



FRANKLIN COUNTY, WASHINGTON

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

REGULAR MEETING AND
PUBLIC HEARING
DECEMBER 8, 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. **Approval of Minutes**

- ❖ *November 3, 2020 Commissioners' Meeting Minutes were approved as presented.*
- ❖ *November 24, 2020 Commissioners' Meeting Minutes were approved as presented.*

9:02 a.m. **Public Comment**

- Lori Mattson, Tri-City Regional Chamber President gave a brief report on the County Rapid Relief Response Business Grant. Franklin County was awarded \$600,000. Together with Pasco Chamber we distributed \$120,000 per week for 5 weeks. We received 137 applications and 64 grants awarded.
- Clay Whipple asked for no new property taxes when kids are not in school.
- Administrator Keith Johnson read a public comment from Justin Carey opposed raising taxes
- George Dockstader opposes the property tax increase; COLA increases or hire more county employees. He asked for increases to be stopped until public can meet in person.

9:13 a.m. **PUBLIC HEARING: Franklin County 2021 Budget**

- ❖ *Commissioner Koch opened the Public Hearing at 9:13 a.m. for the Franklin County 2021 Budget.*

Tom Westerman opened the Public Hearing by reviewing the items listed in the budget. The Public was able to view these document prior to the meeting by going to the Auditors website.

Administrator Keith Johnson explained the two items before the Board, 1% increase and the Road shift. Discussion followed on whether or not the county would take the 1% increase or bank it for a later date and lowering the Road shift. Additional position changes to the budget included, Appraiser II, Customer Service Specialist I, Corrections Sergeant, two Corrections Deputies and Budget & Policy Analyst.

9:46 a.m. **Public Comment**

Steven Bauman asked the Board about the process of budgets and how does it come forth on the Agenda to increase the taxes or 1%. He was not in agreement with raising taxes.



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George Dockstader opposed taking any money from Road Fund.

❖ *Commissioner Koch closed the public hearing at 9:51 a.m.*

*2021 Property Tax Levy Declaration of Need - Resolution 2020-284,
2021 Ordinance-Resolution Franklin County Current Expense -Resolution 2020-285
2021 Ordinance-Resolution Franklin County Road Department Resolution 2020-286*

- ❖ *Commissioner Peck moved to approve 2020-285 current expense and 2020-286 County Road. No seconded. Commissioner Peck rescinded his motion.*
- ❖ *Commissioner Koch moved to approve 2020-284 Declaration of Need. Commissioner Peck seconded for purpose of discussion and intends to vote no. Motion failed.*
- ❖ *Commissioner Koch clarified that all three motions to resolutions 2020-284, 2020-285, and 2020-286 failed.*

SPECIAL NOTICE
Scrivener’s error: December 8 and 15 of 2020
The following Resolutions were brought before the Board on December 8, 2020. All 3 were denied.
<i>Resolution 2020-284 2021 Property Tax Levy Declaration of Need</i>
<i>Resolution 2020-285 2021 Ordinance-Resolution Franklin County Current Expense</i>
<i>Resolution 2020-286 2021 Ordinance-Resolution Franklin County Road Department</i>
These specific numbers reappear on December 15, 2020 with different descriptions.
In addition to the three resolutions listed above
<i>Resolution 2020-287 to approve the Road Shift in the amount of 1.2 million, was brought forth by the Administrator. (There was no documentation to this Resolution when it was voted on and passed on December 8, 2020- on December 15, 2020 it comes back as a LETTER not a Resolution). On December 15, 2020 resolution 2020-287 once again reappeared with a different description.</i>

- ❖ *Administrator Keith Johnson proposed resolution 2020-287 to approve the Road Shift in the amount of 1.2 million. Commissioner Peck moved to approve 2020-287. Commissioner Koch seconded. The motion carried 2:1 Commissioner Didier opposed.*
- ❖ *Mr. Johnson has a rough draft of Budget resolution. He asked if the Board would prefer to move forward on this action or wait until the next meeting. Commissioner Didier and Commissioner Koch preferred for it to come back next week.*



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- ❖ *Director of Finance Thomas Westerman had a question on Resolution 2020-285 which was already altered to reduce \$100,000. He was asking for clarification. (Unsure if the copies given are correct). Commissioner Peck wanted to verify that the Board did not intend to take the 1% and do the Road Shift at 1.2 million. If the resolutions reflect that, we are good.*

- ❖ *Matt Mahoney spoke to the Board in regards of the Road Shift. Due to the denial of the resolutions, the Public Works Department will need time to adjust their budget.*

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10:12 a.m. **Approval of Fund Expenditure Warrants**

12/08/2020

Franklin County Commissioners:

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

Action: As of this date, 12/08/2020 Brad Peck
Approved 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:	00366262 - 00366329	\$102,987.33
EFT Check Numbers:	00000661 - 00000661	\$4,800.00
		<u>\$107,787.33</u>

Fund Expenditures	Amount Issued
CURRENT EXPENSE	\$22,244.11
AUDITOR O & M	\$669.98
ELECTION EQUIP REVOLVING	\$40,222.89
ENHANCED 911	\$115.84
COUNTY ROADS	\$3,073.97
VETERAN'S ASSISTANCE	\$3,077.13
ENDING HOMELESSNESS	\$37,960.29
MOTOR VEHICLE	\$423.12

In the amount of: _____ \$107,787.33

The motion was seconded by: Chris Didier

And passed by a vote of: 3 to 0

Reviewed by the County Administrator: Matt Beaton

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 December 8, 2020 for payment totaling \$107,787.33. Commissioner Didier seconded and the motion carried.*



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10:12 a.m. Approval of Fund Expenditure Warrants

11/30/2020

Franklin County Commissioners:

Vouchers audited and certified by the auditing officer by RCW 42.24.080, expense reimbursement claims.
Action: As of this date, 11/30/2020

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: 00366154 + 00366228 \$389,385.87

EFT Check Numbers:

\$389,385.87

Fund Expenditures

Amount Issued

CURRENT EXPENSE

\$389,385.87

In the amount of: \$389,385.87

The motion was seconded by: [Signature]

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:
Matt Beaton

Vouchers Audited By:
Peter Gadomskiy

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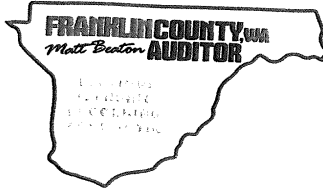
- ❖ *Commissioner Koch moved to approve Fund Expenditures audited and certified by the auditing officer for warrants prepared for the week of November 30, 2020 for payment totaling \$389,385.87. Commissioner Peck seconded and the motion carried. (Commissioner Didier signed accidentally)*



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10:12 a.m. Approval of Fund Expenditure Warrants



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

12/01/2020

Franklin County Commissioners:

Vouchers audited and certified by the auditing officer by RCW 42.24.090, expense reimbursement claims.
Action: As of this date, 12/01/2020

Move that the following warrants be approved for payment: *Didier*

Certified by RCW 42.24.090, have been recorded on a listing, which has been sent to the board members.

Warrants \ Check Numbers:	00366168 - 00366227	\$159,509.63
EFT Check Numbers:	00000657 - 00000660	\$7,158.04
		<u>\$166,667.67</u>

Fund Expenditures	Amount Issued
CURRENT EXPENSE	\$150,236.14
AUDITOR O & M	\$73.85
CLERK LFO COLLECTION	\$79.59
JAIL COMMISSARY	\$3,019.09
ENHANCED 911	\$830.59
COUNTY ROADS	\$6,830.72
SOLID WASTE	\$42.01
THE HAPO CENTER	\$4,335.72
FRANKLIN COUNTY RV PARK	\$636.45
MOTOR VEHICLE	\$583.51

Didier

In the amount of: *Didier* \$166,667.67

The motion was seconded by: *Didier*

And passed by a vote of: 3 to 0

Reviewed by the County Administrator: *Beaton*

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

Vouchers Audited By:
Peter Gadomski

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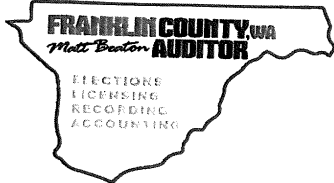
❖ *Commissioner Koch moved to approve Fund Expenditures audited and certified by the auditing officer for warrants prepared for the week of December 1, 2020 for payment totaling \$166,667.67. Commissioner Didier seconded and the motion carried.*



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10:12 a.m. **Approval of Salary Clearing and Emergency Management Payroll**



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

December 1, 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, December 1, 2020 PK moves that the following warrants be approved for payment.

<u>FUND</u>	<u>WARRANT</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
Salary Clearing Payroll:		
Net Payroll Checks	00365882-00365894	5,643.96
Net EFT Payroll Checks	00030242-00030520	481,029.34
Deduction and Contribution Checks	00366133-00366151	502,040.50
	Total	\$ 988,713.80
Emergency Mgmt Payroll:		
Net Payroll Checks	00365881	932.90
Net EFT Payroll Checks	00030239-00030241	\$ 5,915.03
Deduction and Contribution Checks	00366116-00366132	11,341.84
	Total	\$ 18,189.77
Grand Total All Payrolls		\$ 1,006,903.57

In the total amount of **\$1,006,903.57**

The motion was seconded by Brad Peck Approved Telephonically and passed by a vote of 2 to 1.

The attached payroll has been approved by Auditor or Deputy [Signature] Payroll Prepared by Raul Ramirez [Signature]

❖ **Commissioner Koch moved to approve Salary Clearing and Emergency Management Payroll totaling \$1,006,903.57. Commissioner Peck seconded and the motion carried 2-0. Commissioner Didier abstained.**



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10:16 a.m. **Approval of Consent Agenda**

1. Resolution 2020-280 2020 Employee Service Awards
2. Resolution 2020-281 2021 Bi-County Non-Bargaining Benefits
3. Resolution 2020-282 2021 Bi-County Non-Bargaining COLA
4. Resolution 2020-283 Personal Services Contract between Franklin County and Lety's Professional Interpreting

*❖ Commissioner Peck moved to approve the Consent Agenda 1-4.
Commissioner Didier seconded and the motion carried.*

Adjourn

With no further business to bring before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 10:17 a.m.

Chair

Clerk of the Board

Date