



**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 August 30, 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**

**9:00 a.m. Commissioners Meeting Minutes**  
*August 16, 2022 Commissioners Meeting Minutes*  
*August 23, 2022 Commissioners Special Meeting*

**9:04 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 2022-201 Annual Title VI Accomplishments and Goals Report and Standard Assurances 2022
  2. Resolution 2022-202 PP-01 and LAA-S-02 for CN County Road Project 630 Ironwood Bridge
  3. Resolution 2022-203 IAA22167 Amendment 1 Administrative Office of the Courts Blake Reimbursements
  4. Resolution 2022-204 Hire an Accountant II at Step 2
  5. Resolution 2022-205 Procurement of One 2022 Ford Explorer for Prosecuting Attorney

**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. Closed Record Hearing CUP 2022-03 Roof Height Deviation Pheasant Run Lot 6**  
*Presented by Planning and Building Director Derrick Braaten*  
**Resolution 2022-206**

**9:30 a.m. Closed Record Hearing CUP 2022-05 Wireless Communications Tower**  
*Presented by Planning and Building Director Derrick Braaten*  
***Resolution 2022-207***

**9:40 a.m. Administration Office Business**

**9:50 a.m. Public Comment**

**10:00 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. *August 16, 2022 Commissioner's Meeting Minutes approved as presented.*  
*August 23, 2022 Commissioner's Special Meeting Minutes approved as presented.*

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

08/30/2022

Franklin County Commissioners:

Vouchers audited and certified by the auditing officer by RCW 42.24.080, expense reimbursement claims.  
Action: As of this date, 08/30/2022

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:	00385258 - 00385402	\$929,362.96
EFT Check Numbers:	00001246 - 00001257	\$58,303.10

\$987,666.06

Fund Expenditures

Amount Issued

CURRENT EXPENSE	\$474,522.98
AUDITOR O & M	\$1,594.39
EDA CARES ACT RECOVERY ASSIST	\$2,328.82
JAIL COMMISSARY	\$4,146.60
ENHANCED 911	\$4,664.90
COUNTY ROADS	\$323,747.79
VETERAN'S ASSISTANCE	\$367.53
ENDING HOMELESSNESS	\$8,497.75
AFFORDABLE HOUSING	\$127,413.00
THE HAPO CENTER	\$530.41
FRANKLIN COUNTY RV PARK	\$150.00
MOTOR VEHICLE	\$24,380.82
INSURANCE CLAIMS FUND	\$15,321.07

In the amount of:

\$987,666.06

The motion was seconded by: Brad Peck

And passed by a vote of: 3 to 0

Reviewed by the County Administrator: Jeff Burckhard

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

Vouchers Audited By:  
Tim Anderson



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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 August 30, 2022 for payment totaling \$987,666.06. Commissioner Peck seconded and the motion carried.*

## 9:04 a.m. Approval of Consent Agenda

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- ❖ *Commissioner Mullen moved to approve consent agenda items 1-5. Commissioner Peck seconded with discussion. Commissioner Didier requested item # 5 be pulled from the Consent Agenda to be discussed as a separate item. Discussion ensued on item #4. Item #5 was pulled for separate discussion, and consent items #1-4 were approved and the motion carried.*

After discussion on the procurement of one 2022 Ford Explorer for Prosecuting Attorney, the Commissioners requested more information on the matter in acquiring a vehicle for Attorney Shawn Sant.

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

### Administrator Keith Johnson

- WSAC update economic projections-Washington economy healthy with clouds on horizon with inflation and higher interest rates.
- Applications for Human Resources Director and HAPO Center Manager positions have been received and Mr. Johnson is currently reviewing them.
- Labor contract negotiations
- Owner of Atomic Foods building may be interested in the possible sale of said property.
- Working on the Budget
- Discussion with budget needs for the Juvenile Justice Center
- Questions arose on the kitchen equipment in the HAPO Center



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### Commissioner Brad Peck

- WSAC update economic projections-Washington economy healthy with clouds on horizon with inflation and higher interest rates.
- Legislative Steering Committee will meet September 22, 2022 in Ellensburg to condense items and set agenda to take to the legislators.

### Commissioner Rocky Mullen

- Ben Franklin Transit did an outstanding job in providing rides to and from the Benton Franklin Fair. The executives, including the new general manager were on the premises volunteering.
- Working on boundaries for spraying in north county area. More clarity is needed in signage.

### Commissioner Clint Didier

- Port of Pasco had a meeting in Connell but virtual connection did not work well.
- Constituents complained that trucks are using excessive use of jake brakes in the Merrill's corner area
- Complaints on code enforcement in the Booker Auction area
- Heavy truck traffic and dangers of accidents that accompany it

### 9:19 a.m. **Public Comment**

- Anonymous caller had concerns about the vehicle policy and the Assessor's use of a county vehicle.
- Assessor John Rosenau clarified in an open and transparent meeting the use of the county vehicle.

He addressed the accusations of toxic environment in the county and offices. His staff was upset by the comments that have blatantly been thrown out against this county because his staff does not believe they have a toxic environment. Mr. Rosenau stated he has a fantastic staff that works great together and with other offices.

He read a letter from another county, thanking the Franklin County team for their graciousness and kindness by including them on the most intense and valuable education experience they have had in 25 years of Appraising.

- Treasurer Josie Koelzer agreed with the Assessor with the fact that they do not work in a toxic environment. Her staff serves the public well and they get along well with each other. Her office receives calls from other departments and counties asking to do things for them and they do what they can to help them succeed.



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- Steve Bauman stated it was unfortunate to see the accusation of toxicity play out. When asked by Commissioner Didier what he was talking about, Mr. Bauman replied somebody leaked some letters from the recently resigned HR Director to the Tri-City Herald. As a businessman, Mr. Bauman has the opportunity to work with many offices in the courthouse and he is thankful for the helpful way in which the staff and elected have dealt with him. He wondered if the accusations was a result in holding people accountable and that they are feeling the pressure of accountability and so their only answer is to say that its toxicity.
- Sheriff Jim Raymond stated that an individual named Chris Turner who is running for Sheriff made a public disclosure request to Human Resources for the HR Director letters. Those letters, along with accusations were released to multimedia last week. He agreed with Mr. Bauman that holding people accountable created the deeming of toxicity.
- Kati Sant spoke on behalf of her husband Prosecuting Attorney Shawn Sant who is currently serving in the Army for six weeks. Although Mr. Sant receives a stipend for his personal vehicle, she was concerned for his safety, as his personal vehicle does not have emergency lighting that a county vehicle would have as additional protection when on the roads. She was amazed that taxpayer money is not a concern when its people the Commissioners like to get new vehicles, or employees or whatever. But in his office, that's when taxpayer money has to be saved.
- Assessor John Rosenau agreed with emergency lights on county vehicles. He also agreed that the price listed for Mr. Sant's vehicle was a good deal.

### 9:36 a.m. Closed Record Hearing CUP 2022-03

Commissioner Didier opened the Closed Record Hearing CUP 2022-03 Roof Height Deviation Pheasant Run Lot 6.

Planning and Building Director Derrick Braaten gave a PowerPoint presentation on Conditional Use Permit 2022-03 Cantu and the background of its proceedings. He gave a description of the location of the property, the request to deviate from building height and zoning. The presentation reviewed the covenants, conditions and restrictions that were discussed in a public hearing.

After a few questions and discussion from the Commissioners, Commissioner Didier closed the closed record hearing CUP 2022-03 to entertain a motion.

- ❖ ***Commissioner Mullen moved that the Franklin County Commissioners adopt the six findings of fact and nine conditions of approval as provided for the resolution and approved case file CUP 2022-03 as presented (resolution 2022-206). Commissioner Peck seconded with discussion. The motion carried.***





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## 9:59 a.m. Closed Record Hearing CUP 2022-05 Wireless Communications Tower

Commissioner Didier opened the Closed Record Hearing CUP 2022-05 Wireless Communications Tower.

Planning and Building Director Derrick Braaten gave a PowerPoint presentation on Conditional Use Permit 2022-05 and the background of its proceedings. He gave a description of the wireless communications facility and showed a map of the location of said property. He also gave a background of the recommended conditions of approval.

10:10 a.m. Commissioner Didier closed the Closed Record Hearing CUP 2022-05 Wireless Communications Tower.

- ❖ *Commissioner Peck moved to approve Resolution 2022-207 in the matter of conditional use permit 2022-05 wireless communications tower. Commissioner Mullen seconded and the motion carried.*

## 10:13 a.m. Administration Office Business

Administrator Keith Johnson brought forth a request from the Auditor's office to assist with the recruitment of an Accounting Supervisor position, due to lack of qualified resumes locally. They are asking the Commissioners for consideration in using a search firm "Prothman" in recruiting from outside the area. The cost for the professional fee for advertising is in the range of ten to fifteen thousand dollars.

- ❖ *The Commissioners denied the request at this time.*

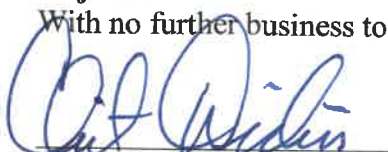
10:22 a.m. *Adjournment was premature as Chief Prosecuting Civil Deputy Jennifer Johnson had additional business but did not have enough time to respond to adjournment. The Board was consensus to continue business.*

Administrator Keith Johnson spoke of the escalation of costs for Risk Pool Insurance. The county is in need of a decision regarding additional insurance for the 2023 year.

- ❖ *After discussion on the cost and value of additional insurance, the Commissioners were in consensus to opt out of additional risk pool insurance.*

## Adjourn

With no further business to bring before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 10:31 a.m.

  
Chair

  
Clerk of the Board  
(Acting)

9-13-2022  
Date