



FRANKLIN COUNTY, WASHINGTON BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

REGULAR MEETING
JULY 28, 2020

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9:01 a.m.

Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

Commission Chairman Robert Koch called the Franklin County Commissioners' Regular Board Meeting to order at 9:01 a.m., in the Commissioners' Meeting Room in the Franklin County Courthouse located at 1016 North Fourth Avenue, Pasco, Washington.

Commissioners Present Telephonically: Commission Chair Robert Koch, Chair Pro Tem Brad Peck and Member Clint Didier.

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

❖ *July 14, 2020 Commissioners' Meeting Minutes approved as presented.*

9:03 a.m. **Public Comment**

- Lawanda Hatch suggested an idea from NACo (National Association of Counties) ethics pamphlet. She advocated the Franklin County establish an ethics commission.
- Jeffery Robinson opposed splitting the state. He was concerned that this would divide the community and further diminish the credibility of the county to the state.

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9:08 a.m. **Approval of Fund Expenditure Warrants**

07/28/2020

Franklin County Commissioners:

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

Action: As of this date, 07/28/2020

Peck (Brad Peck telephonically)

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:	00362247 - 00362352	\$680,993.96
EFT Check Numbers:	00000541 - 00000553	\$53,975.29
		<u>\$734,969.25</u>

Fund Expenditures	Amount Issued
CURRENT EXPENSE	\$481,313.16
AUDITOR O & M	\$160.51
ELECTION EQUIP REVOLVING	\$163.00
BOATING SAFETY	\$1,505.61
COUNTY ROADS	\$133,008.49
SOLID WASTE	\$175.77
ENDING HOMELESSNESS	\$17,394.18
THE HAPO CENTER RENEW & REPLAC	\$445.43
THE HAPO CENTER	\$10,921.26
FRANKLIN COUNTY RV PARK	\$2,054.89
MOTOR VEHICLE	\$87,826.95

In the amount of: \$734,969.25

The motion was seconded by: Clint Didier

And passed by a vote of: 3 to 0

Reviewed by the County Administrator: [Signature]

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

[Signature]
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 28, 2020 for payment totaling \$734,969.25. Commissioner Didier seconded and the motion carried.*



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9:08 a.m. Approval of Salary Clearing and Emergency Management Payroll



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

July 28, 2020

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 28, 2020 *PK* (Brad Peck telephonically) moves that the following warrants be approved for payment.

<u>FUND</u>	<u>WARRANT</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
Salary Clearing Payroll:		
Net Payroll Checks	00362072-00362078	2,760.10
Net EFT Payroll Checks	00027742-00028012	479,025.24
Deduction and Contribution Checks	00362096-00362115	500,730.37
Total		\$ 982,515.71
Emergency Mgmt Payroll:		
Net EFT Payroll Checks	00027738-00027741	\$ 7,387.69
Deduction and Contribution Checks	00362079-00362095	12,397.79
Total		\$ 19,785.48
Grand Total All Payrolls		\$ 1,002,301.19

In the total amount of **\$1,002,301.19** (\$982,515.71 + 19,785.48)

The motion was seconded by Clint Didier and passed by a vote of 3 to 0.

[Signature]
The attached payroll has been approved by Auditor or Deputy

[Signature]
Payroll Prepared by Rosa Gomez

❖ *Commissioner Peck moved to approve Salary Clearing and Emergency Management Payroll totaling \$1,002,301.19. Commissioner Didier seconded and the motion carried.*



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9:08 a.m. Approval of Consent Agenda

1. Resolution 2020-158 Fee for Service Truancy Contract between Richland School District and Juvenile Justice
2. Resolution 2020-159 Fee for Service Truancy Contract between Kennewick School District and Juvenile Justice
3. Resolution 2020-160 Local Agency Project Prospectus CRP 617- Coyan Bridge 200-9.93 Replacement

❖ *Commissioner Peck moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Commissioner Didier seconded and the motion carried.*

9:11 a.m. Administration Office Business

- Administrator Keith Johnson brought forth a request from the Coastal Conservation Association in which Franklin County would send a letter to the Washington Fish and Wildlife Commission in regards to regulations with harvest management.

❖ *After discussion, the Commissioners agreed to sign the letter and send another letter as a follow up to address other issues of concern.*

9:16 a.m. Public Comment

- Juan Morales voiced his concerns about Governor Inslee's meeting at Columbia Basin College with local officials and believed all Commissioners should have had the opportunity to attend. He was concerned as to the ethics of this action.

9:20 a.m.

- Administrator Keith Johnson brought forth a request from the Liberty State with the approximate cost of \$4,000 to place the advisory vote on the ballot.

After discussion, the Commissioners agreed to ascertain more information before moving forward.

- Administrator Keith Johnson is working with Karl Dye to finalize details on the CARES Act Funding and its distribution through TRIDEC.
- Commissioner Didier had some concerns regarding the destruction of political signs. He asked the Sheriff if he would enforce the law in regards to this matter.

He also wanted to know how tax collection was doing in the county. Treasurer Josie Koelzer responded that tax collection is going well. They are currently at 57%.



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He asked Auditor Matt Beaton for a percentage of returned election ballots to date. Mr. Beaton stated 11% currently, which is similar to previous elections.

9:39 a.m. Commissioner Didier relayed the decision of the U.S. District Court of Western Washington, which denied a lawsuit against the Governor. Stating, he cannot be sued over his proclamation since he does not enforce it. His authority lies with issuance, not enforcement.

Prosecuting Attorney Shawn Sant rebutted this statement and clarified the reasoning behind the ruling. The Governors proclamation is legal and binding. Other entities enforce the law such as law enforcement and the prosecuting attorney's office would review any offence. The Attorney General has the authority to take action if he sees fit. Although Mr. Sant does not agree with the Governors' orders, he still stands by his recommendation to the county, to comply with the proclamation.

9:58 a.m. **Public Comment**

- Jeffery Robinson asked Commissioners to clarify when they are acting on behalf of the county or their own business. He also asked for professionalism from the Board towards other electeds.
- Michelle Andres agreed with Mr. Robinson on actions of unprofessionalism and divisive behavior being used in the Commissioners meetings. She asked that the division stop.

Adjourn

With no further business to bring before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 10:04 a.m.

Chair

Clerk of the Board

Date