



**Franklin County, Washington  
Board of Commissioners**

**Regular Board Meeting  
May 14, 2025**

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**09:00 AM 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 Stephen Bauman

**Adoption of Current Agenda**

Before the Board moved to adopt the Current Agenda, the County Administrator, Mr. Dansel, proposed to add an executive session after 10:30 am to allow the County Prosecutor to participate in the session. He also proposed removing item number 7 from the Consent Agenda.

Commissioner Bauman moved to amend the agenda by pulling item number seven from the Consent, which pertained to the Contract with Tri-Cities Monitoring, Inc. Commissioner Mullen seconded, and the motion carried 3-0.

**Public Comment**

None

**Approval of Consent Agenda**

Commissioner Mullen moved to approve Consent Items one through six as presented. Commissioner Bauman seconded, and the motion carried 3-0.

- 1. **Warrants**                      Approval of Warrant Registers (weekly) and Payroll Rosters (bi-weekly)
- 2. **Minutes**                        May 7, 2025, Commissioners Meeting Minutes
- 3. **Resolution 2025-0145**              Supplement No 3 to the Local Agency Agreement for CRP 630-Ironwood Bridge #636-4.87 Replacement
- 4. **Resolution 2025-0146**              Accepting the Work Performed by Construction Ahead dba Pavement Surface Control of Kennewick, Washington for County Road Project (CRP) 624 / Safety – LED Signs, Dynamic Signals, & Reflector Posts
- 5. **Resolution 2025-0147**              Compensation Package for Franklin County Administrator, Brian Dansel



6. **Resolution 2025-0148** Alternate dates for Budget Hearing and Budget Process for the 2026 Franklin County Budgets
7. **Resolution 2025-0150** Contract with Tri-Cities Monitoring, INC. for Security Services  
**(Pulled)**

### Regular Business

1. **Resolution 2025-0151** Temporary Hiring Freeze *Presented by Brian Dansel, County Administrator*

Commissioner Mullen moved to approve Resolution 2025-0151 as presented. Commissioner Bauman seconded, and the motion carried 3-0.

2. **Resolution 2025-0149** **Closed Record Appeal and Closed Record Public Hearing (Quasi-Judicial) – A Planned Unit Development (PUD): challenge of SEPA mitigation measure #2 / PC condition of approval recommendation, and approval of the PUD with conditions. “Underwood Planned Unit Development” File # Appeal 2025-01 / PUD 2024-01 / SEPA 2024-24) Presented by Wes McCart, Planning Director**

The chair, Clint Didier, opened the Closed Record Appeal and Closed Record Public Hearing (Quasi-Judicial) A Planned Unit Development (PUD): challenge of SEPA mitigation measure #2 / PC condition of approval recommendation, and approval of the PUD with conditions. “Underwood Planned Unit Development” File # Appeal 2025-01 / PUD 2024-01 / SEPA 2024-24).

The chair asked the Board if there had been any ex parte communications that needed to be addressed or if anyone needed to take a recess or recuse themselves from the discussion and decision-making process.

Commissioner Didier mentioned that he had been contracted to widen the borrow pit on the already developed Underwood Frasier Road. However, one of his employees carried out the work, and he managed all communications related to that project.

Additionally, the chair requested that the Board confirm their review of the entire record before today’s hearing. Commissioners Bauman and Mullen both stated that they had read the complete record before the hearing. Commissioner Didier also affirmed reviewing the entire record before the hearing.

The discussion began with the appellant's representative, Mark Fickes.



Commissioner Bauman moved to recess the closed record hearing and continue it on Wednesday, 21st, at the BoCC meeting at 7:00 pm. Commissioner Mullen seconded, and the motion carried 3-0.

**Commissioner/Administrator Updates**

**Administrator Dansel**

- He discussed meeting with Auditor Beaton regarding the county's financials and presented a draft of Shortfall actions to the board.
- Announced the upcoming workshops on May 28 about the county's finances and the HAPO HVAC project by McKinstry.
- He provided information about the new process and software for the Commissioners' Agenda, which will become effective on May 21, 2025.
- Informed about the 30-day countdown after the Tribal notifications on the HVAC project at 7:00 pm.
- Attended the Civil Service Commission along with Attorney Jeff Briggs.

**Commissioner Bauman**

- Participated in a job site walk at the Columbia Valley Center for Recovery.
- He toured the Juvenile Justice Center and spoke about the remodeling project.
- Met with Gordon Thomasson, Benton County Juvenile Administrator.
- Attended the Columbia River Caucus meeting.
- Participated in the Benton-Franklin Transit Board meeting.
- He had an Emergency Management session with the State Emergency Management and the Washington Military Department regarding community emergency preparedness assessment.

**Commissioner Mullen**

- Attended the open house of Visit Tri-Cities.
- He met with the administrator to discuss the county's budget.

**Clint Didier**

- Attended the Benton Franklin Transit meeting and talked about electric buses from the Transit.
- He thanked the Sheriff for posting about the wire theft on his page and exhorted the constituents to report any related activity.



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- He provided a brief summary of the new study by the University of California, Davis, regarding the \$160,000 in costs incurred when wolves kill cattle, as reported by Capital Press.
- Informed about the water delivery by a new system, east low 84.6, which represents 5,500 acres.
- He also spoke about the 70-year low in cattle.
- Shared a Capital Press article discussing the rising demand for heifers intended for slaughter, which is expected to drive up meat prices.
- He was also proud to congratulate his brother Kurt on his birthday for mentoring him in his NFL career and life.

The County Administrator concluded by asking the board to make a motion to authorize him to finalize and execute the contract with Tri-Cities Monitoring.

**\*\*Commissioner Bauman moved to amend the Agenda by adding an action item.  
Commissioner Mullen seconded, and the motion carried with a unanimous vote of 3-0.**

**\*\*Commissioner Bauman moved to authorize the County Administrator, Brian Dansel, to negotiate and execute a contract with Tri-Cities Monitoring on behalf of the Board.  
Commissioner Mullen seconded the motion and obtained a unanimous vote of 3-0.**

**Public Comment**

- Michelle Andres
- George Doc.

**Executive Session**

At approximately 10:36 am, the Board of Commissioners recessed for an executive session under RCW 42.30.110. (1)(i)Litigation or Potential litigation.

The meeting was scheduled to resume at 11:06 am.

Attendees: The Board, County Administrator, and Legal Counsel.

**Session Extensions**

- At approximately 11:06 a.m., the Clerk of the Board reconvened the meeting and announced a 20-minute extension of the executive session under RCW 42.30.110(1)(i)

