



FRANKLIN COUNTY, WASHINGTON BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES AND PUBLIC HEARING JULY 30 2019

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9:00 a.m.

Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

Commission Chairman Robert Koch called the Franklin County Commissioners' Regular Board Meeting and Public Hearing 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 Robert Koch, Chair Pro Tem Brad Peck and Member Clint Didier

Staff Present: County Administrator Keith Johnson, Sheriff Jim Raymond, Coroner Curtis McGary, Auditor Matt Beaton, Chief Deputy Prosecuting Attorney Jennifer Johnson, Human Resources Director Carlee Nave, Planning and Building Director Derrick Braaten, Public Works Director Matt Mahoney and Clerk of the Board Karin Milham

9:01 a.m. **Public Hearing Regarding Emergency Interim Ordinance 03-2019 Industrial Hemp**

Planning and Building Director Derrick Braaten gave a background pertaining to the Interim Ordinance 03-2019 regarding hemp production. Congress passed the 2014 Farm Bill, which included an allowance for states to start hemp production pilot programs, and for such activity to be considered "farming". In 2016, Washington State began pilot programs, through the WA Dept. of Agriculture (WSDA) for research purposes. Congress passed the Agriculture Improvement Act of 2018, allowing for states to commercially produce, process, transport, and sell hemp or industrial hemp. On April 25, 2019, the WA State Legislature passed E2SSB 5276, which the Governor signed on April 26, 2019, going into effect immediately. However, neither the USDA nor the WSDA have created final rules for the industry, as directed by E2SSB 5276. In response to this action, on May 14, 2019, Franklin County adopted Ordinance 02-2019, establishing an up to six (6) month moratorium on the siting, licensing, production, processing, and sales of "hemp" or "industrial hemp", to allow for County staff to research the issue and determine how to best accommodate this new crop commodity.

After the moratorium was established, Staff researched potential and known impacts from such activities, the current regulatory and licensing process, and Franklin County Code. The results of that investigation are the basis of the new FCC Chapter 5.14, adopted on May 28, 2019. Due to Ordinance 03-2019 being an emergency interim ordinance, a public hearing must be held before the body enacting said ordinance.

Planning and Building Department recommends Maintain Interim Chapter 5.14, Hemp and Industrial Hemp Production, Processing, Transport, and Sales, as adopted on May 28, 2019, through Ordinance 03-2019, until such time as final rules regarding hemp related activities are adopted by the Washington State and the United States Departments of Agriculture.



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9:07 a.m. Commissioner Koch opened the Public Hearing for comments to hear testimony for or against the Interim Hemp 03-2019 Ordinance. No comment from the public.

Commissioner Peck weighed in with his concern that the State was giving unfair advantage to some growers, due to how the Industrial Hemp Program was brought forth.

Commissioner Koch closed the public hearing at 9:15a.m. Planning and Building Director Derrick Braaten sought a consensus from the Board to go forward with the existing ordinance. The decision was unanimous.

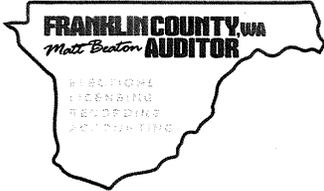
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9:17 a.m. Approval of Fund Expenditure Warrants



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

07/30/2019

Franklin County Commissioners:

Vouchers audited and certified by the auditing officer by RCW 42.24.090, expense reimbursement claims.
Action: As of this date, 07/30/2019 *Bruce Peck*
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:	00350783 - 00350903	\$455,641.84
EFT Check Numbers:	00000233 - 00000245	\$44,386.12
		<u>\$500,027.96</u>

<u>Fund Expenditures</u>	<u>Amount Issued</u>
CURRENT EXPENSE	\$248,742.68
AUDITOR O & M	\$22,119.65
TREASURER O & M	\$152.50
COURTHOUSE FACILITATOR	\$416.70
ENHANCED 911	\$204.00
COUNTY ROADS	\$85,294.88
SOLID WASTE	\$705.33
VETERAN'S ASSISTANCE	\$2,000.00
ENDING HOMELESSNESS	\$2,115.81
AFFORDABLE HOUSING	\$208.00
THE HAPO CENTER	\$5,588.50
FRANKLIN COUNTY RV PARK	\$1,353.94
MOTOR VEHICLE	\$131,125.97

In the amount of: \$500,027.96

The motion was seconded by: *Clint Didier*

And passed by a vote of: 3 to 0

Reviewed by the County Administrator: *Carol J. [Signature]*

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

Vouchers Audited By:
Peter Gadomskiy

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❖ *Commissioner Peck moved to approve Fund Expenditures audited and certified by the auditing officer for warrants prepared for the week of July 30, 2019 for payment totaling \$500,027.96. Commissioner Didier seconded and the motion carried.*



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9:17 a.m. Approval of County Roads and Motor Vehicle Payroll



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

July 30, 2019

Franklin County Commissioners:

Vouchers audited and certified by the auditing officer by RCW 42.24.080, expense reimbursement claims certified by RCW 42.24.090, have been recorded on a listing, which has been sent to the board members.

Action: As of this date, July 30, 2019
moves that the following warrants be approved for payment.

Bruce Peck

<u>FUND</u>	<u>WARRANT</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
County Roads		
Net Payroll Checks	00350706-00350708	\$ 3,426.28
Net EFT Payroll Checks	00020038-00020075	62,620.30
Deduction and Contribution Checks	00350717-00350729	99,041.07
	Total	\$ 165,087.65
Motor Vehicle		
Net EFT Payroll Checks	00020076-00020081	7,054.61
Deduction and Contribution Checks	00350709-00350716	10,726.13
	Total	\$ 17,780.74
Grand Total All Payrolls		\$ 182,868.39

In the total amount of **\$182,868.39** (\$165,087.65 + \$17,780.74)

The motion was seconded by *Chris Winters* and passed by a vote of 3 to 0.

Matt Beaton
The attached payroll has been approved by Auditor or Deputy

Rosa Gomez
Payroll Prepared By Rosa Gomez

❖ **Commissioner Peck moved to approve County Roads and Motor Vehicle Payroll totaling \$182,868.39. Commissioner Didier seconded and the motion carried.**



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9:18 a.m. Approval of Consent Agenda

1. Resolution 2019-235 PTO Cash-in to Remedy Payroll Errors Resulting in Overpayment to some Sheriff's Deputies
2. Resolution 2019-236 Professional Services Agreement with Attorney Theodore Schott for Public Defense Services in Franklin County Superior Court.
3. Resolution 2019-237 Professional Services Agreement with Attorney Danielle Purcell to Represent Indigent Persons for Dependency Cases
4. Resolution 2019-238 Professional Service Agreement with Heather Villani for Conflict-Overflow in Franklin County Superior Court
5. Resolution 2019-239 Authorizing Transfer Coroner Vehicle to ER&R Fund
6. Resolution 2019-240 Master Agreement between Benton Franklin Counties and Benton-Franklin Workforce Development Council
7. Resolution 2019-241 Benton Franklin Counties Interlocal Cooperation Agreement for the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act
8. Resolution 2019-242 Fee for Service Truancy Contract between Richland School District and Benton Franklin Juvenile Justice Center
9. Resolution 2019-243 Personal Services Contract between Comprehensive Healthcare and Benton Franklin Juvenile Justice Center
10. Resolution 2019-244 Contract Between Department of Children, Youth, and Families and Juvenile Justice Center

❖ *Commissioner Peck moved to approve Consent Agenda 10 items as presented with discussion if desired. Commissioner Didier seconded with discussion on #3. After discussion, the motion carried.*

9:21 a.m. Administration Office Business

- Administrator Keith Johnson proposed a letter drafted by Commissioner Didier regarding the lack of agriculture/farmers on restoration and enhancement committees and additional wastewater fees imposed on wineries.

It is in Franklin County's best interest to extend an invitation to all Eastern Washington Counties to support this letter, as all Eastern counties have a stake in the matter.

- Mr. Johnson sought consensus on holding an evening Commissioners' meeting. The next evening meeting will be August 27, 2019 at 7 p.m.
- Commissioner Koch mentioned that the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) started working along 395 and cross roads.



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- Public Works Director Matt Mahoney weighed in on the county roads and repairs. He stated it is very difficult to achieve the desired goal of 100 miles of road maintenance, when finances limit it to 40-45 miles. State and Federal money is dwindling as well, which makes it even harder.
- Commissioner Peck brought up the reality of a road shift, sustaining the functions of the county in the future and what it would be facing if it were not accessible.

Adjourn

With no further business to bring before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 9:44 a.m.

Chair

Clerk of the Board

Date

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