

COMMISSIONERS RECORD 51
FRANKLIN COUNTY
Commissioners' Proceedings for March 26, 2012

The Honorable Board of Franklin County Commissioners met on the above date. Present for the meeting were Brad Peck, Chairman; Rick Miller, Chair Pro Tem; and Robert E. Koch, Member; Fred Bowen, County Administrator; and Mary Withers, Clerk to the Board. Meeting convened at 1:30 pm.

Prosecutor Shawn Sant and Deputy Prosecutor Janet Taylor met with the Board. Present in audience: Auditor Matt Beaton, Tri-City Herald Reporter Kristi Pihl, George Zucker and TV Reporter Bryant Maddrick.

Executive Session at 1:35 pm per RCW 42.30.110(1)(g) to evaluate the performance of Tim Fife and Guy Walters expected to last up to one hour. Present: Commissioners Peck, Miller and Koch; Prosecutor Shawn Sant, Deputy Prosecutor Janet Taylor, Auditor Matt Beaton and County Administrator Fred Bowen. Engineer Tim Fife joined the meeting in progress.

Open Session at 2:37 pm. Present: Commissioners Peck, Miller and Koch; County Administrator Fred Bowen; Prosecutor Shawn Sant, Deputy Prosecutor Janet Taylor, Auditor Matt Beaton and Clerk to the Board Mary Withers. Present in audience: Kristi Pihl, Bryant Maddrick and a woman TV reporter.

Recessed at 2:37 pm.

Reconvened in Open Session at 2:47 pm. Present: Commissioners Peck, Miller and Koch; County Administrator Fred Bowen, Prosecutor Shawn Sant, Deputy Prosecutor Janet Taylor, Auditor Matt Beaton and Clerk to the Board Mary Withers. Present in audience: Kristi Pihl, Bryant Maddrick and a woman TV reporter.

Executive Session continued at 2:48 pm for the same purpose, expected to last up to 25 minutes. Present: Commissioners Peck, Miller and Koch; Prosecutor Shawn Sant, Deputy Prosecutor Janet Taylor, and Auditor Matt Beaton.

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Open Session at 3:17 pm. Present: Commissioners Peck, Miller and Koch; County Administrator Fred Bowen, Prosecutor Shawn Sant, Deputy Prosecutor Janet Taylor and Clerk to the Board Mary Withers. Those present in the audience included: Matt Beaton, Thomas Westerman, Robin Stanco, Connie Curiel, Kristi Pihl, Bryant Maddrick, and two other TV reporters.

Executive Session continued at 3:18 pm for the same purpose, expected to last up to 30 minutes. Present: Present: Commissioners Peck, Miller and Koch; Prosecutor Shawn Sant, Deputy Prosecutor Janet Taylor and Auditor Matt Beaton.

Open Session at 3:51 pm. Present: Commissioners Peck, Miller and Koch; Prosecutor Shawn Sant, Deputy Prosecutor Janet Taylor and Clerk to the Board Mary Withers. Present in audience: Auditor Matt Beaton, Kristi Pihl, Bryant Maddrick, another male TV reporter, Thomas Westerman, Connie Curiel and Robin Stanco.

Mr. Peck gave introductory remarks and asked the other commissioners for comments. Mr. Koch and Mr. Miller both commented. Mr. Peck asked if one of the other commissioners would like to make a motion.

Motion – Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman, I move that we terminate the employment of Mr. Fife effective immediately based on information that the Franklin County Board of Commissioners has received. Second by Mr. Koch. Mr. Peck made comments. 3:0 vote in favor.

Motion – Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman, I would also like to make the motion to, pending on more information to the Franklin County Board, that we put Guy Walters on unpaid administrative leave. Mr. Peck added “effective immediately.” Second by Mr. Koch. Mr. Koch, Mr. Miller and Mr. Peck made comments. 3:0 vote in favor.

Mr. Peck noted that the matter may be discussed further at the Board meeting on Wednesday.

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ADJOURNMENT

Motion – Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman, I move that we adjourn this meeting. Second by Mr. Koch.
3:0 vote in favor.

Adjourned at 4:01 pm.

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There being no further business, the Franklin County Board of Commissioners meeting was adjourned until March 28, 2012.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FRANKLIN COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Brad Peck, Chairman

Rick Miller, Chairman Pro Tem

Robert E. Koch, Member

Attest:

Clerk to the Board

Approved and signed April 4, 2012.