



BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
FRANKLIN COUNTY
WASHINGTON

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District 3

Keith Johnson
County Administrator

AGENDA
Regular Board Meeting and Public Hearing
Tuesday, March 19, 2019

Franklin County Courthouse, Commissioners' Meeting Room
1016 North Fourth Avenue, Pasco, Washington

This is a preliminary agenda. Discussion items may be added, deleted or modified. Public Hearings will not start earlier than the advertised time. Other agenda times are approximate and provided to aid in planning.

- 9:00 a.m. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance**
- 9:02 a.m. Approval of Minutes**
February 5, 2019 Commissioners' Meeting Minutes
February 20, 2019 Commissioners' Meeting Minutes
- 9:03 a.m. Request for Proposals- Bid Opening HVAC Services at TRAC Facilities**
- 9:10 a.m. Public Hearing for Declaration of Surplus via Public Auction**
Presented by Public Works Director Matt Mahoney
(Resolution 2019-079 upon approval)
- 9:25 a.m. Benton Franklin Recovery Coalition Presentation**
- 9:40 a.m. WSU Extension Update on Regional Forage Programing**
Presented by Dr. Steve Norberg Ph.D. Forage & Irrigated Systems Regional Specialist
- 9:55 a.m. Speed Limit Ordinance Revision**
Presented by County Engineer Craig Erdman
(Ordinance 01-2019 upon approval in future) just needed consensus today
- 10:10 a.m. Public Comment**
- 10:15 a.m. Office Business**
1. Approval of Payroll Rosters
 2. Approval of Warrant Registers
 3. Approval of Consent Agenda
1. Resolution 2019-080 Salary Administration and Compensation Review Policy v2
 2. Resolution 2019-081 Stockpile Agreement Star School District #054

3. Resolution 2019-082 Disposition of WY-2402, a Swenson Model EV-100 Sand Spreader
4. Resolution 2019-083 Project Prospectus County Road Project 618-Safety-Rumble Strips
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6. Resolution 2019-085 Public Works Contract to Install New Carpet in Superior Court Clerk's Office

10:20 a.m. Administration Office Business

- Office Business

10:25 a.m. Public Comment

10:30 a.m. Executive Session (if necessary)

10:35 a.m. Adjourn



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9:00 a.m.

Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

Commission Chairman Robert Koch 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 Robert Koch, Chair Pro Tem Brad Peck and Member Clint Didier

Staff Present: County Administrator Keith Johnson, Sheriff Jim Raymond, Auditor Matt Beaton, Coroner Curtis McGary, Chief Deputy Prosecuting Attorney Jennifer Johnson, Deputy Prosecuting Attorney Teresa Chen, Human Resources Director Carlee Nave, Planning and Building Director Derrick Braaten, Public Works Director Matt Mahoney, County Engineer Craig Erdman, Noxious Weed Control Program Coordinator Todd Harris, Luis Esquivel, Weed Board and Clerk of the Board Karin Milham

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❖ *Commissioners' Meeting Minutes approved as presented.*

9:03 a.m. **Request for Proposals- Bid Opening HVAC Services at TRAC Facilities**

- Bid from Apollo Heating and Air-\$103,408.92

9:05 a.m. **Public Hearing for Declaration of Surplus via Public Auction**

Public Works Director Matt Mahoney made a recommendation to the Board in regards to disposal of County owned surplus, which includes vehicles that have reached the end of their useful life. The sale of said surplus, would be over seen by the Public Works Director, on behalf of the County Sheriff, and the County Coroner, to dispose of the property via Public Auction, and to therefore have the County Auditor remove the vehicles from the inventory lists for the Motor Vehicle (ER&R) Fund, the County Sheriff Fund, and the County Coroner Fund.

Commissioner Koch opened the Public Hearing at 9:07 a.m. to hear testimony for or against surplus disposal via Public Auction. No public testimony was given.

❖ *Commissioner Peck moved to approve Resolution 2019-079, Declaring County-Owned Property as Surplus and Authorization of Disposal via Public Auction as presented. Commissioner Didier seconded and the motion carried.*



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9:08 a.m. **Benton Franklin Recovery Coalition Presentation**

- Michele Gerber, Ph.D. is a longtime resident from the Tri-Cities and retired from Hanford. She is the mother of five, Founder and President of Benton Franklin Recovery Coalition (BFRC). Dr. Gerber gave a background of how the coalition formed. She struggled with the addiction of two of her own children, recovery of one child and death of another.

She also went on to explain the core goals and purposes of the BFRC. The BFRC is a new 501-C3 non-profit organization in the Tri-Cities. Its mission is to improve opportunities for recovery from drug addiction, and remove barriers to recovery, in Benton and Franklin Counties. The Coalition's main purposes are education and advocacy. The Coalition will not operate facilities or provide any direct services, but serves to bring together community leaders from various disciplines, along with family advocates and persons in recovery, to advocate for new approaches to the addiction epidemic. The Coalition is composed of law enforcement personnel, attorneys, doctors, nurses, behavioral health counselors, treatment providers, experts in addiction studies, and various other persons interested in implementing pro-active improvement to addiction treatment and recovery. The Coalition is not a support group, but is a tightly focused activity group. It meets once a month in general session, and has four major committees; Medical; Housing and Physical Spaces; Law Enforcement, Jails and Legal; and Public Information.

- Sheriff Jerry Hatcher from Benton County is a board member of the Coalition. He spoke to the Commissioners about bringing various organizations together and using those skills and assets to help the community to have a comprehensive way to combat the drug addiction and road to recovery. The Coalition is looking for an effective detox facility. Sheriff Hatcher is looking into repurposing part of a jail facility to provide a secure safe detox area for a medical professional partner to run the program. We are also looking into the Prosecuting Attorney's Office to defer addicts to this facility.

Sheriff Hatcher mentioned that they have received a grant to collaborate with the hospitals and Ideal Options to bring these individuals down off opioids.

- Commissioner Peck stated an observation in a recent news report he watched from KOMO 4 station titled "Seattle is dying". He agreed in the combined effort to produce a result oriented focus using accountability and compassion.
- Commissioner Didier also watched the news report and felt as though it encouraged and enabled addicts to continue with their drug addictions.

He applauded Dr. Gerber for getting the coalition together to combat this problem. Commissioner Didier added that he was against any needle exchange program.



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- Dr. Amy Person stated that this is not a simple solution, and agreed that this coalition is using multiple programs. Dr. Person is using this platform to educate providers on addiction and the safe practice of prescribing prescriptions.
- Sheriff Jim Raymond does not believe in the needle exchange program, however, he felt this coalition is doing great things and will help the community with public health concerns. He invited Commissioner Didier to attend a meeting so he can observe the program first hand.
- William Waters a doctor of Psychology had lived in the state of Kentucky and witnessed the infestation of opioids. He reported that private funding did not work in this area. As a member of the coalition, he felt that utilizing all groups and coming together for the common good would give greater results in recovery. Using various groups offers us different options to work with.
- Tim Dickerson, Franklin County Deputy Prosecutor for fifteen years, has primarily worked with drug cases through various entities. He is a member of the coalition as well and supports what they are doing. There is an outstanding need for a multi-faceted approach to drug use and addiction. Mr. Dickerson stated that treatment needed to be different for those who are addicted other than going to jail, because this is not working.
- LaWanda Hatch supports the coalition and creating a detox center. Ms. Hatch adamantly opposes a needle exchange program. She is concerned that the exchange was not a 1-1 exchange, and questioned if needles were marked, so they could be tracked and identified for data use. There are many ways to help addicts; however, giving free needles is not one of them. Walla Walla Blue Mountain Heart to Heart stated that approximately 25 individuals from Tri-Cities were using their program. In less than a year, they are now serving 330 in Tri-Cities. She spoke of friends and their interactions with needles being found in various public places as well as their own back yards.
- Bill McKay was one hundred percent behind the coalition but is opposed to any needle exchange. He described a Ben Franklin transit employee who quit because of addicts shooting up on buses, leaving used needles on buses and persons being unruly on buses, and he received no support from Management. He sees a need to do things to support families.
- Wendy Robins, business owner in Kennewick spoke on treating symptoms and not taking care of the source. She stated that until you stop the source, the symptoms would continue. It has adversely affected her business, as she has lost students and an instructor since the needle exchange program opened in an office nearby her studio. The needle exchange is a big deal as it continues to be part of the source, which needs addressing.
- Carolyn Wright had lost a child to drugs because he had access to needles he could use. She plead with the Board not to allow needle exchanges.



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10:13 a.m. **WSU Extension Update on Regional Forage Programing**

WSU Extension Director Tim Waters spoke about late planting that will be taking place in our area due to unusual weather we have experienced this winter. He also stated it would most likely be a shorter growing season as well.

Dr. Steve Norberg Ph.D. Forage & Irrigated Systems Regional Specialist explained three main extension programmatic areas.

- Alfalfa variety trials: Provide the best information possible for variety selection for hay production.
- Forage nutrient management: Create guidelines and tools for timothy fertility, especially nitrogen
- Improved forage systems: Decrease the cost of producing forages and /or increase the value per acre, Alternative forages
- They receive support from public companies that provide seed to do trial research
- Alfalfa variety trials had \$22,900 of fees generated came from major private seed companies
- Soil fertility forage program: Struvite- Phosphorus fertilizer from municipal water treatment facilities and dairies, Dairy farmers limited to apply manure on phosphorus basis, Forage producers need phosphorus
- Funded Research: 2018 National Alfalfa Forage Alliance Grant for \$50,000 and Joe Harrison, Dairy Specialist, has taken phosphorus from dairies and turn into struvite for the fields.
- Determining genetic factors from 150 varies from all over the world and testing to see what works best
- Researchers from: WA, OR, ID, and WI received a total grant award of \$250,000 to test Alfalfa seed growth.

10:35 a.m. **Speed Limit Ordinance Revision**

County Engineer Craig Erdman came before the Board to get consensus to move forward on the setting of speed limits in Franklin County. The Public Works Department had determined, based on an engineering and traffic investigation, that conditions have changed and warrant these changes.

❖ *The Commissioners were in agreement to move forward with this project.*

10:45 a.m. **Public Comment**

- Scott Long asked when Bellevue Road would be fixed and opened up to citizens.
- Jeff Ossman asked the time line of getting Bellevue Road open and Taylor Flats Road.
- Lisa Allen-Hickman stated her concern with elderly people who have health issues and need the roads opened and she would like to see traffic slow down.
- Stephen Bauman stated that cold patch on road surfaces will hold up if done properly.
- Manuela Curiel explained that her son drove a woman to her home and crossed through the roadway and was given a ticket.
- Mark Kraft lives on Alder and asked Public Works to lower the speed limit on Bellevue.



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- o Public Works Director Matt Mahoney recognized the public's frustrations and concerns. He addressed all of their questions and verified that the Public Works Department is doing everything in their power to take care of the roads in a safe and expeditious manner.

11:15 a.m. Approval of Fund Expenditure Warrants



1014 N 4th Ave, Pasco,
WA 99301
509-545-3502

Franklin County Commissioners:

3/19/2019

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

Action: As of this date, 3/19/2019

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.

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| Warrants / Check Numbers: | 00345727 | - | 00345897 | \$459,444.81 |
| EFT Check Numbers: | 00000109 | - | 00000112 | \$9,641.28 |
| | | | | <u>\$469,086.09</u> |

| FUND Expenditures | AMOUNT ISSUED |
|---------------------------------|----------------------|
| Current Expense | 79,068.35 |
| Auditor O & M | 573.82 |
| Election Equipment Revolving | 663.34 |
| Courthouse Facilitator Program | 972.50 |
| Enhanced 911 | 91,401.80 |
| County Roads | 158,089.37 |
| Veteran's Assistance | 1,409.91 |
| Ending Homelessness Fund | 8,447.00 |
| TRAC Renewal & Replacement Fund | 267.56 |
| TRAC Operations Fund | 68,066.12 |
| Franklin County RV Facility | 9,774.26 |
| Motor Vehicle/Public Works | 50,352.06 |

In the amount of 469,086.09

The motion was seconded by

And passed by a vote of 3 to 0

Reviewed by County Administrator

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

Vouchers Audited By:
Rosa Gomez

❖ *Commissioner Peck moved to approve Fund Expenditures audited and certified by the auditing officer for warrants prepared for the week of March 19, 2019 for payment totaling \$469,086.09. Commissioner Didier seconded and the motion carried.*



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11:16 a.m. Approval of Consent Agenda

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❖ *Commissioner Peck moved to approve the Consent Agenda 2-6 with discussion on items 4-5-6 and pulling item 1 for separate discussion. Commissioner Didier seconded. After discussion on items 4-5-6, the motion carried.*

❖ *After Discussion on Resolution 2019-080, Commissioner Peck moved to approve as presented. Commissioner Didier seconded.*

11:34 a.m. Administration Office Business

- Friends of Sacajawea State Park is a non-profit organization requesting a contribution to help sponsor "Heritage Days" that put on each year. We do have funds available in the Historic Preservation and Mr. Johnson was looking for a consensus from the Board to move forward with this if they wish.

Commissioner Peck does not support using local historical preservation funds for programs run by the State. He believed County and City programs would be a more appropriate use of the historical preservation funds. Commissioner Koch agreed with Commissioner Peck and denied support for requested contribution. Commissioner Didier was not familiar enough with the historical preservation funds and its purposes to weigh in.

11:37 a.m. Public Comment

- Roger Lenk distributed copy of the Washington Policy Center September 2018 report on Ben Franklin Transit (BFT) Authority to each County Commissioner. Mr. Lenk thanked Commissioner Koch and Commissioner Didier for attending the BFT meetings as Franklin County representatives. He is concerned with the operational expenditure increase of 15% with reduced routes and times of services. He asked that the Authority rely more heavily on privatization that would reduce the operation costs significantly, instead of driving nearly empty large buses and increasing our carbon footprint.

Adjourn

With no further business to bring before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

Chair

Handwritten signature of the Chair in blue ink.

Clerk of the Board

Handwritten signature of the Clerk of the Board in blue ink.

Date

4-23-2019