



FRANKLIN COUNTY, WASHINGTON
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

REGULAR MEETING
MARCH 16, 2021

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9:00 a.m.

Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

Commission Chairman Clint Didier 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 Clint Didier, Chair Pro Tem Rocky Mullen and Member Brad Peck

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

February 23, 2021 Commissioners Meeting Minutes

❖ *Commissioners' Meeting Minutes were approved as presented.*

9:02 a.m. **PUBLIC HEARING Vacate a portion of Dradie Street**

County Engineer Craig Erdman gave a background of the requested vacation of Dradie Street. It is his opinion that the portion of the right-of-way on *Dradie Street* under consideration should be retained by the County for the following reasons:

- Water and Sewer services are in close proximity to that area. Water services are available from Road 48, while sewer services are available on Road 44. (See Appendix D for maps of current water and sewer locations)
- Franklin PUD and Charter Cable already utilize the easement for services.
- The extension of Dradie Street would also be a logical connection between Road 44 and Road 48.
- Vacating the existing right-of-way could negatively impact future development in the area.

Commissioner Didier opened the Public Hearing at 9:07 a.m. and asked for any public testimony for or against the vacation of Dradie Street. Hearing none, Commissioner Didier closed the public hearing at 9:08 a.m.

❖ *No motion was made and vacation of Dradie Street failed.*

9:09 a.m. **OPEN RECORD Hearing**

Conditional Use Permit (CUP) 2020-04 and SEPA 2020-11

❖ *It was declared by Commissioner Didier, Commissioner Mullen and Commissioner Peck that there was no ex parte in regards to this open record hearing.*

Planning and Building Director Derrick Braaten gave a background of Conditional Use Permit 2020-04 and SEPA 2020-11. He also explained the reason of why this was brought forth as an Open Record Hearing as opposed to a Closed Record Hearing. Mr. Braaten continued with a PowerPoint presentation.



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After lengthy discussion and information exchanged, the Commissioners agreed with Mr. Braaten to bring this back after clarification and necessary changes are made to CUP 2020-04.

10:12 a.m. Without further comments, Commissioner Didier closed the public hearing.

- ❖ *Commissioner Peck moved to table CUP 2020-04 and SEPA 2020-11 till such time that the Planning Department is able to provide the answers to the questions raised today and an Administrative complete record is suitable for the Boards consideration. Commissioner Mullen seconded and the motion carried.*

10:13 a.m. **Adoption of Franklin County Building Code and Fire Code**

Planning and Building Director Derrick Braaten presented the International Building Code and International Fire Code updates. He noted that passage of this ordinance will clarify what building codes development in Franklin County is subject to in accordance with state law while setting out certain administrative policies and processes.

- ❖ *Commissioner Mullen moved to approve Ordinance 02-2021(bldg. code) Commissioner Peck seconded and the motion carried.*
- ❖ *Commissioner Peck moved to approve Ordinance 03-2021 (fire code). Commissioner Mullen seconded and the motion carried.*

10:40 a.m. **Public Comment**

- ❖ Roger Lenk voiced his concerns on the Ben Franklin Transit.
- ❖ Justin Carey sent a letter to voice his opposition on mask mandates.
- ❖ Columbia County Commissioner Charles Amerine, attended this meeting to see how Franklin County runs their meetings and thanked the Board for their service.

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10:47 a.m. **Approval of Fund Expenditure Warrants**

03/16/2021

Franklin County Commissioners:

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

Action: As of this date, 03/16/2021

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:	00369084 - 00369194	\$430,717.19
EFT Check Numbers:	00000759 - 00000761	\$3,836.25
		<u>\$434,553.44</u>

<u>Fund Expenditures</u>	<u>Amount Issued</u>
CURRENT EXPENSE	\$88,163.87
COURTHOUSE FACILITATOR	\$490.00
JAIL COMMISSARY	\$3,218.16
ENHANCED 911	\$399.41
COUNTY ROADS	\$230,573.51
SOLID WASTE	\$1,090.83
LAW LIBRARY	\$773.79
ENDING HOMELESSNESS	\$17,625.40
CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND	\$47,142.35
THE HAPO CENTER	\$6,734.46
FRANKLIN COUNTY RV PARK	\$5,740.63
MOTOR VEHICLE	\$32,601.03

In the amount of: \$434,553.44

The motion was seconded by: BO Peak

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:
Paola Mendoza

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- ❖ *Commissioner Mullen moved to approve Fund Expenditures audited and certified by the auditing officer for warrants prepared for the week of March 16, 2021 for payment totaling \$434,533.44. Commissioner Peck seconded and the motion carried.*

10:48 a.m. **Approval of Consent Agenda**

1. Resolution 2021-055 Washington Counties Risk Pool- Franklin County Designations
2. Resolution 2021-056 Authorization to Purchase Two Vehicles in the Assessor's Office.

- ❖ *Commissioner Peck moved to approve the Consent Agenda with discussion on item #2. Commissioner Mullen seconded. After clarification from the Assessor and discussion, the motion carried.*

11:08 a.m. **Administration Office Business**

- Administrator Keith Johnson brought forth a map with the latest GIS numbers in each precinct. With adjustments to the precincts only. There were no changes to the districts in this map. Mr. Johnson looked for guidance from the Commissioners as to how they would like to move forward. The Commissioners agreed to schedule a time with our outside council to discuss this further.
- Mr. Johnson gave brief details of the Biden "rescue act". Allocation to Franklin County is roughly eighteen and one half million dollars.

11:35 a.m. **Public Comment**

- Vanessa called in regards to the Dradie street vacation.
- Lawanda Hatch supported a redistricting committee, which shows good faith by allowing a nonbiased group to compile the maps.
- Sharon asked Commissioners to have unbiased representation on the redistricting.
- Commissioner Amerine had concerns with the redistricting process in Franklin County and recommended using a committee.

11:44 a.m. **Executive Session** RCW 42.30.110 (1) (f) receive and evaluate complaints or charges against public officer or employee.

Commissioner Didier recessed into Executive Session at 11:44 a.m., for up to 30 minutes to receive and evaluate complaints or charges against public officer or employee.

The following were invited to attend, Commissioner Didier, Commissioner Mullen, Commissioner Peck, Attorney Shawn Sant, and Attorney Jennifer Johnson, Human Resources Director Carlee Nave, Administrator Keith Johnson and Clerk of the Board Karin Milham. After a few moments, Karin Milham was excused.

Commissioner Didier reconvened the Regular Meeting at 12:19 p.m. with no action taken.



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Adjourn

With no further business to bring before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 12:19 p.m.

Chair

Clerk of the Board

Date