



BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
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District 2

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District 3

**Duane A. Davidson**  
Interim County Administrator

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**AGENDA**  
**Special Meeting**  
**Thursday February 23, 2023**

**Connell Elementary School 1001 W Clark St, Connell, WA 99326**

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

**Discussion on Fire District –Emergency Services Availability**

**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' Special Board Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m., at Connell Elementary School Multi-purpose room 1001 W Clark St. Connell, Washington 99326.

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

### Pledge of Allegiance

Commissioner Didier recognized former Franklin County Commissioner Bob Koch in the audience.

Commissioner Didier thanked the Firefighters and EMS (Emergency Medical Services) for their services.

Interim Administrator Duane A. Davidson spoke a few words on the purpose of the meeting and introduced Shirley Jones who is administering the ARPA funds.

Mr. Davidson then turned the time over to Connell Fire Chief Ken Woffenden. Chief Woffenden has been working with 9<sup>th</sup> District Representative Joe Schmick and Senator Mark Schoesler to help with the added expenses required to service Coyote Ridge Corrections Center and Palouse Falls State Park.

Pasco Fire Chief District 3 Mike Harris gave some statistics on EMS and levies in the state of Washington. He made a spreadsheet of just one model type in order to show some way to move forward in solving the lack of Emergency Services in Franklin County. He explained that there are many different avenues to achieve success; this was just a starting suggestion with the limited time he had to put this presentation together.

City of Pasco Fire Chief Bob Gear spoke about his department helping the other surrounding fire districts and the support they want to give in assisting the other departments in obtaining funds they need for emergency services in the county.

Fire District 4 Chief Steve Cooper spoke of his all-volunteer district and without the help received from District 3 and the City of Pasco their district would be hurting.



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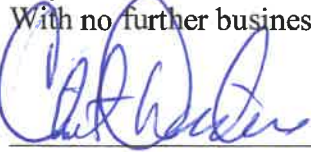
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Several other volunteers and members of the public also spoke of the needs of emergency services in the county. All were grateful for the partnership that each district contributes to each other. They know there are many needs with the lack of emergency services and they are willing to come together as a community to help one another. Each district is willing to move forward with support in trying to advocate a way to move forward to solve the lack of funding that exists within EMS in the community.

**Adjourn**

With no further business to bring before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

  
Chair

  
Clerk of the Board

  
Date