



FRANKLIN COUNTY, WASHINGTON BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

REGULAR MEETING AND
PUBLIC HEARING
OCTOBER 27, 2020

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

9:01 a.m. **Opening Bids for CRP 617 Coyan Bridge Replacement**

County Engineer Craig Erdman and Associate Engineer Kathleen Neuman opened and reviewed the bids for CRP 617 and Commissioner Koch read in the bids after Refunding Bonds presentation.

9:03 a.m. **Refunding Bonds Presentation – Davidson Company**

Senior Vice President Jim Nelson showed a PowerPoint presentation on Refunding Bonds. It included Bond market interest rate trends, ratings, estimated refinancing savings, and a schedule of going forward.

Legal Counsel Lee Marchisio from Foster Garvey spoke to the resolution set before the Board. This agreement delegates authority to Administrator Keith Johnson and Treasurer Josie Koelzer to negotiate the bond purchase agreement with Jim Nelson on behalf of the county.

*❖ Commissioner Peck moved to approve resolution 2020-229 as presented.
Commissioner Didier seconded and the motion carried.*

9:21 a.m. Commissioner Koch read in the Bids for CRP 617 as listed below.

1. Harry Johnson Plumbing and Excavation – Walla Walla WA. -\$1,515,075.40
2. Wessien Construction- Spokane Valley WA- \$1,380,218.00
3. RAZZ Construction- Bellingham WA- \$1,339,243.00
4. N.A. Degerstrom- Spokane Valley WA- \$1,354,167.00
5. Apollo- Kennewick WA- \$1,112,949.24
6. Granite Construction- Yakima WA- \$ 1,284,666.91
7. Clearwater Construction- Spokane WA- \$1,511,744.00
8. Farline Bridge- Stayton OR- \$1,564,522.92
9. Nelson Construction- Walla Walla WA - \$ 1,389,452.19

County Engineers' estimate - \$1,062,614.00. The award bid will be on next weeks agenda.



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9:28 a.m. Closed Record Appeal Public Hearing- CUP 2019-09 - Mirror Ministries

Commissioner Koch read the process of the Public Hearing.

Commissioner Koch asked if there were any conflicts or potential conflicts with any of the Board members. Commissioner Didier stated he has not discussed this topic with his sister in law Melinda Didier who is on the Planning Commission. He did not foresee any conflict. Commissioner Peck said he could be fair and impartial; however, he would need to recuse himself, as he did not wish the parties involved to hold any concerns of him being bias. He announced that he had donated funds to Mirror Ministries and inquired of land adjacent to said property.

Planning and Building Director Derrick Braaten read the following background; this is a closed record appeal of the Planning Commission's recommendation to approve a CUP application requesting the conversion of an existing single-family home and property to be used as residential group housing for abused youth, requiring a protected environment. There are three (3) phases proposed, with each phase adding six (6) additional beds, for a total of 18 beds on the site, plus beds for staff. All three (3) phases are proposed to be completed within 1-3 years, as need and funding provides. The current use of the property is a single-family residence and a commercial dog kennel.

He gave a background of the process and actions that were taken by the Planning Committee to bring this public hearing before the Board.

Commissioner Didier asked Mr. Bratten if he felt he was bias in this procedure. Mr. Bratten replied he was merely following the laws provided.

Attorney Mark Fickes who represents Mr. Henry Field individually and holding a Power of Attorney for his parents (who own property ready for residential development near the proposed site of the Mirror Ministries group care facility and who were the former owners of the property in question) spoke to the Board of their concerns. The Fields, and almost all the neighbors, are opposed to the siting of the Applicant's proposed commercial facility in a residential neighborhood based on land use concerns and compatibility issues, not based on the character and mission of the Applicant or the crime victims it sets out to help.

Mr. Fickes asked if Commissioner Koch or Commissioner Didier have spoken to any third party about this subject. Both Commissioners answered no.

Mr. Fickes presented land use rules and regulations as he displayed maps showing the property and surrounding area.

Mirror Ministries Director Trisha McFarland gave a background of the program. Mirror Ministries has been in the Tri-Cities for six years and has seen a need for housing sex trafficking victims. Ms. McFarland went on to explain in detail what the facility would look like as it expanded and how it would be facilitated.



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After hearing from both parties, the Commissioners brought it to a vote.

❖ *Commissioner Koch moved to approve 2020-230-A resolution denying the Conditional Use Permit CUP 2019-09. Commissioner Didier seconded and the motion carried. 2:0 (Commissioner Peck recused)*

10:36 a.m. Approval of Fund Expenditure Warrants

10/27/2020

Franklin County Commissioners:

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

Action: As of this date, 10/27/2020

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:	00364796 - 00364941	\$1,149,912.02
EFT Check Numbers:	00000616 - 00000628	\$49,649.99
		<u>\$1,199,562.01</u>

Fund Expenditures	Amount Issued
CURRENT EXPENSE	\$1,146,376.98
AUDITOR O & M	\$592.85
ELECTION EQUIP REVOLVING	\$441.89
TREASURER O & M	\$137.40
CRIME VICTIMS WITNESS	\$3,244.66
BOATING SAFETY	\$549.07
JAIL COMMISSARY	\$277.40
DARE FUND SHERIFF	\$673.28
ENHANCED 911	\$2,187.92
COUNTY ROADS	\$3,368.01
SOLID WASTE	\$42.01
VETERAN'S ASSISTANCE	\$666.57
ENDING HOMELESSNESS	\$29,239.63
BF MENTAL HEALTH	\$871.91
THE HAPO CENTER	\$2,118.58
FRANKLIN COUNTY RV PARK	\$3,579.29
MOTOR VEHICLE	\$5,194.56

In the amount of: \$1,199,562.01

The motion was seconded by: Brad Peck
Approved Telephonically

And passed by a vote of: 3 to 0

Reviewed by the County Administrator: [Signature]

The attached vouchers have been approved by Auditor or Deputy: Jeff Burckhard
Vouchers Audited By: Peter Gadomskiy

❖ *Commissioner Didier moved to approve Fund Expenditures audited and certified by the auditing officer for warrants prepared for the week of October 27, 2020 for payment totaling \$1,199,562.01. Commissioner Peck seconded and the motion carried.*



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10:36 a.m. **Approval of Consent Agenda**

1. Resolution 2020-231 Interlocal - City of Pasco - Equipment Purchase VAN
2. Resolution 2020-232 Franklin County Emergency Management Interlocal Agreement-2021-28
3. Resolution 2020-233 Premera Blue Cross Verification Report

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

10:38 a.m. **Administration Office Business**

Administrator Keith Johnson presented a resolution before the Board, which allows TRIDEC to distribute CARES Act funding for the Associate Economic Development Organization ADO grant program.

*❖ Commissioner Peck moved to approve resolution 2020-234, service agreement between Franklin County and TRIDEC to implement ADO Grant Program.
Commissioner Didier seconded and the motion carried.*

Mr. Johnson gave an update on additional items that are taking place.

- CARES Act funding for Public Utility District customers
- Service Agreement with Pasco Chamber of Commerce
- Trying to implement all these programs and distribute funds by the November 30, 2020 deadline.
- Submitting reimbursement costs related to COVID staffing in the county, such as the HAPO center working with COVID testing center, Corrections, Technology and Admin processing applications.

Adjourn

With no further business to bring before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 10:47 a.m.

Chair

Clerk of the Board

Date