



**Keith Johnson**  
County Administrator

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
**FRANKLIN COUNTY**  
**WASHINGTON**

**BRAD PECK**  
District 1

**ROCKY MULLEN**  
District 2

**CLINT DIDIER**  
District 3

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**AGENDA**  
**Regular Board Meeting**  
**Tuesday January 18, 2022**

HAPO CENTER 6600 Burden Blvd, 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**

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**7:00 p.m. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance**

**7:01 p.m. Office Business**

1. Approval of Payroll Rosters
2. Approval of Warrant Registers
3. Approval of Consent Agenda
  
1. Resolution 2022-009 Franklin County RV Park Camp Host Contract 2022
2. Resolution 2022-010 Bi-County Non Bargaining Benefits for 2022
3. Resolution 2022-011 Bi-County Non Bargaining Wages for 2022
4. Resolution 2022-012 Copier Lease for the Auditor's Office
5. Resolution 2022-013 Data Cloud Solutions-Woolpert Software Agreement
6. Resolution 2022-014 SUB 2021-01 Columbia Bluff Subdivision
7. Resolution 2022-015 SUB 2017-02 Burns Estates Subdivision Phase 3
8. Franklin County School Choice Week Proclamation

**7:05 p.m. Commissioner/Administrator Updates**

**7:15 p.m. Public Comment by Phone: 509-546-5859**

*We welcome your comments. Please limit your comments to three minutes.*

**7:30 p.m. CLOSED RECORD PUBLIC HEARING**

**CUP 2021-13 and SEPA 2021-19 Group Care Facility**

*Presented by Planning and Building Director Derrick Braaten*

*Resolutions 2022-016*

**7:45 p.m. Administration Office Business**

**7:50 p.m. Public Comment**

**7:55 p.m. Adjourn**



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7:00 p.m.

## Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

Commission Chairman Clint Didier called the Franklin County Commissioners' Regular Board Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m., at the HAPO CENTER 6600 Burden Blvd, Pasco, Washington

**Commissioners Present:** Commission Chair Clint Didier, Chair Pro Tem Rocky Mullen and Member Brad Peck

## 7:01 p.m. Approval of Fund Expenditure Warrants

01/18/2022

### Franklin County Commissioners:

Vouchers audited and certified by the auditing officer by RCW 42.24.088 expense reimbursement claims.  
Action: As of this date, 01/18/2022  
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:	00378015 - 00378098	\$467,495.47
EFT Check Numbers:	00001033 - 00001036	\$1,947.50
		<u>\$469,442.97</u>

Fund Expenditures	Amount Issued
CURRENT EXPENSE	\$295,378.68
TREASURER O & M	\$219.39
COURTHOUSE FACILITATOR	\$1,060.00
SHERIFF SEX OFFENDER GRANT	\$1,575.00
COUNTY ROADS	\$121,982.00
ENDING HOMELESSNESS	\$21,727.48
BF MENTAL HEALTH	\$43.50
FRANKLIN COUNTY RV PARK	\$5,817.78
MOTOR VEHICLE	\$21,639.14

In the amount of: \$469,442.97

The motion was seconded by: Brad Peck

And passed by a vote of: 3 to 0

Reviewed by the County Administrator: Jeff A. Burckhard

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

PAW  
Vouchers Audited By:  
Paola Mendoza

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- ❖ *Commissioner Mullen moved to approve Fund Expenditures audited and certified by the auditing officer for warrants prepared for the week of January 18, 2022 for payment totaling \$469,442.97. Commissioner Peck seconded and the motion carried.*

## Consent Agenda

1. Resolution 2022-009 Franklin County RV Park Camp Host Contract 2022
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- ❖ *Commissioner Mullen moved to approve Consent Agenda items 1-8 as presented. Commissioner Peck seconded and the motion carried.*

## 7:05 p.m. Commissioner/Administrator Updates

### Administrator Keith Johnson

- Shoreline Reconveyance Regional meeting with Tribal Attorney
- Regional PILT (Payments in Lieu of Taxes) for federally owned land in Franklin County
- State Health Board meeting
- Discussion on Legislation
- Discussion on COVID mask mandates at schools
- Discussion on Juvenile Justice Center improvements

### Commissioner Peck

- WSAC Legislative Steering Committee
- Working to undo the "Blake decision"

### Commissioner Mullen

- Benton Franklin Health District- duties of Chair

### Commissioner Didier

- State Board of Health Meeting and Vaccine mandate -3597 pages of opposition to the mandate and seven thousand-five hundred people signed up to speak at the capital.
- Port of Pasco Meeting – Tax Increment Financing TIF
- Ben Franklin Transit wants a build new facility worth seventeen million dollars



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Commissioner Peck suggested moving the Public Comment after the closed record hearing.

❖ 7:14 p.m. ***Commissioner Didier opened the Closed Record Public Hearing.***  
**CUP 2021-13 and SEPA 2021-19 Group Care Facility**

Planning and Building Director Derrick Braaten presented the background and additional information on CUP 2021-13 in a PowerPoint presentation. After a brief discussion, the Commissioners brought it to a vote.

❖ ***Commissioner Peck moved to approve CUP 2021-13 and SEPA 2021-19 Mirror Ministries Group Care Facility, Resolutions 2022-016. Commissioner Mullen seconded. The motion carried 2:1 with Commissioner Didier opposed.***

7:42 p.m. **Public Comment**

- Citizen opposed the CUP because no one would answer questions about farming and other unresolved issues.
- Noel Price opposed the CUP due to farming restrictions with pesticide sprays and the legal setbacks imposed. This is a hardship of his livelihood and other farmers adjoining the property.
- Lawanda Hatch agreed that the state law for fumigants is strict and with the CUP not having a legal description and could be considered a school affects the boundaries in which farmers can fumigate.
- David Sorenson attended the first Planning Commission meeting and he received misinformation. He asked if those occupying the home would be detained, four different times. He did not receive an answer. He asked if it would be considered a school.
- Dennis opposed the CUP because Franklin County recognizes it as one thing and Washington State recognizes it as another. He voiced his concern on farming and target shooting on his own property will not be permitted now.
- Commissioner Mullen stated, as in the documents, that the CUP does give the farmer the right to farm under the Franklin County Code. The CUP cannot infringe on the farmers rights.
- Steve Bauman was grateful for the compassion of those who meet the needs of this group. There are specific rules and guidelines in which they must follow and he supports the group.
- Lawanda Hatch does not trust the government as they say things just to get things past. She does not trust the Franklin County Planning Director, as he has been wrong on some data. She is concerned with the chemical application and those living in the residence.



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- Planning and Building Director Derick Braaten apologized for the miscommunicating. He stated there was one written comment. There were spoken comments, which are in the Planning Commission Minutes. He was addressing the written comment when he spoke earlier. Under Washington State Law, local jurisdictions must treat group housing that have six members or less as a residence.
- John Rose spoke of our county's open border. We need to stop the problem at the source. The gangs and human trafficking persons will bring danger to our neighborhoods. He has concerns of not being able to protect ourselves as well as others.
- David Hannum opposes the vaccine mandate.
- George Dockstader glad that the Commissioners supported Mirror Ministries. He was disappointed that they were not able to obtain the first piece of property they chose. It leaves an impression that people who live on the river are better than those who live in the country.
- Citizen asked if the residents occupying the home would be illegals.
- Citizen sent emails in opposition as well as others in the room. He did not believe that the data given in the report, in opposition was correct.
- Lawanda Hatch spoke of a farmer who sprayed his field and it killed the bees of a new neighbor. The new neighbor sued the farmer. Everyone has the right to farm, which does not mean others do not have the right to sue. The first time a girl at the residence gets sick, they will most likely sue.

### 8:18 p.m. **Administration Business**

- The Historical Society is requesting to use the rotunda for their "Dinner under the Dome" event May 22, 2022. Mr. Johnson will bring forth a contract on a later date.
- Discussion of hiring a County Veterans Service Officer in the future. Mr. Johnson requested a Bi-County meeting to discuss the matter. Tentatively scheduled for February 23, 2022.

### 8:20 p.m. **Public Comment**

- John Rose had a public health comment on abusive relationship points produced by the Workplace Mental Health Institute. He read several of the points a loud and correlated those points to the government and its abusive behavior towards its citizens. He suggested it was naïve to think that the vaccine does not kill people.
- David Hannum talked about vaccines and the ill effects upon receiving them.



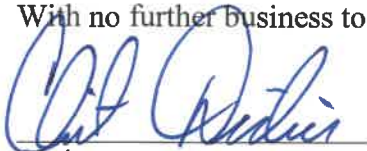
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- George Dockstader inquired as to who is appointing the other Board members to the Benton Franklin Health District Board.
- Lawanda Hatch had concerns as to Tribal members being call to the Board, whom would they answer to. She voiced her concerns that Commissioner Peck showed up at a Commissioner meeting sick with COVID and the mask did not do anything to protect others.
- Commissioner Peck did not have a positive COVID test when he came to the meeting and he was wearing a mask to protect others. He explained the Health Board was an ex officio position, meaning the Board member has the position because of the office that person holds.
- John Rose talked about the detention centers and the use for detaining those with COVID. Mask mandates are not law. The vaccines are not a vaccine, it is an experimental agent and we are the test subjects. They do not prevent obtaining or spreading of the virus. Masks do not work.
- Lawanda Hatch asked why Commissioner Peck refused to protect the Constitution by removing himself from meetings because people in attendance were not wearing a mask.
- David Hannum read an article, which spoke of a global conspiracy against God and Humanity. He asked the pharmacy about the ingredients list for the vaccine and there was none given.
- Steve Bauman concerned about the Health Board expansion. He asked the Commissioners to give a presentation on what the appointment process would look like and other items regarding the Health Board.

### Adjourn

With no further business to bring before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 8:48 p.m.

  
Chair

  
Clerk of the Board

  
Date