

COMMISSIONERS RECORD 51  
FRANKLIN COUNTY  
Commissioners' Proceedings for September 12, 2012

*This document is a summarized version of the Board of Commissioners proceedings. The minutes are paraphrased, not verbatim. Access to an electronic audio recording of the meeting is available upon request.*

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 9:00 am.

**HANFORD ADVISORY BOARD (HAB)**

Gary Garnant, pending member of the Hanford Advisory Board representing Franklin and Grant Counties, met with the Board. Present in audience: Jim Follansbee, Rich Lahtinen, Patrick Conrad, Roger Lenk, Al Yenney and Tri-City Herald Reporter John Trumbo.

Mr. Garnant has been attending the HAB meetings pending his expected appointment by the Department of Energy (DOE) and gave an update. The Board members responded to his request about Franklin County's particular interests. Mr. Garnant said the county may wish to write a letter to the governor and attorney general urging DOE to take reasonable steps to meet the Federal court requirements for cleanup at Hanford.

**OFFICE BUSINESS**

Administrative Assistant Margo Hines met with the Board. Present in audience: Jim Follansbee, Rich Lahtinen, Patrick Conrad, Roger Lenk, Al Yenney and John Trumbo.

**Public Comment**

Patrick Conrad from the Tri-City Regional Chamber of Commerce invited the Commissioners to a press conference for the Coalition for Power on Thursday, September 27.

Roger Lenk expressed his appreciation to the Board for their concern with taxpayer funds by purchasing a 10-year-old vehicle as a replacement.

Vouchers

**Motion** – Mr. Koch moved for approval of seven miscellaneous fund expenditures. The bottom line is \$63,685.63. It is signed by Mr. Beaton and audited by Julie Jordan. Second by Mr. Miller. 3:0 vote in favor. (Exhibit 1)

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Auditor O & M	71303	71304	442.13
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### Consent Agenda

Regarding consent agenda item #2, Mr. Koch commented the Kelly blue book value for the vehicle is \$6700 for an excellent condition vehicle. He does not know the mileage of the vehicle that was purchased. He is curious how it was decided that it was a good price for a 2002 vehicle. Mr. Bowen said the Coroner handled the purchase.

Mr. Koch asked if the county receives insurance money, will it go back into this line item? Mr. Bowen said it will go into the general fund. He is not sure it will go into that specific line item unless the Board requires it.

Mr. Peck noted the purchase has been approved and made. Mr. Koch noted it was a point of information.

**Motion** - Mr. Miller: I would move that we pass the consent agenda, items 1 through 4. Second by Mr. Koch. 3:0 vote in favor.

1. Approval of Resolution 2012-293, supporting changes to the Energy Independence Act to protect our Washington energy rates
2. Approval of Resolution 2012-294, inter budget transfer of \$9402.22 from the 2012 Current Expense Non-Departmental Budget #700, line item 519.90.00.0010 (Contingency) to the 2012 Current Expense Capital Outlay Budget, Number 001-000-710, line item 594.63.64.0001 (Coroner Vehicle Replacement) for the purchase of a used 2002 Ford Explorer, VIN #1FMDU70E02UC60772 assigned to the Franklin County Coroner's Office
3. Approval of Commissioner Proceedings for August 22 and 29, 2012

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4. Approval of Resolution 2012-295 Law Enforcement Cooperative Agreement with the Bureau of Land Management and the Franklin County Sheriff's Office

**COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR**

County Administrator Fred Bowen met with the Board. Present in audience: Jim Follansbee, Rich Lahtinen, Patrick Conrad, Roger Lenk, Al Yenney, John Trumbo, Guy Walters and Janet Taylor.

Appointment of County Engineer/Assistant Public Works Director

**Motion** – Mr. Miller: I move that we appoint Matthew S. Rasmussen as County Engineer/Assistant Public Works Director for Franklin County. Second by Mr. Koch. 3:0 vote in favor. Resolution 2012-296 was approved.

Public Works: County Road Administration Board Rural Arterial Program Final Prospectus (RAP Prospectus)

**Motion** – Mr. Koch: I move for approval. Second by Mr. Miller. 3:0 vote in favor. (Exhibit 2) Commissioners/County Administrator Office: Additional Help for up to 10 hours at \$27 per hour

Mr. Bowen asked for approval to pay Toni Fulton \$27 per hour for up to 10 hours to assist in some training and office work. The Board members gave approval.

**Executive Session** at 9:37 am per RCW 42.30.110(1)(i), potential litigation, regarding public records requests, expected to last 15 minutes. Deputy Prosecuting Attorney Janet Taylor remained in the meeting. Others in the audience left the meeting.

**Open Session** at 9:53 am. Present in audience: Roger Lenk, Jim Follansbee, John Trumbo and Al Yenney.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

Minutes

**Motion** - Mr. Miller: I move to approve the Franklin County Commission Proceedings for September 5, 2012. Second by Mr. Koch. 3:0 vote in favor.

Public Works Director

Mr. Bowen gave a brief update about hiring of a Public Works Director.

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TRAC

The Board discussed the 30-year TRAC operations agreement (set to expire in 2024) and the 20-year bond repayment agreement between Franklin County and the City of Pasco (set to expire in 2014). A city official has indicated to Mr. Bowen the 30-year agreement will be reviewed by the city's legal counsel but that the city official now expects the 30-year agreement will continue to last until 2024 rather than having the city end the agreement in 2014 when the 20-year agreement for bond payments is complete.

*(Clerk's reference note:*

- *Resolution 94-126, Interlocal Agreement and Financing Lease for Trade, Recreational and Agriculture Center between Franklin County and the City of Pasco became effective May 25, 1994, for a duration of 30 years.*
- *Resolution 94-121, Ground Lease for Trade, Recreational and Agriculture Center between Franklin County and the City of Pasco for 31 acres, signed May 25, 1994, duration 20 years.)*

Mr. Peck summarized the sequence of events: The City of Pasco indicated to the county their intention at the end of the 20-year bond repayment period in approximately 2014 to complete their 30-year agreement with the county that obligates them to pay half of the annual losses. The Board of Commissioners, operating in good faith with that understanding, was looking at other options for the future of TRAC, ideally ones that would allow us to retain TRAC and maybe augment it. Then the Public Facilities District (PFD) made a proposal to either add a water park or convert TRAC to a water park. That was to be sorted out in negotiations. What has transpired most recently is that in additional reviews of the agreement, city officials and the county have recognized for the contract to conclude in 2014 would require mutual approval through a joint resolution signed by the city and the county.

Mr. Peck made the following statement: "I just want to add that there's been an awful lot of discussion about TRAC and there are people on every side of this issue. I want to make clear that the interest that I've expressed and I think the Board has expressed at one time or another in finding options for TRAC was based on the fact that we anticipated the county being saddled with the full cost going forward. When 60,000 of the 80,000 people in the county are in the city,

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we felt it appropriate for the city to be sharing that burden. Now that it appears that it's likely that that's how it will come out, I think the energy behind trying to find a new role, a new design for TRAC, is probably behind us.

"I know that there's interest in the Board's part and I share that interest in looking for ways to make TRAC more affordable without jacking up the rates and fees on citizens. We've had discussions over the last few years about how we could make improvements to the arena, whether it's a solid floor deep enough below the dirt that it doesn't impact equestrian use and those kinds of options, and ideally we'd be able to afford to keep TRAC in its current state and perhaps augment and improve it. I think this new news that this agreement probably goes out an additional 10 years might very well be exactly what we need to make that happen.

"So that's my effort at least to try and communicate clearly on behalf of the Board where we think TRAC is today and there's currently no effort to go out and make any significant changes to its future. Is that a fair assessment?"

Mr. Miller asked you said there's no effort to make significant changes at this point?

Mr. Peck said "Immediately. We don't have anything on the table. We're certainly looking at ways that we might be able to enhance it and make it more cost-effective in the future, but we don't have anything specific pending right now. But we're looking at what those options might be."

Mr. Miller agreed. He noted that he has asked for insights from the TRAC Advisory Committee and expects a report will come from the committee. He feels we need to look at every opportunity we have now to maybe expand the use of what we have out there to benefit the people in Franklin County.

Mr. Peck said he thinks the primary function of the TRAC Advisory Board is to advise and make recommendations on how to improve TRAC.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion** – Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman, I move that we adjourn at 10:06. Second by Mr. Koch.  
3:0 vote in favor.

**ADJOURNED** at 10:06 am.

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There being no further business, the Franklin County Board of Commissioners meeting was adjourned until September 19, 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 October 3, 2012.



# FRANKLIN COUNTY AUDITOR

*Matt Beaton, Auditor*

9/12/2012

Franklin County Commissioners:

Vouchers audited and certified by the auditing officer by RCW 42.24.090, expense reimbursement claims.

Action: As of this date, 9/12/2012

*R. Kod*

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.

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*Rob Miller*

In the amount of

\$63,685.63

The motion was seconded by

And passed by a vote of

3-6

*Matt Beaton*

The attached vouchers have been approved by Auditor or Deputy

*Julie Jordan*  
Vouchers Audited By

STATE OF WASHINGTON - COUNTY ROAD ADMINISTRATION BOARD  
RURAL ARTERIAL PROGRAM  
FINAL PROSPECTUS

Biennium: 2013 - 2015

Region: SE County: Franklin

IDENTIFICATION

State Legislative District:	16	Six-Year T.I.P. Priority No:	5	Total Points:	63.54		
Road Number(s)	Road Name(s)	FFC(s)	TRC(s)	BMP(s)	EMP(s)		
08070	Pasco-Kahlotus Road	07	T3	5.920	8.970		

DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS - Attach Rating Worksheets

Roadway Structural Section, or Bridge Condition:  Deviation Anticipated?  
 Reconstruction of the roadway will include earthwork, drainage, crushed surfacing, HMA, and striping. We will design the structure of the roadway to meet All-Weather Standards.

Horizontal Alignment:  Deviation Anticipated?  
 N/A

Vertical Alignment:  Deviation Anticipated?  
 The existing roadway has several substandard vertical curves. The proposed roadway will be designed to meet current standards.

Width:  Deviation Anticipated?  
 The project will widen the existing roadway from 26'-28' width to a 34' minimum width.

ESTIMATED FUNDING AND TIMING

Phase	Est Total Cost	RATA Amount	Estimated Year	
			Start	End
Design/Prelim. Engr.	\$125,000	\$112,500	Apr-13	Apr-14
Right of Way	\$100,000	\$90,000	Jul-13	Apr-14
Construction	\$2,275,000	\$2,047,500	Apr-14	Sep-14
TOTAL	\$2,500,000	\$2,250,000		

SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS THAT MAY AFFECT PROJECT SCHEDULE:

- Wetlands
- NMFS
- R.O.W.
- Shorelines
- USFWS
- BIA
- HPA
- RR
- USACE
- WDFW
- Cultural (Hist. Arch. Paleo.)
- Tied (Other agency work)
- Other

PROJECT TYPE

Project Type: RC - Reconstruction

LOCAL PROJECT APPROVAL

RAP Project Prospectus prepared under the supervision of:  
 Vic. Map and typical cross sections attached? \_\_\_\_\_  
 RAP Project Prospectus submitted to CRAB with the approval of:

*[Signature]* 9/10/12  
 Signature - County Engineer / Date

*[Signature]*  
 Signature of Chair of the Board of County Commissioners or County Executive / Date

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