



# FRANKLIN COUNTY, WASHINGTON BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

REGULAR MEETING AND  
PUBLIC HEARING  
*MAY 23, 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

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

❖ *May 2, 2023 Commissioners Meeting Minutes were approved as presented.*

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

05/23/2023

Franklin County Commissioners:

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

Action: As of this date, 05/23/2023

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:	00393983 - 00394094	\$770,599.20
EFT Check Numbers:	00001510 - 00001512	\$5,374.33
		<u>\$775,973.53</u>

Fund Expenditures	Amount Issued
CURRENT EXPENSE	\$333,770.64
AUDITOR O & M	\$68.50
TREASURER O & M	\$2,250.00
EDA CARES ACT RECOVERY ASSIST	\$157,808.87
JAIL COMMISSARY	\$3,071.21
ENHANCED 911	\$304.33
COUNTY ROADS	\$1,740.44
SOLID WASTE	\$46.32
2ND QTR PCT EXCISE TAX FUND	\$242,985.91
ENDING HOMELESSNESS	\$17,291.40
CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND	\$799.00
THE HAPO CENTER	\$12,500.00
FRANKLIN COUNTY RV PARK	\$1,128.61
MOTOR VEHICLE	\$1,504.54
TREASURERS TRUST FUNDS	\$703.76

In the amount of: \$775,973.53

The motion was seconded by: Busch

And passed by a vote of: 3 to 0

Reviewed by the County Administrator: Muhl

The attached vouchers have been approved by Auditor or Deputy:  
Jeff Burckhard

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 May 23, 2023 for payment totaling \$775,973.53. Commissioner Peck seconded and the motion carried.*



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

1. Resolution 2023-155 2023 Contract Crack Sealing County Wide Stripe Rite Kennewick WA
2. Resolution 2023-156 Inter fund Loan from 168 Fund to 500 Fund 2023 Motor Vehicle ER and R
3. Resolution 2023-157 Designation of TRIDEC to Association Development Organization

❖ *Commissioner Mullen moved to approve consent agenda items 1-3. Commissioner Peck requested to pull item #2 for separate discussion. Commissioner Mullen moved to approve items 1 and 3 with 2 being pulled for separate discussion. Commissioner Peck seconded and the motion carried.*

❖ *Commissioner Peck moved to approve Resolution 2023-156 Inter fund Loan from 168 Fund to 500 Fund 2023 Motor Vehicle ER and R. Commissioner Mullen seconded and the motion carried.*

## 9:07 a.m. HAPO Center Update Presentation

SVM Ownership Team Shirley Simmons, Steve Simmons and Kyle Simmons presented a PowerPoint on the progress of the HAPO Center and the long-term goals.

## 9:36 a.m. Allocation of Adult and Juvenile Drug Court – Juvenile Justice Center

Juvenile Justice Center Director David Wheeler gave information on the Juvenile Drug Court and using existing funds to create a mental health component in the future, to meet the needs of the young people.

❖ *All Commissioners were in consensus to support this project.*

## 9:40 a.m. Opioid Settlements Update Presentation

Administrative Project Analyst Shirley Jones presented information on the Opioid settlements.

## 9:52 a.m. CLOSED RECORD HEARING Zone Change 2023-01

*Commissioner Didier opened the Closed Record Hearing at 9:52 a.m.*

Planning and Building Director Derrick Braaten brought forth a PowerPoint presentation discussing the details of Zone Change 2023-01 63.56 Acres from AP-20 to I-2- Ordinance 03-2023.

*Commissioner Didier closed the Closed Record Hearing at 10:01 a.m.*

❖ *Commissioner Peck moved to approve Ordinance 03-2023 as presented. Commissioner Mullen seconded and the motion carried.*



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10:02 a.m. *Commissioner Didier opened the Public Hearing- Legislative 2023 Initial Comprehensive Plan.*

Planning and Building Director Derrick Braaten gave a PowerPoint presentation, which included maps and details of the CPA 2022-02 project.

- ❖ *Commissioner Mullen moved to approve CPA 2022-01 as part of the 2023 Comprehensive Plan Annual Amendment Docket. Commissioner Peck seconded and the motion carried.*
- ❖ *Commissioner Peck moved to approve Comp Plan Amendment 2022-02 as briefed and presented. Commissioner Mullen seconded and the motion carried.*

## **Discussion on Gallagher Contract**

### **10:41 a.m. Commissioner/Administrator Updates**

#### Administrator Mike Gonzalez update

- Met with Prosecutor and Office of Public Defense to discuss unfunded mandates.
- Met with Senator Torres, Representative Boehnke, Representative Barnard, Representative Sandlin, State OPD office, Prosecutor Shawn Sant and OPD Manager Larry Zeigler to form a Statewide Task Force led by Senator Torres
- Facebook Page continues to grow
- Met with Sheriff Raymond on the drug possession "Blake law" that was altered
- Working with Detective Romona Bolanos National Night Out
- Strategic Growth Committee meeting
- Tri-City Hispanic Chamber meeting
- Hispanic Affairs of Washington State in Tri-Cities June
- Board of Health
- Visit Tri-Cities

#### Commissioner Peck update

- Benton Franklin Council of Governments- approved the bylaws- Burbank will be part of Walla Walla planning organization
- Hanford Area Economic Financial Investment Trust

#### Commissioner Mullen update

- Benton Franklin Board of Health –Staying in the same location
- Visit Tri-Cities
- County Road Administration Board- Federal Aid -Franklin County received funding through Public Works- Craig Erdman doing an outstanding job
- Climate Commitment Act- Tax relief for farmers



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Commissioner Didier update

- Benton Franklin Board of Health meeting
- Franklin County Agenda meeting
- Columbia Basin Sustainable Water Committee

10:53 a.m. **Elected and Department Head Business**

- Assessor John Rosenau

10:56 a.m. **Administration Office Business**

Mr. Gonzalez discussed details of the cancelation of the Gallagher salary parity study.

❖ *The Commissioners were in consensus to cancel the Gallagher contract.*

10:59 a.m. The following individuals gave public comment.

- Kati Sant

11:01 a.m. **Quit Claim Deed to Juvenile Justice Center**

❖ *Commissioner Peck moved to approve Benton County parcels 133992020015001 and 133992020014002 underlie the existing Juvenile Justice Center two quick claim deeds as read into the record and further authorize the Chair to sign on behalf of the Board. Commissioner Mullen seconded and the motion carried.*

11:03 a.m. *Commissioner Didier recessed the meeting for five minutes.*

*Commissioner Didier reconvened the regular meeting at 11:10 a.m.*

**Announced the Employee Appreciation Luncheon**

11:11 a.m. a.m. Executive Session RCW 42.30.110 (1) (g) evaluate qualifications of applicant for employment or review performance of public employee. And RCW 42.30.110 (1) (i) discuss with legal counsel; Litigation or potential litigation.

Commissioner Didier recessed into Executive Session at 11:11 a.m., for up to 15 minutes.

11:27 a.m. Commissioner Didier reconvened the regular meeting to extend the executive session an additional 10 minutes.

11:37 a.m. Commissioner Didier reconvened the regular meeting.

11:46 a.m. Commissioner Didier asked Prosecuting Attorney Shawn Sant to recuse himself from the Insurance/Veba benefits and forward it to the Attorney General. Commissioner Mullen asked that a request for an independent legal opinion be sent directly to the Attorney General to avoid any perception of an actual or apparent conflict of interest and public scrutiny. Mr. Sant did not see a conflict of interest.



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**Adjourn**

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

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Chair

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Clerk of the Board

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Date

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