



Keith Johnson
County Administrator

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
FRANKLIN COUNTY
WASHINGTON

BRAD PECK
District 1

ROBERT KOCH
District 2

CLINT DIDIER
District 3

AGENDA
Regular Board Meeting
Tuesday, November 26, 2019

Franklin County Courthouse, Commissioners' Meeting Room
1016 North Fourth Avenue, Pasco, Washington

This is a preliminary agenda. Discussion items may be added, deleted or modified. Public Hearings will not start earlier than the advertised time. Other agenda times are approximate and provided to aid in planning.

7:00 p.m. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

7:01 p.m. Public Comment

7:05 p.m. Office Business

1. Approval of Payroll Rosters
2. Approval of Warrant Registers
3. Approval of Consent Agenda

1. Resolution 2019-359 2020 Equipment Rental and Revolving Fund Rental Rates

2. Resolution 2019-360 Adoption of a Meals with Meetings Non-travel Policy

7:10 p.m. Administration Office Business

- **Budget Discussion**
- **I-976 Discussion**

7:15 p.m. Public Comment

7:20 p.m. Executive Session (if necessary)

7:25 p.m. Adjourn



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7:00 p.m.

Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

Commission Chairman Robert Koch called the Franklin County Commissioners' Regular Board Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m., in the Commissioners' Meeting Room in the Franklin County Courthouse located at 1016 North Fourth Avenue, Pasco, Washington.

Commissioners Present: Commission Chair Robert Koch, Chair Pro Tem Brad Peck and Member Clint Didier

Staff Present: County Administrator Keith Johnson, Sheriff Jim Raymond, Auditor Matt Beaton, Coroner Curtis McGary, Treasurer Josie Koelzer, Chief Deputy Prosecuting Attorney Jennifer Johnson, Human Resources Generalist Eric Wyant, Director of Finance Thomas Westerman, Public Works Director Matt Mahoney and Clerk of the Board Karin Milham

7:01 p.m. **Public Comment**

- Citizen George Dockstader expressed his appreciation for an evening Commissioners meeting and requested to have them on a regular basis. He also requested the County have the Agenda sent out by email.
- Citizen James Hansen requested his letter to be read at the Commissioners Meeting due to health conditions that prevents him from mixing with the public. His concerns are that of increased taxes, government not recognizing the will of the people and government becoming too large.
- Jeffery Robinson apologized to Commissioner Didier for his previous comments. When he spoke of civility, he did not intend to direct it to any one person, but as a blanket statement.

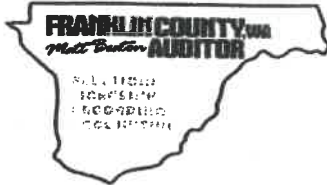
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7:06 p.m. Approval of Fund Expenditure Warrants



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

11/26/2019

Franklin County Commissioners:

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

Action: As of this date, 11/26/2019

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:	00354899 - 00355053	\$582,282.39
EFT Check Numbers:	00000331 - 00000342	\$49,657.03
		<u>\$631,939.42</u>

Fund Expenditures	Amount Issued
CURRENT EXPENSE	\$380,829.64
AUDITOR O & M	\$468.93
TREASURER O & M	\$373.18
CRIME VICTIMS WITNESS	\$3,033.20
COURTHOUSE FACILITATOR	\$1,180.00
SHERIFF'S NARCOTIC TRUST	\$82.00
JAIL COMMISSARY	\$4,555.12
ENHANCED 911	\$9,320.80
COUNTY ROADS	\$93,878.35
SOLID WASTE	\$1,079.87
LAW LIBRARY	\$1,023.70
VETERAN'S ASSISTANCE	\$4,096.27
ENDING HOMELESSNESS	\$21,330.58
THE HAPD CENTER	\$21,077.81
FRANKLIN COUNTY RV PARK	\$6,458.09
MOTOR VEHICLE	\$89,151.88

In the amount of: \$631,939.42

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:
Thomas Westerman

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 November 26, 2019 for payment totaling \$631,939.42. Commissioner Didier seconded and the motion carried.*



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7:07 p.m. **Approval of Consent Agenda**

1. Resolution 2019-359 2020 Equipment Rental and Revolving Fund Rental Rates
2. Resolution 2019-360 Adoption of a Meals with Meetings Non-travel Policy

❖ *Commissioner Peck moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Commissioner Didier seconded with discussion on items #1 and #2. Public Works Director Matt Mahoney presented some clarification on the ER&R program. Commissioner Didier requested Administrator Keith Johnson to meet with the State Auditor, for a review during their spring entrance exam, to clarify discrepancies of interpretation on the travel policy. After discussion on items #1 and #2, the motion carried.*

7:23 p.m. **Administration Office Business**

Budget Workshop Discussion

Administrator Keith Johnson presented some recommendations for the Commissioners to consider.

- Revenue considerations- estimated year-end adjustments of revenue approximately four hundred and eighty thousand to put towards the deficit.
- Personnel requests: Analyst position from Commissioner's Office was removed, four positions were requested from Sheriff's Office, two positions are proposed for three quarters of the year, and a position in Assessor's Office was removed.
- Anticipate meeting most Capital requests. This does not include vehicles requested from the Coroner's Office and Facilities Department.
- Consideration of the Road Shift and funds banked in the past.
- Bi-County Human Services has separated to a single county program. Benton County will submit funds to Franklin County that are set aside for mental health and disability issues. Most of the medical costs in the Jail Facility and the Juvenile Justice Center will be met and reduce the burden in the current expense fund.

I-976 Discussion

Commissioner Didier would like to have seen Washington Counties step in and challenge the overturning of I-976 being filed by King County, and having the Judge paid by King County review the case, in King County. He felt this was a conflict of interest, so Commissioner Didier and other individuals stepped in to challenge the lawsuit by asking for a change in venue and change in representation.

Commissioner Didier felt funding was being misappropriated to other areas and not remaining in the Transportation Department. He also asked when counties would take a stand against the unfunded mandates that are being placed upon counties.

Commissioner Peck informed the public that Washington State Association of Counties (WSAC) is filing a lawsuit against the state legislature, challenging the unfunded mandates they have imposed on counties.



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7:47 p.m. Public Comment

- Jeffery Robinson expressed his concerns with Seattle wanting to get its way and not acknowledging the will of the people.
- Curt Didier asked about new weight limit signs on the bridges and Public Works Director Matt Mahoney explained that they complied with federal mandates to inspect bridges and come up with bridge load specific to single limits. He also expressed his concerns on his taxes, how employee VEBA accounts were being dispersed, and the county budget.
- A citizen asked the Board to cut 5% across the board.
- A citizen felt the California's proposition 8 was a good thing and something we should look into.
- Rocky Mullen asked Commissioners if they reached out to WSAC for challenging King County I-976 lawsuit.
- Auditor Matt Beaton just certified the election today. He felt the county missed the mark by not making a resolution in support of opposing I-976 lawsuit.
- John Ramsey reported on the Special Olympics that took place in the Tri-Cities. There were 900 participants and it was one of the best events the state has ever witnessed. Concerned with the meals and travel policy.
- George Dockstader suggested not enforcing the unfunded mandates and cut the budget until we get the state to pay for the mandates they are imposing.
- Citizen mentioned the federal government can do nothing but impeachment talks, yet when Hong Kong has a problem, both Congressmen and Senators got together to pass a bill to support Hong Kong. What will we need to do to get this support?

8:24 p.m.


- ❖ *Commissioner Peck would like to move for Board consensus for Franklin County to contact WSAC and formally request that they weigh in on behalf of this county and other counties in the State of Washington in opposition to the legal action that is currently underway by King County and its partners with respect to I-976. All in favor.*

Adjourn

With no further business to bring before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.


Chair


Clerk of the Board


Date