office of Public Defense
4. Resolution 2023-119 Contract between Franklin County and Larry Zeigler as the Office of Public Defense Manager
5. Resolution 2023-120 2023 Crack Sealing Award to Stripe Rite
6. Resolution 2023-121 Amending and Establishing Voting Precinct Boundaries
7. Resolution 2023-122 Information Services Surplus Property Disposal
8. Resolution 2023-123 Appointment of BOE Board Member Lexi Moore

❖ *Item 6 Precinct Boundaries pulled from consent for separate discussion.*

*Commissioner Mullen moved to approve consent agenda items 1-8. Commissioner Peck seconded and the motion carried 3-0.*

9:13 a.m. The following individuals gave public comment.

- George Dockstader
- Victor Scott

## Regular Business

A. Proclamation Public Service Recognition

❖ *Administrator Mike Gonzalez read the Proclamation for the record.*

9:30 a.m. *Recording reconnected.*

B. Amending and Establishing Voting Precinct Boundaries

❖ *Commissioner Mullen moved to approve resolution 2023-121 Amending and Establishing Voting Precinct Boundaries as presented. Commissioner Peck seconded and the motion carried.*



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- C. 9:32 a.m. Requesting to Replace a Building Inspector 2 with a Second Building Inspector 1. Building and Planning Department Director Derrick Braaten brought forth Resolution 2023-124 before the Board. Resolution 2023-124 was not used. A separate motion was brought forth by Commissioner Peck to address the concerns.

❖ ***Commissioner Peck moved that the Board Authorizes Mr. Braaten as the Director of the Planning and Building Department, to create an additional building inspector position to be a building inspector one, to go with his currently existing step one and step two building inspector positions, recognizing that his budget will limit his ability to fill all three of those, but this gives him the option of determining which two he can afford to fill out of his budget. Commissioner Mullen seconded and the motion carried.***

9:41 a.m. TECHNICAL Difficulty Corrections

***Commissioner Chair Didier restated the January 24, 2023 minutes were approved, fund expenditures in the amount of \$816,533.77 was approved, the Consent agenda items 1-8 were approved and the Proclamation was read.***

9:43 a.m. ***Item D was pulled from the agenda and will be brought back on May 2, 2023***

- D. Bi-County ARPA Memorandum of Understanding with Benton Franklin Council of Governments (*Resolution 2023-125*)
- E. Memorandum of Understanding and Agreement between Benton and Franklin Counties for the Allocation of Juvenile Justice Center Operations, Facilities, Construction, Usage Cost and Ownership.  
Administrator Mike Gonzalez gave a briefing of the Memorandum of Understanding with the Juvenile Justice Center. Commissioner Mullen and Mr. Gonzalez took a tour of the Center.
- ❖ ***Commissioner Peck moved to approve resolution 2023-126 as presented in a matter of the memorandum of understanding and agreement between Benton and Franklin Counties for the allocation of Juvenile Justice Center operations facilities construction usage cost and ownership. Commissioner Mullen seconded and the motion carried.***

10:00 a.m. **Commissioner/Administrator Updates**

Administrator Mike Gonzalez update

- Launched Franklin County social media platform
- Met with BCES Emergency Management Director Jay Atwood
- Pasco Business Advisory Council

Commissioner Peck update

- Benton Franklin Council of Governments- bylaws-updates-loan program reviews
- Met with constituent on commemorative aviation event
- HAEIF- Hanford Area Economic Investment Fund
- WSAC



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### Commissioner Mullen update

- Highway Users Federation
- Benton Franklin Good Roads- Distracted Driving presentation
- Rail Road Ave is being repaired in the Dairy Gold area
- Disability Board
- Met with Financial Director Tim Anderson on the excess health care benefit contributions. He is willing to pay back \$334. 40 accrued due to a county motion taken in November 8, 2016 prior to his taking office. He requested that the money be returned from his future paycheck.

### Commissioner Didier update

- Columbia Basin Sustainable Water Coalition
- Franklin County Budget meeting
- Would like to address the excess health care benefit contributions payback as soon as possible. He would like to stop the payments, figure out a way to recover the unconstitutional compensation and he would like the Prosecuting Attorney to research the legal options for recovery.

Commissioner Peck added an update to include the compensation for people who aren't taking health care benefits has three options: 1. It can go into somebody's VEBA account. 2. People can buy the insurance and whatever authorized monthly benefit amount is in excess of their insurance payment can also go into VEBA. 3. Option for individuals to receive that as cash in lieu of VEBA.

- ❖ 10:15 a.m. ***Commissioner Mullen moved to direct the Auditor's office to revert VEBA to cash contributions for County Commissioners to amounts approved with resolution 2016-426. Commissioner Didier seconded. Commissioner Mullen pulled his motion in order to wait for Prosecuting Attorney's review on the subject.***

### 10:26 a.m. Elected and Department Head Business

- Sheriff Jim Raymond
- Assessor John Roseneau
- Treasurer Josie Koelzer
- Auditor Matt Beaton
- Coroner Curtis McGary
- Prosecuting Attorney Shawn Sant
- Director of Juvenile Justice Center David Wheeler

### 10:54 a.m. The following individuals gave public comment.

- Michelle Andres
- Victor Scott



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11:01 a.m. Commissioner Didier called for a 5-minute recess in order to fix technical problems.

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

Due to technical problems, the Budget Review presentation will be scheduled for May 2, 2023.

**Franklin County Budget Review**

*Director of Finance Tim Anderson and Accounting Supervisor Ryan Brimacombe*

*11:15 a.m. Commissioner Didier recessed into executive session RCW 42.30.110 (1) (i) Potential Litigation or Litigation for fifteen minutes*

*11:32 a.m. Commissioner Didier reconvened the regular meeting.*

Commissioner Mullen stated that Lourdes Counseling Center is open – Transition Crisis Triage Facility now able to help those in crisis.

**Adjourn**

With no further business to bring before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 11:33 a.m.

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Chair

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Clerk of the Board

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Date