



FRANKLIN COUNTY, WASHINGTON BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

REGULAR MEETING AND
PUBLIC HEARING
AUGUST 17, 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**

❖ *August 3, 2021 Commissioners Meeting Minutes approved as presented.*

9:03 a.m. **Commissioner/Administrator Updates**

Administrator Keith Johnson update

- Futurewise has challenged the Franklin County Comprehensive Plan
- Met with local tribe members regarding the Shoreline Reconveyance
- Hispanic celebration to take place in Pasco in September
- Participated in the annual Information System meeting
- Government Finance Officers Association GFOA discussed how to use funds and lost revenue

Commissioner Peck update

- WSAC Washington State Association of Counties meeting discussion on Broadband and ARPA Funds
- Met with local tribe members regarding the Shoreline Reconveyance
- Municipal advisory committee meeting and Board of Health conversations on COVID
- Port of Pasco meeting on Economic Development
- Council of Governments. Give loans to high-risk small businesses for startup and existing businesses. Discussed using private homes as collateral, Pros and Cons.
- Kona radio show took questions and concerns on Covid vaccines. The main challenge hospitals are dealing with is maintaining medical staff.

Commissioner Mullen update

- Spoke with Public Works Director Matt Mahoney on the Pasco-Kahlotus Highway project. Complaints coming in on the construction process.
- Invited to the Umatilla Fair, took a tour, and met with other County Commissioners.
- Ben Franklin Transit meeting, partial attendance.



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Commissioner Didier update

- Missed Ben Franklin Transit meeting. He took wife to hospital with broken arm.
- Received many emails for Commissioners to take a stand on mandate vaccines.
- WSAC Washington State Association of Counties meeting
- Elections meeting
- Attended the Port meeting. Insurance increases for the Port and many others.

9:14 a.m. **Closed Record Hearing - SUB 2021-05 Spencer Estates Phase 4**

❖ *Commissioner Didier opened the Closed Record Hearing at 9:14 a.m.*

Planning and Building Director Derrick Braaten gave a background of SUB 2021-05 Spencer Estates Phase 4. Original packet was missing a few conditions due to copying procedure. The Commissioners have the correct packet and conditions start on page six. There is a numbering correction of 1.2.2.(typo- #3) 4.5.6.7. Mr. Braaten presented a PowerPoint presentation to the Board and Public, explaining some details of the proposed division of the property.

❖ *Commissioner Mullen moved to approve resolution 2021-174. Commissioner Peck seconded and the motion carried.*

9:30 a.m. **Public Comment**

- Administrator Keith Johnson received a call from a citizen who indicated her support for the County Commissioners to do more for the mask mandates and vaccines.
- Stephen Bauman voiced his concerns on the master plan of roads and urged the county to collaborate with the city and address the issues. Concerned with the mandate of vaccines and the control of government.
- George Dockstader stated that Futurewise filed a lawsuit against our comprehensive plan. He suggested in opting out of the Growth Management Act.
- Stephen Bauman asked how we could withdrawal from the GMA. Mr. Johnson gave a brief description and invited Mr. Bauman to visit him for more information. Public Works Director Matt Mahoney announced that we could not legally opt out, as our county is too large.
- Lawanda Hatch asked if there was the opportunity to have a presentation on Growth Management. She voiced her concerns on the Covid response and the government's actions in dealing with the virus. Ms. Hatch does not trust the government, and so called experts.
- Stephen Bauman requested a presentation on the Growth Management Act.



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9:48 a.m. **Approval of Fund Expenditure Warrants**

08/17/2021

Franklin County Commissioners:

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

Action: As of this date, 08/17/2021

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:	00373475 - 00373496	\$34,264.50
EFT Check Numbers:	-	
		\$34,264.50
Fund Expenditures		Amount Issued
CURRENT EXPENSE		\$16,620.49
LAW LIBRARY		\$1,278.36
THE HAPO CENTER		\$16,365.65

In the amount of: \$34,264.50

The motion was seconded by: *Bob Peck*

And passed by a vote of: 3 to 0

Reviewed by the County Administrator: *Kevin Johnson*

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

Paola Mendoza
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 August 17, 2021 for payment totaling \$34,264.50. Commissioner Peck seconded and the motion carried.*



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9:48 a.m. **Approval of Consent Agenda**

1. Resolution 2021-175 Lease of Copier for County Clerk Office
2. Resolution 2021-176 Part Time Clerk in Clerk's Office

❖ *Commissioner Peck moved to approve consent agenda 1-2. Commissioner Mullen seconded and the motion carried.*

9:49 a.m. **Administration Office Business**

- Proposed having a night meeting on September 7, 2021
- Medical insurances are going up and the Juvenile Justice Center is finding it hard to secure an insurance company.

Mr. Johnson requested a postponement on the Executive Session RCW 42.30.110(1) (i) discuss with legal counsel, litigation or potential litigation, due to the unavailability of the Prosecuting Attorney.

9:52 a.m. **Executive Session** RCW 42.30.110(1) (c) – Real Estate Sale

Commissioner Didier recessed into Executive Session at 9:52 a.m., for up to 10 minutes to discuss Real Estate. Those participating are Commissioner Didier, Commissioner Mullen, Commissioner Peck, County Administrator Keith Johnson, Clerk of the Board Karin Milham and Civil Attorney Jennifer Johnson.

10:03 a.m. Commissioner Didier reconvened the regular meeting.

- *Proposed to have night meeting on September 14*

Adjourn

With no further business to bring before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 10:05 a.m.

Chair

Clerk of the Board

Date