



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 May 10, 2022**

*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.

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

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

**9:01 a.m. Approval of Minutes**

- *April 29, 2022 Commissioners Special Meeting Minutes*

**9:01 a.m. Office Business**

1. Approval of Payroll Rosters
  2. Approval of Warrant Registers
  3. Approval of Consent Agenda
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1. Resolution 2022-100 Contract between Office of Public Defense and Julie Karl for Dependency Cases
  2. Resolution 2022-101 Major Equipment Lease Purchase Caterpillar 150 Motor Grader

**9:02 a.m. Commissioner/Administrator Updates**

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

*We welcome your comments. Please limit your comments to 3 minutes.*

**9:20 a.m. Administration Office Business**

- **McKinstry HAPO Center energy update - 30 minutes**
- **Discussion on Internal Competition for Personnel – 20 minutes**

**11:10 a.m. Public Comment**

**11:15 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

## **9:01 a.m. Approval of Minutes**

- *April 29, 2022 Commissioners Special Meeting Minutes approved as presented.*

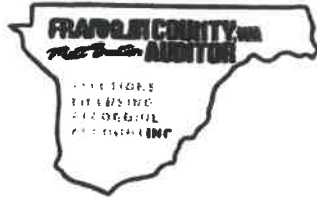
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9:01 a.m. Approval of Fund Expenditure Warrants



1016 N 4th Ave  
Pasco, WA 99301  
(509) 545-3502

05/10/2022

Franklin County Commissioners:

Vouchers audited and certified by the auditing officer by RCW 42.24.080, expense reimbursement claims.  
Action: As of this date, 05/10/2022  
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:	00381485 - 00381582	\$135,136.75
EFT Check Numbers:	00001145 - 00001149	\$8,605.00
		<u>\$143,741.75</u>

Fund Expenditures	Amount Issued
CURRENT EXPENSE	\$24,018.48
COUNTY ROADS	\$11,423.98
SOLID WASTE	\$14.79
LAW LIBRARY	\$1,699.65
ENDING HOMELESSNESS	\$1,125.82
FRANKLIN COUNTY RV PARK	\$2,093.42
MOTOR VEHICLE	\$103,365.61

In the amount of: \$143,741.75 ✓

The motion was seconded by: Brad Peck

And passed by a vote of: 2 to 0

Reviewed by the County Administrator: Keith F. Jones

Thomas Westerman  
The attached vouchers have been approved by Auditor or Deputy:  
Thomas Westerman

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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 May 10, 2022 for payment totaling \$143,741.75. Commissioner Peck seconded and the motion carried.



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## 9:03 a.m. Approval of Consent Agenda

1. Resolution 2022-100 Contract between Office of Public Defense and Julie Karl for Dependency Cases
2. Resolution 2022-101 Major Equipment Lease Purchase Caterpillar 150 Motor Grader

❖ *Commissioner Mullen moved to approve consent agenda items 1-2. Commissioner Peck seconded with discussion. After discussion, Commissioner Peck moved to amend the motion to exclude item #2 from the consent agenda. Commissioner Mullen seconded and the motion carried. Item #1 motion carried.*

## 9:07 a.m. Commissioner/Administrator Updates

### Administrator Keith Johnson update

- Virtual Hanford tour
- Met with Benton County to discuss the future of Law Library location
- ARPA Projects
- Acceptance of Metal Health Advisory Board will be brought before the Commissioners in the near future

### Commissioner Peck update

- WSAC Legislative Steering Committee- draft the legislative agenda for 2023 session
- Met with constituents on Shoreline Reconveyance
- Army Corps of Engineers update McNary Pool Shoreline program
- County Prosecuting Attorney Shawn Sant was commissioned to the U.S. Army as a Major in the Army Reserves

### Commissioner Mullen update

- Ben Franklin Transit voted for 18 and under would ride free starting June 1, 2022
- Purchase new software to make routing schedules more efficient.
- GCBH- additional money available for crisis.
- Elections Certifications Friday
- WSAC

### Commissioner Didier update

- Franklin County Veterans meeting-Hire PSO
- Benton Franklin Operations and Maintenance –cancelled
- Franklin County Clerk of the Board, Karin Milham hosted a 2-day, Washington Association of County Commissioner Clerks conference. Commissioner Didier and Administrator Keith Johnson welcomed them to Franklin County.
- Virtual Hanford tour
- Elections Certifications Thursday
- Ben Franklin Transit interviews for General Manager



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### 9:14 a.m. **Public Comment**

- Lawanda Hatch asked why the sealed documents are not released to the public.
- George Dockstader was concerned with allowing bureaucrats on the Mental Health Advisory Board.

### 9:17 a.m. **Administration Office Business**

McKinstry Company gave a brief update on the HAPO Center energy audit. A PowerPoint presentation included items, which need updating and the costs associated with those updates. They listed each item and the phases in which the work would be accomplished.

Administrator Keith Johnson asked for a consensus from the Board to move forward with phase 1 and using ARPA funds.

❖ *Commissioners were in support of moving forward with phase 1.*

### 9:54 a.m. **Discussion on Internal Competition for Personnel**

Administrator Keith Johnson started the conversation with remarks on the current influx of personnel moving to other departments to advance their selves. This is not an uncommon or unique issue, when employees would like to improve their livelihood and career. He admonished the Commissioners to be cautious not to implement a policy that would inhibit an employee to advance their careers and improve their circumstances.

Prosecuting Attorney Shawn Sant encouraged employees to advance themselves within the county in order to keep their value within Franklin County and not seek employment elsewhere.

Auditor Matt Beaton suggested a proviso for employees to stay until another employee has been trained in the position that was vacated.

Assessor John Rosenau explained that he had waited for several employees up to five months for some of them. He agreed that departments needed to work together to come to a mutual agreement, however, he did not want to disenfranchise the employee.

Chief Deputy Treasurer Ruslan Stetskiy stated that the Treasurer's office has had a similar problem with employees moving up to advance their careers. He explained a recent incident in which the employee and HR Director agreed to help finish tasks in the Treasurer's office before moving to the new department. He did not agree to institute a policy holding the employee back.

Sheriff Jim Raymond stated that the county is growing exponentially. He suggested looking at Maslow's theory in order to retain our employees.



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Office of Public Defense Director Larry Zeigler works with contractors. The State Supreme Court dictates whom he can hire and not hire. Attorney Shawn Sant can hire any of the attorney's; however, the OPD office operates under different rules. He wanted to know how he could hire someone without increase of pay to make the offer attractive. He asked Mr. Sant not to take any more of his current attorneys, as it is extremely difficult to find employees that meet the State Supreme Court requirements.

Commissioner Peck did not agree with making a policy, which included proviso when employees decide to change job positions.

Commissioner Mullen has never seen the workforce so low. Stating it was extremely difficult to find skilled employees. He did not agree with enforcing a restrictive policy for employees to advance themselves.

Commissioner Didier did not agree with a restrictive policy, however, he would like to see departments work together to enable a smooth transition. He would like to revisit compensation of positions.

### 10:27 a.m. Public Comment

- Lawanda Hatch suggested selling the HAPO Center. She suggested the County work with interns (students who wish to get involved with county business).
- George Dockstader believed that county jobs should be posted internally and to the public simultaneously. He would like to know how much money is generated by the HAPO Center. He suggested tearing it down and doing something different with the land.
- Human Resources Director Eric Wyant clarified the job postings process.
- Assessor John Rosenau stated, from a business standpoint if there is not a return in investments, you should not be investing in that investment. You should be looking at something else. He asked for the revenue numbers. Commissioner Peck stated the HAPO Center with the debt load, loses millions.
- Commissioner Mullen asked Prosecuting Attorney Shawn Sant if there was any court decision on the redistricting proposal. Mr. Sant replied, as of May 9, 2022, the proposal had been entered into the court and this part of litigation is final.
- Commissioner Didier asked about the opposition filed against hearing James Gimenez and Attorney Joel Ard. Mr. Sant stated that the opposition was not against the intervener, but opposition was toward the settlement. Motions for sanctions of CR11 will still take place on May 16, 2022.




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**Adjourn**

With no further business to bring before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 10:44 a.m.

  
Chair

  
Clerk of the Board

  
Date