



Keith Johnson
County Administrator

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
FRANKLIN COUNTY
WASHINGTON

BRAD PECK
District 1

ROCKY MULLEN
District 2

CLINT DIDIER
District 3

AGENDA
Regular Board Meeting
Tuesday November 9, 2021

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.

Mask required for in person attendance

Join us live stream on YouTube – Franklin County WA Commissioners Meeting (current date)

9:00 a.m. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

9:02 a.m. Office Business

1. Approval of Payroll Rosters
2. Approval of Warrant Registers
3. Approval of Consent Agenda

1. Resolution 2021-253 Continuity of Government in an Emergency Situation
2. Resolution 2021-254 2022 ER&R Rental Rates
3. Resolution 2021-255 Contract between Juvenile Justice and Washington Collectors Tri-Cities Inc.
4. Resolution 2021-256 Lumen IQ SIP and Internet Services Order
5. Resolution 2021-257 Purchase of Two Pickups in Assessor's Office
6. Resolution 2021-258 Vaccine Verification County Employee Requirements- **PULLED**
7. Award Letter for County Road Project 625 Guardrail Blanton Road

9:05 a.m. Commissioner/Administrator Updates

9:15 a.m. Public Comment by Phone: 509-546-5859

*We welcome your comments, as they are important to us.
Please limit your comments to three minutes.*

9:20 a.m. Franklin County Horticultural Pest and Disease Control Board 2022 Budget
Presented by Director Pam Loa (Resolution 2021-259)

9:30 a.m. Telecommuting Policy (Resolution 2021-260)
Presented by Human Resources Director Carlee Nave

9:40 a.m. Income Tax Opposition (Resolution 2021 –261)
Presented by County Administrator Keith Johnson

9:50 a.m. Administration Office Business

9:55 a.m. Public Comment

10:05 a.m. Executive Session 15 min.

RCW 42.30.110(1)(c) to consider the minimum offering price for the sale of real estate

10:20 a.m. Closed Session 30 min.

RCW 42.30.140(4)(b) – Collective Bargaining

10:50 a.m. Adjourn



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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

TECHNICAL DIFFICULTIES

9:01 a.m. Approval of Fund Expenditure Warrants

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Franklin County Commissioners:

Vouchers audited and certified by the auditing officer by RCW 42.24.080, expense reimbursement claims.
Action: As of this date, 11/09/2021

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:	00375873 - 00375994	\$841,752.09
EFT Check Numbers:	00000971 - 00000972	\$2,420.52
		<u>\$844,172.61</u>

Fund Expenditures

Amount Issued

CURRENT EXPENSE	\$421,886.25
SUPPLEMENTAL PRESERVATION	\$900.00
TREASURER O & M	\$1,240.00
EDA CARES ACT RECOVERY ASSIST	\$70,980.00
BOATING SAFETY	\$547.32
ENHANCED 911	\$2,486.95
COUNTY ROADS	\$303,890.62
LAW LIBRARY	\$947.92
AFFORDABLE HOUSING	\$1,520.05
CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND	\$180.00
THE HAPC CENTER	\$28,998.42
FRANKLIN COUNTY RV PARK	\$4,851.04
MOTOR VEHICLE	\$5,744.04

In the amount of:

\$844,172.61

The motion was seconded by: Bruce Peck

And passed by a vote of: 3 to 0

Reviewed by the County Administrator: [Signature]

The attached vouchers have been approved by Auditor or Deputy:
Matt Beaton

Vouchers Audited By:
Paola Mendoza

- ❖ *Commissioner Mullen moved to approve Fund Expenditures audited and certified by the auditing officer for warrants prepared for the week of November 9, 2021 for payment totaling \$844,172.61. Commissioner Peck seconded and the motion carried.*



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❖ *Commissioner Didier pulled item number 6 on Monday morning November 8, 2021.*

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❖ *Commissioner Peck requested # 5 be pulled for separate discussion.*

❖ *Commissioner Mullen moved to approve items 1-4 and 7 with #5 being pulled for separate discussion. Commissioner Peck seconded and the motion carried.*

❖ *Commissioner Mullen moved to approve consent item #5. Commissioner Didier seconded and the motion carried.*

9:09 a.m. Commissioner/Administrator Updates

Administrator Keith Johnson update

- Working with Auditor Office and Budget
- No progress on the ARPA infrastructure
- Meet with City Officials and Manager of HAPO Center Tom French with upgrades and operating expenses. Discussed the ball fields and improvements there as well.
- Port of Pasco discussion on special financing for the Rieman Industry Area
- WSAC County Leaders Conference

Commissioner Peck update

- Columbia Basin Development League
- Port of Pasco discussion on special financing for the Rieman Industry Area
- Behavioral Health Mobile crises
- WSAC Federal Issues Committee
- WSAC- Vaccine Mandate

Commissioner Mullen update

- Port of Pasco discussion on special financing for the Rieman Industry Area
- Local Decision Makers
- Behavioral Health Mobile crises
- Visit Tri-Cities annual meeting



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Commissioner Didier update

Took a few days off to go to mountains

Ben Franklin Transit- rebranding wrap of buses will cost four hundred and fifty thousand dollars.

9:15 a.m. Public Comment

- Clay Whipple concerned with corrupt system. Complaint with Planning Department and property rights.
- John Rose handed information to the Board on Front Line Critical Care Covid and treatments that are working.
- Lawanda Hatch grateful for the stay on the vaccine as the government looks into real science.

9:24 a.m. Franklin County Horticultural Pest and Disease Control Board 2022 Budget

Director Pam Loa provided a PowerPoint presentation to the Board which included a review of the Highlights during the year 2021.

- ❖ *Commissioner Peck moved to approve Resolution 2021-259 Franklin County Horticultural Pest and Disease budget 2022. Commissioner Mullen seconded and the motion carried.*

9:44 a.m. Telecommuting Policy

Human Resources Director Carlee Nave presented the Board with information on working remotely without a formal policy in place. This policy would support the function of working remotely.

- ❖ *Commissioner Peck moved to approve Resolution 2021-260 in the matter of Telecommuting Policy as presented. Commissioner Mullen seconded and the motion carried.*

9:47 a.m. Income Tax Opposition

County Administrator Keith Johnson brought this resolution before the Board as a request from the Board at a prior meeting. There are a number of municipalities in Eastern Washington that have adopted these local resolutions that would, in principle, oppose any effort to impose a local income tax. The State Constitution generally prohibits a state income tax, however, there have been some entities which strive to go around that constitution to create revenue. This resolution would state that the Commissioners do not support an income tax.

Commissioner Peck does not support an income tax, however the resolution seems to be redundant and unnecessary. There is no legal review on this resolution.

- ❖ *Commissioner Mullen moved to approve Resolution 2021-261, Income Tax Opposition. Commissioner Didier seconded and the motion carried 2:1. Commissioner Peck opposed with basis stated (unnecessary and no legal review).*



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9:58 a.m. Administration Office Business

- December 7, 2021 Commissioners Meeting scheduled in the evening at the HAPO Center to discuss the one tenth of one percent tax for mental health and drug abuse programs.
- Redistricting Meeting scheduled for December 15, 2021 at Robinson Elementary School 125 S. Wehe Street Pasco, WA.

9:59 a.m. Public Comment

- John Rose complemented the Elections Staff and the outstanding work that they do. He was able to participate as an observer while ballots were being counted. He thanked the Commissioners for taking a stand against income tax.
 - Steve Bauman thanked Mr. Rose for his comments. Mr. Bauman read from the Resolution "Whereas, the Board of Franklin County Commissioners desires to declare its position regarding the potential for local governments to impose a local income tax is prohibited". He thanked the Sheriff for his letter and declaring his position openly. He thanked the Auditors office for doing an amazing job and he has confidence in the election process in Franklin County.
 - Commissioner Peck rebutted and stated his position as to why he did not support resolution 2021-261.
 - Steve Bauman thanked the Commissioners for taking a stand on the income tax resolution, as it allows the public to know where they stand. He thanked them for their leadership.
- ❖ 10:11 a.m. *Commissioner Didier recessed into Executive Session for up to 15 minutes under, RCW 42.30.110(1)(c) to consider the minimum offering price for the sale of real estate.*

Those participating are Commissioner Didier, Commissioner Mullen, Commissioner Peck, County Administrator Keith Johnson, Clerk of the Board Karin Milham, Treasurer Josie Koelzer, Chief Deputy Rusian Stetskiy and Foreclosure Deputy Whitney Hottell.

- ❖ 10:27 a.m. *Commissioner Didier reconvened the Regular meeting.*
- ❖ 10:28 a.m. *Commissioner Didier recessed into Closed Session for up to 30 minutes to discuss RCW 42.30.140(4)(b) – Collective Bargaining.*

Those participating are Commissioner Didier, Commissioner Mullen, Commissioner Peck, County Administrator Keith Johnson, Clerk of the Board Karin Milham and Human Resources Director Carlee Nave.

- ❖ 10:43 a.m. *Commissioner Didier reconvened the Regular meeting.*



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- ❖ ***10:43 a.m. Commissioner Didier recessed into Executive Session at 10:43 a.m., for up to 20 minutes to discuss RCW 42.30.110(1)(i) – Potential Litigation.***

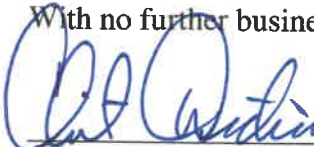
Those participating are Commissioner Didier, Commissioner Mullen, Commissioner Peck, County Administrator Keith Johnson, Clerk of the Board Karin Milham and Human and Chief Civil Deputy Prosecuting Attorney Jennifer Johnson.

- ❖ ***11:05 a.m. Commissioner Didier reconvened the Regular meeting.***


Commissioner Didier mentioned that the Chair of the Planning Commission resigned due to the mask mandate.

Adjourn

With no further business to bring before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 11:07 a.m.


Chair


Clerk of the Board


Date