



BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
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County Administrator

June 11th, 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 pulling item number seven, Resolution 2025-0178. Commissioner Mullen seconded the motion, which passed with a vote of 3-0.

09:02 AM **Public Comment**

- Michelle Andres

09:03 AM **Approval of Consent Agenda**

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| 1. Warrants | Approval of Warrant Registers (weekly) and Payroll Rosters (bi-weekly) |
| 2. Minutes | June 11th, 2025, Commissioner's Meeting Minutes |
| 3. Resolution 2025-0174 | Bi County Juvenile Justice Center: Personal Services Contract with Somerset Counseling Center. |
| 4. Resolution 2025-0175 | Bi County Juvenile Justice Center: Personal Services Contract with Comprehensive Healthcare CDDA. |
| 5. Resolution 2025-0177 | Bi County Juvenile Justice Center: Personal Services with Michael Henry Counseling LLC |
| 6. Resolution 2025-0176 | Budget Transfer request in contingency to Therapeutic Court. |

- Resolution 2025-0178
(Pulled) Associate Development Organization (ADO) for the 2025-2027 Biennium to coordinate economic development services with the Washington Department of Commerce.
7. Resolution 2025-0179 Amendment to the copier lease for HAPO Center Quote Agreement
8. Resolution 2025-0180 Amendment to the copier lease for the Assessor's Office Quote agreement

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

09:04 AM

Regular Business

- A. Resolution 2025-0181 Status Change and Employment Agreement with Jeremy Jansky
Presented by Brian Dansel, Franklin County Administrator.

**Commissioner Bauman moved to approve Resolution 2025-0181 as presented.
Commissioner Mullen seconded the motion, which carried with a vote of 3-0.**

- B. Request for Consensus Acquiring a Metal Detector/Camera (utilizing grant funds)
Presented by Trinity Orosco, Franklin County District Court Judge.

The Board of Commissioners unanimously approved the request to acquire a metal detector/camera for the guard shack.

09:07 AM

Correspondence

1. Request to hire two essential vacant positions in the Auditor's Office.
Commissioner Mullen moved to approve the hiring of the two vacant positions in the Auditor's Office. Commissioner Bauman seconded the motion, and it passed with a vote of 3-0.

2. Request to hire a Technician in the Planning and Building Department.

Commissioner Bauman moved to approve the hiring of the Technician in the Planning and Building Department. Commissioner Mullen seconded the motion, and it passed with a vote of 3-0.

09:10 AM

Commissioner/Administrator Updates

Brian Dansel

- The administrator advised the Board to exempt the Public Works department from the hiring freeze due to the project's seasonal demands and its independent budget status from the County's current expense.
- Guidance was requested by the administrator regarding McKinstry and the Solar battery grant project, highlighting the uncertainty of the Federal tax credit.
- He informed the board about two upcoming letters: one to the White House and the other to the Department of Homeland Security regarding the previously approved sanctuary status resolution by Franklin County.
- He announced his upcoming meetings with Basin City, Connell, Mesa, and Kahlotus regarding the visitation of the USDA rural development state director, Kirk Pearson, on June 25, 2025.
- He also met with the budget team, revised the County policies, and planned to have recurring meetings until the preliminary budget season.
- Attended individual pre-agenda meetings with the commissioners.
- He also mentioned the HVAC failure at the Courthouse on the first and third floors and briefly discussed a couple of alternatives for this capital project.
- He also noted that there is an affidavit for Commissioner Mullen's review.
- Attended a meeting with the County Coroner and updated the board about the upcoming request regarding the morgue project.
- He briefly mentioned a PA system that would enable announcements during the safety event, but more details will be shared in the upcoming meetings.

Commissioner Bauman

- Took part in the site walk event at the Columbia Valley Center for Recovery, expressing concerns about potential mission creep.
- Attended the HAPO Center tour with McKinstry and shared his strategies to save time and money in the project.
- The commissioner attended the Habitat for Humanity luncheon, where housing statistics were discussed, highlighting the services they provided for free or low-cost housing.
- He also had the Strategic Advisory team meeting with Benton County Emergency Services (BCES).
- Met with the Benton-Franklin Transit Executive Board meeting.
- He accepted the invitation from the Correction Department to attend the swearing-in ceremony, where Chief Harmon administered the oath to their staff.
- Participated in a meeting with the Prosecuting Attorney's Office.
- Attended the pre-agenda meeting with the administrator.

- He also expressed gratitude for the hard work invested in preparing the agenda and organizing the Board prior to the meeting. This careful preparation greatly contributes to ensuring that meetings proceed smoothly and efficiently.
- Addressed phone calls regarding the stench of the Pasco processed water reuse facility.
- He stated that he understood that the County's legal counsel would review the solar project and provide advice on it.
- Suggested a meeting with Basin City, Connell, Mesa, and Kahlotus a week in advance to prepare for the June 25 meeting with Kirk Pearson, the USDA Rural Development State Director.

Commissioner Mullen

- Participated in the Greater Columbia Behavioral Health meeting.
- He attended the Long Aging and Care meeting.
- He also mentioned missing the first section on the HAPO Center meeting with McKinstry, but attended a meeting with HWL shortly after
- Attended phone calls regarding Pasco water treatment regarding the unpleasant odor.
- Participated in the celebration of the better life of Doug Elliott, a well-respected community member who has dedicated his time and efforts to the Benton-Franklin Fair Rodeo..

Commissioner Didier

- The chair requested the Board's consensus to allow Public Works to proceed with County projects by exempting them from the hiring freeze, which the Board approved..
- He mentioned his views on the HAPO Center solar project.
- He also mentioned addressing phone calls on concerns regarding the Pasco water treatment's bad odor.
- Attended the Pasco McKinstry tour.
- He also addressed the emails received about the recently passed resolution concerning the non-sanctuary status..
- He urged the audience not to send derogatory emails to the Administrator, but instead to send them to the chair of the board of commissioners, as he only follows the direction of the Board.
- The chair also addressed a constituent complaint regarding the Benton-Franklin Transit's unnecessary heavy advertisements.
- He honored Doug Elliot's death.

The administrator also introduced the new Office Assistant/BOE Clerk, Genesis Herrera, to the board and audience.

09:31 AM **Public Comment**

- Michelle Andres

09:35 AM **Executive Session (as needed)**

The board recessed the regular meeting for a 15-minute executive session under RCW 42.30.110.1(i) (iii). Litigation scheduled to resume at 9:52 a.m.

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

09:52 AM At approximately 09:52 a.m., the Clerk of the Board reconvened the meeting and announced a 10-minute extension of the executive session under the same RCW 42.30.110(1)(i)(iii). The meeting was set to resume at 10:02 a.m.

10:03 AM At approximately 10:03 a.m., the chair reconvened the regular meeting without any decisions being made.

10:04 AM **Other Business**

Before adjourning the meeting, Commissioner Bauman presented the official patch design of the Corrections Department and the Chief's new badge to the audience. He also shared details about the swearing-in ceremonies for the Corrections staff, highlighting the participation of Washington State Senator Perry Dozier, who administered the oath to Chief Keilen Harmon.

The chair also congratulated the department and the Chief for his hard work. In addition to this, He discussed a resolution that prevents states like California and Washington from enforcing their electric vehicle mandates or banning gas, diesel, and electric vehicles. This restriction comes after Congress limited the EPA's authority over these regulations. On May 22, the Senate passed a resolution that overturned California's rules requiring automakers to increase sales of hybrid and zero-emission vehicles, following the House's approval of the resolution on April 30, 2025. Several other states, including Washington and Oregon, have adopted similar vehicle emission rules. The recent decision by Congress is seen as being disconnected from scientific understanding and the public's wishes.

10:06 AM **Adjourn**

5 to 15-minute break if needed

10:07 AM **Call Workshop to Order**

Commissioner Didier called the workshop to order

10:07 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

10:07 AM **Public Comment**

- None

10:08 AM

Workshop.

- 1) County-Wide Policies (CWPP) for a comprehensive update process. *Presented by Wes McCart, Franklin County Planning and Building Director.*

10:38 AM

Public Comment

None

10:38 AM

Other Business

None

10:39 AM

Adjourn

With no further business to bring before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 10:39 a.m.

Clint Didier, Chair

Teresa Alvarez, Clerk of the Board

6-18-2025

Date