



BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
**FRANKLIN COUNTY**  
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**STEPHEN BAUMAN**  
District 1

**ROCKY MULLEN**  
District 2

**CLINT DIDIER**  
District 3

**Brian Dansel**  
County Administrator

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**May 28, 2025, Meeting Minutes**

The Minutes of the Board of Commissioners' proceedings are not verbatim. Access to an electronic audio recording of the meeting is available on the Franklin County website or upon request.

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 at 1016 North Fourth Avenue, Pasco, Washington.

**Commissioners Present:** Commission Chair Clint Didier, Chair Pro Tem Rocky Mullen, and Member Stephen Bauman.

09:01 AM **Adoption of the Current Agenda**

Commissioner Bauman moved to amend the agenda by adding a fourth item under Consent: Ordinance 04-2025, Preliminary Approval of the Underwood Planned Unit Development, and by postponing Resolution 2025-0158, ILA Extension for the ground lease with the City of Pasco.

Commissioner Mullen seconded the motion, which carried with a vote of 3-0.

09:03 AM **Public Comment**

- Michelle Andres

09:06 AM **Approval of Consent Agenda**

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| 1. Warrants             | Approval of Warrant Registers (weekly) and Payroll Rosters (bi-weekly)         |
| 2. Minutes              | May 21, 2025, Commissioner's Meeting Minutes                                   |
| 3. Resolution 2025-0156 | Sale of Surplus Property at Public Auction                                     |
| 4. Ordinance 04-2025    | Preliminary Approval of the Underwood Planned Unit Development. <b>(added)</b> |

**Commissioner Bauman moved to approve the consent agenda items one through four as presented. Commissioner Mullen seconded the motion, and it passed with a 3-0 vote.**

09:07 AM

## Regular Business

A. Presentation

Letter of Appreciation to the HAPO Center Clean-Up project volunteers. *Presented by Brian Dansel, County Administrator.*

**The County Administrator presented the letter to the Board, which was unanimously approved. In addition, the Board expressed most profound gratitude to all volunteers involved in the project.**

09:08 AM

B. Resolution 2025-0157

Amendment to the Interlocal Cooperation Agreement with the City of Pasco regarding the Financing and ownership of a Multi-Purpose Arena and HAPO Center. *Presented by Brian Dansel, County Administrator.*

**Commissioner Bauman moved to approve Resolution 2025-0157 as presented. Commissioner Mullen seconded the motion, and it was carried with a 3-0 vote.**

C. Resolution 2025-0158

Interlocal Agreement Extension of the ground lease with the City of Pasco. *Presented by Brian Dansel, County Administrator.*  
**(tabled)**

09:14 AM

D. Resolution 2025-0159

Petition for vacating a portion of Right-of-Way off Terrance Drive and ordering the County Engineer to report thereon. *Presented by Craig Erdman, P.E., Director/County Engineer.*

**Commissioner Bauman moved to approve Resolution 2025-0159 as presented. Commissioner Mullen seconded the motion, and it was carried with a 3-0 vote.**

09:16 AM

## Correspondence

1. Request to hire a GIS/Cartographer, Assessor Department

**Commissioner Bauman moved to approve the Assessor's request to hire a GIS/Cartographer. Commissioner Mullen seconded, and the motion carried. Votes 3-0**

2. Request to hire four correctional officers, Correction Center

**Commissioner Bauman moved to approve the Correction's Department request to hire four correctional officers and one visitation clerk. Commissioner Mullen seconded, and the motion carried. Votes 3-0**

09:28 AM

## **Commissioner/Administrator Updates**

### **Brian Dandel**

- He visited the Public Works site to connect with the staff and tour the building.
- He also noted that he will be visiting the road crews on-site soon.
- Meeting with the Coroner to discuss the new construction and capital project topics.
- Attended a meeting with the Budget Shortfall team to discuss strategies and timelines.
- Participated in the Benton County Emergency Services (BCES) and BIPIN executive board meetings
- He also met with each commissioner individually for the pre-agenda meetings
- Administrator had meetings and phone conversations with members of McKinstry to discuss the HVAC project.
- He worked and will continue to work on various projects with Wes McCart, the director of Planning and Building, and Jeff Brigs, the Chief Civil Deputy Prosecuting Attorney, including revisiting county policies and ordinances.

### **Commissioner Bauman**

- He emphasized Memorial Day's significance and honored those who serve the country.
- Participated in the pre-agenda meeting with the administrator.
- Met with the HAPO Center management to discuss their challenges.

### **Commissioner Mullen**

- Attended the Board of Health meeting.
- Talked about the last Commissioner's meeting and highlighted that the Franklin County Auditor pursued legal action against the former Administrator Gonzalez. However, the media has not published the new facts regarding the case, despite the numerous negative articles published about Auditor Beaton and Commissioner Mullen.
- He also emphasized that Auditor Beaton won all legal actions against former Administrator Gonzalez with prejudice.
- The Commissioner commented on his views on self-driving vans for Public Transit.

### **Commissioner Didier**

- Attended the pre-agenda meeting.
- Commented on the importance of Memorial Day.
- Addressed property taxes phone calls.
- He spoke about the road challenges.
- Addressed the stairwell incidents.

Commissioner Bauman requested that the administrator meet with the Facilities Director to draft a plan aimed at reducing incidents. Commissioner Mullen and Didier agreed and proposed their own strategies to address the issue.

09:41 AM      **Public Comment**

- City of Pasco Mayor
- Dave from the City of Pasco
- Michelle Andres

09:48 AM      **Executive Session (as needed)**

The board recessed the regular meeting for an executive session under RCW 42.30.110.1(i)(i) and RCW 42.30.110.1(i)(iii). Scheduled to resume at 10:28 a.m.

**Attendees:** The first 10 minutes, Craig Erdman, P.E., Director/County Engineer, The Board, County Administrator, and Legal Counsel.

The rest of the executive session, all participants were included except Mr. Erdman

10:28 AM      At approximately 10:28 a.m., the Clerk of the Board reconvened the meeting and announced a 10-minute extension of the executive session under RCW 42.30.110(1)(iii). The meeting was set to resume at 10:38 a.m.

10:38 AM      At approximately 10:38 a.m., the chair reconvened the regular meeting without any decisions being made.

10:41 AM      **Adjourn**

**5 to 15-minute break if needed**

10:41 AM      **Call Workshop to Order**

Commissioner Didier called the workshop to order

10:41 AM      **Approval of Workshop Agenda**

Commissioner Bauman moved to approve the workshop agenda as presented. Commissioner Mullen seconded, and the motion carried. Votes 3-0

10:41 AM      **Public Comment**

None

10:41 AM **Workshop**

- HVAC Renovation Project. Proposal on Phase 2 audit continuation.  
*Presented by Christie Hoffpauer, McKinstry Regional Director.*
- Associate Development Organization (ADO) for the 2025-2027 Biennium to coordinate economic development services with the Washington Department of Commerce.

11:36 AM **Public Comment**

None

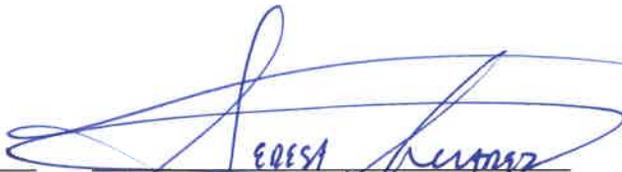
11:36 AM **Other Business**

None

11:37 AM **Adjourn**



**Clint Didier, Chair**



**Teresa Alvarez, Clerk of the Board**

6-4-2025

**Date**