



**FRANKLIN COUNTY, WASHINGTON
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
AND PUBLIC HEARING
OCTOBER 29, 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 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, Human Resources Director Carlee Nave, Chief Deputy Prosecuting Attorney Jennifer Johnson, Treasurer Josie Koelzer, Chief Deputy Ruslan Stetskiy, Public Works Director Matt Mahoney, Planning and Building Director Derrick Braaten, District Court Administrator Kelly Fields, and Clerk of the Board Karin Milham

9:00 a.m. *WSU Specialist was late and will present when they arrive.*

9:01 a.m. **Public Hearing for Declaration County-Owned Surplus**

Public Works Director Matt Mahoney reported to the Board that the Public Hearing for the surplus declaration of county owned property, through the Motor Vehicle (ER&R) Fund, Franklin County Facilities Department, and authorization of disposal via public auction. He mentioned the items to be brought to auction.

- 2003 Chevy Pickup
- 1993 Peterbilt Truck
- 2009 Dodge Ram
- 26 used Broom Cores
- Miller Bobcat 225 Portable Welder

Commissioner Koch opened the Public Hearing at 9:03 a.m., to hear testimony for or against the declaration of county owned property and its disposal via public auction. No public comment was made and Commissioner Koch closed the Public Hearing at 9:04 a.m.

❖ *Commissioner Peck moved to approve Resolution 2019-324, declaring county-owned property as surplus and authorization of disposal via public auction. Commissioner Didier seconded and the motion carried.*

9:04 a.m. **Conversion of One Accounting Assistant III Position to Accounting - Investment Specialist**

Human Resources Director Carlee Nave and the Treasurer's Office engaged in additional internal role evaluations and finalized the new job description and a compensation analysis was completed.



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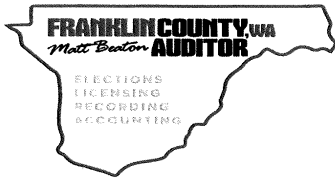
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- ❖ *Commissioner Peck moved to approve Resolution 2019-325 Conversion of One Accounting Assistant III Position to Accounting - Investment Specialist. Commissioner Didier seconded and the motion carried.*

9:06 a.m. Public Comment

- Citizen Jeffery Robinson appreciated the professionalism of the 2020 Franklin County Budget Workshops.

9:07 a.m. Approval of Fund Expenditure Warrants



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

10/29/2019

Franklin County Commissioners:

Vouchers audited and certified by the auditing officer by RCW 42.24.080, expense reimbursement claims.

Action: As of this date, 10/29/2019

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:	00353986	-	00354107	\$317,034.20
EFT Check Numbers:	00000306	-	00000319	\$51,330.44
				<u>\$368,364.64</u>

FUND Expenditures	AMOUNT ISSUED
Current Expense	158,476.81
Auditor O & M	1,121.76
Treasurer O & M	549.40
Sheriff Sex Offender Grant	538.13
Dare Fund Sheriff	1,901.79
Enhanced 911	2,501.15
County Roads	141,469.08
Solid Waste	23,934.84
Veteran's Assistance	550.96
Ending Homelessness Fund	12,523.05
Capital Projects Fund	150.50
The Hapo Center Renew & Replac	1,512.81
The Hapo Center	4,244.69
Franklin County RV Park	6,387.51
Motor Vehicle	8,371.62
Claims Clearing	4,130.54

In the amount of 368,364.64

The motion was seconded by

And passed by a vote of 3 to 0

Reviewed by County Administrator

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

Vouchers Audited By:
Peter Gadowskiy



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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 October 29, 2019 for payment totaling \$368,364,64. Commissioner Didier seconded and the motion carried.*

9:07 a.m. Approval of Consent Agenda

1. Resolution 2019-326 Declaration of Surplus under 2500 Public Auction
2. Resolution 2019-327 Declaration of Surplus under 2500 via Recycle-Scrap
3. Resolution 2019-328 Personal Services Contract Amendment #2 between Benton Franklin Juvenile Justice Center and NCIC Inmate Communications
4. Resolution 2019-329 Personal Services Contract between Benton Franklin Juvenile Justice Center and Randy Ruegsegger Polygraph Service
5. Resolution 2019-330 Approving the Purchase of Detention Supplies from Bob Barker Company
6. Resolution 2019-331 Purchase of 2019 Ford Escape for the Juvenile Justice Center
7. Resolution 2019-332 Purchase of 2020 Ford Police Interceptor for Benton Franklin Juvenile Justice
8. Resolution 2019-333 2020 Bi County IT Inter Local Agreement for Superior Court
9. Resolution 2019-334 2019 Interpreter Reimbursement Agreement IAA20136 between the Administrative Office of the Courts and Franklin County
10. Resolution 2019-335 Video Arraignment Equipment for the District Courtroom 224
11. Resolution 2019-336 The Wesley Group 2020-2021 Contract
12. Resolution 2019-337 Unclaimed Funds Resolution to Cancel Warrants
13. Resolution 2019-337 First Amendment to Grant Agreement 2018-HHAA-CAC between Benton Franklin Human Services and Community Action Committee
14. Resolution 2019-338 Major Equipment Purchase (Motor Grader)
15. Resolution 2019-313 2020 Update to Franklin County Benefits Administration Policy

- ❖ *Commissioner Peck moved to approve the Consent Agenda 1-15 as presented. Commissioner Didier seconded with discussion on #15. After discussion on the Franklin County Benefits Administration Policy, the motion carried.*

9:12 a.m. Administration Office Business

- Public Comments on the Hanford Clean-up is open until November 29. This also includes the Liquid Waste 200 Area.

9:16 a.m. Recess for five minutes.



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9:21 a.m. Reconvene into regular meeting.

9:21 a.m. WSU Extension Viticulture and Tree Fruit Program Update

Viticulture and Tree Fruit Specialist Gwen-Alyn Hoheisel talked about the biggest threat right now to the crops. Grape phylloxera are minute, oval-shaped insects that overwinter on grape roots. They emerge in spring when soil temperatures hit 60 degrees Fahrenheit. They feed on roots, causing stunted or dead vines. Phylloxera are found in heavy clay soils, and do not appear to be a pest in areas with sandy soil. Controlling phylloxera is mostly achieved through planting grape rootstock that is resistant to the pest. Chemical treatments are generally ineffective because they can't penetrate clay soils, and phylloxera populations rebound quickly, even after a heavy die-off. It is not dire but we will need to adjust and watch the suitcase vines.

Eastern Washington is the number one producer of Blueberries. A farmer noticed a decline in his crop and it took a few years to figure out it was Tobacco ringspot virus. This is the first time the virus has been present in Washington. Ms. Hoheisel is working with others to develop a way to deal with this invasive virus.

The Valley is dealing with a large epidemic of Little Cherry Virus. Tree Fruit Commissions are using their entire budget and every team member they can to combat Little Cherry Disease. The only defense is cutting down infected trees. The virus spreads from tree to tree through roots touching or pruning. Whole blocks are being destroyed.

SB 5550 Implementing the recommendations of the pesticide application safety work group. Share database in exposure and spay drift.

Discussion on Cosmic Crisp apple and when it will be introduced to the public for purchase.

9:55 a.m. Public Comment

- Citizen Jeffery Robinson expressed his concerns on the mileage tax.

Adjourn

With no further business to bring before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 9:57 a.m.

Chair

Clerk of the Board

Date