



**Keith Johnson**  
County Administrator

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
**FRANKLIN COUNTY**  
WASHINGTON

**BRAD PECK**  
District 1

**ROCKY MULLEN**  
District 2

**CLINT DIDIER**  
District 3

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**AGENDA**  
**Regular Board Meeting**  
**Tuesday, February 9, 2021**

*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.

In-Public attendance PROHIBITED at this time.  
Please join us Streaming Live on YouTube  
(Franklin County Commissioners Meeting 02/09/2021).

**9:00 a.m. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance**

**9:00a.m. Approval of Minutes**  
*January 5, 2021 Commissioners Meeting Minutes*

**9:01 a.m. Potts and Associates Legislative Updates**  
*Presented by Zak Kennedy and Jim Potts*

**9:15 a.m. CLOSED RECORD HEARING- CUP 2020-03**

**Conditional Use Permit 2020-03 to Allow the Establishment of an Electrical Substation**  
*Presented by Nicole Stickney (Resolution 2021-033 upon approval)*

**9:25 a.m. Public Comment by Phone: 509-546-5859**  
*We welcome your comments, as they are important to us.*  
*Please limit your comments to three minutes.*

**9:30 a.m. Office Business**

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

1. Resolution 2021-034 Partnership Agreement 2021 between Franklin County and the Benton Franklin Fair and Rodeo

**9:35 a.m. Administration Office Business**

**9:40 a.m. Additional or Unfinished Business**

- *Discussion on Redistricting Committee*
- *Discussion on Ethics Committee*
- *Discussion on Commission Salary*

**9:45 a.m. Public Comment**

**9:50 a.m. Adjourn**



# FRANKLIN COUNTY, WASHINGTON BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

REGULAR MEETING  
FEBRUARY 9, 2021

The Minutes of the Board of Commissioners proceedings are not verbatim. Access to an electronic audio recording of meetings are available on the Franklin County website or upon request.

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 Telephonically:** Commission Chair Clint Didier, Chair Pro Tem Rocky Mullen and Member Brad Peck

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

*January 5, 2021 Commissioners Meeting Minutes*

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

**9:00 a.m. Potts and Associates Legislative Updates**

Zak Kennedy updated the Board with news on first cutoff to the session is next week Wednesday February 15, 2021. The number of bills coming out of committee is slowing down.

Speaker Laurie Jenkins has been in the hospital with non-covid related issues. She would like the session to be out on time with no special session this year.

Items briefly touched on were as follows:

HB 1410 Personal Property tax

HB 1332 Property tax deferral

Criminal Justice reform

SB 5051 State oversight of Police Officers

HB 1477 Behavioral Health and Suicide Prevention

7778 Gun Magazines

SB 5120 Youth Criminal Sentencing

**9:18 a.m. CLOSED RECORD HEARING- CUP 2020-03**

### **Conditional Use Permit 2020-03 to Allow the Establishment of an Electrical Substation**

Nicole Stickney recapped the reason for the Closed Record Hearing. It is to bring forth a CUP application to allow establishment of a new electrical substation on parcel 124-300-083 (Lot 3 of Short Plat 2020-08), which is approx. 11.06 acres. The area to be developed will be approximately 43,200 square feet. The parcel is located in an Agricultural Production 20 zone which allows Power plants, pumping plants, substations and transmission lines as a Conditional Use (FCC 17.10.040(E)). The property is unaddressed, and is bounded to the east by Laporte Rd., lies generally south of Columbia River Rd. and generally north of Fanning Rd. The site is situated in a portion of Section 30, Township 10 N, Range 29 E, W.M., Franklin County, WA.



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The Planning Department staff provided the Planning Commission with a written recommendation of approval for the application. Subsequently, at their meeting on December 1, the Planning Commission held a duly advertised open-record public hearing and unanimously passed a motion (6-0) to forward the board a recommendation of approval, with 6 suggested findings of fact and 16 recommended conditions of approval, as amended (to ensure the permit is tied to the property and not the permittee) by the Planning Commission.

The Planning Commission recommended conditional approval of the CUP with an amendment to condition #15, and there were no appeals filed on the recommendation.

Ms. Stickney opened up the meeting for questions.

- ❖ *Commissioner Peck moved to approve Resolution 2021-033, CUP 2020-03 Establishment of an Electrical Substation. Commissioner Mullen seconded the motion. Commissioner Didier spoke with Chief Deputy Jennifer Johnson to make corrections to the parcel number. 124-300-083 is the correct parcel number.*

**9:01 a.m. Public Comment**

- Erica Taranto voiced her concerns about the Agenda for today's meeting was not on the website, Canvassing Board Workshop and what happens to the funding for Benton Franklin County fair if it does not take place again this year.
- Alexia Estrada community organizer with Latino Community. She expressed desire to involve the Latino community during the redistricting.
- Stephen Bauman congratulated the new Assessor John Rosenau. He also wished to thank the Public Works department, especially a crewmember named Steve, for the great roadwork in North Franklin County.

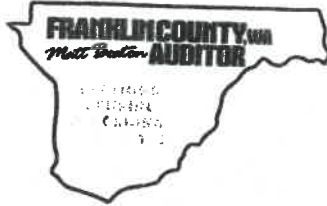
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9:28 a.m. **Approval of Fund Expenditure Warrants**



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

02/09/2021

**Franklin County Commissioners:**

Vouchers audited and certified by the auditing officer by RCW 42.24.080, expense reimbursement claims.  
Action: As of this date, 02/09/2021 *Brad Peck*  
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:	00368070 - 00368177	\$219,819.93
EFT Check Numbers:	00000722 - 00000728	\$12,958.00
		<u>\$232,777.93</u>

Fund Expenditures	Amount Issued
CURRENT EXPENSE	\$155,632.14
AUDITOR O & M	\$81.23
TREASURER O & M	\$8.01
COURTHOUSE FACILITATOR	\$996.25
BOATING SAFETY	\$64.52
SHERIFF SEX OFFENDER GRANT	\$1,334.38
SHERIFF'S NARCOTIC TRUST	\$14.91
DARE FUND SHERIFF	\$332.88
ENHANCED 911	\$17,099.85
COUNTY ROADS	\$11,204.38
SOLID WASTE	\$1,334.80
RENTAL CAR EXCISE TAX	\$7,000.00
VETERAN'S ASSISTANCE	\$568.08
ENDING HOMELESSNESS	\$3,761.42
BF MENTAL HEALTH	\$3,994.64
THE HAPO CENTER	\$1,982.48
FRANKLIN COUNTY RV PARK	\$3,977.46
MOTOR VEHICLE	\$21,485.85
<b>In the amount of:</b>	<u>\$232,777.93</u>

The motion was seconded by: Brad Peck  
Approved Telephonically

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:  
*[Signature]*  
Matt Beaton

*[Signature]*  
Vouchers Audited By:  
Paola Mendoza

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FEBRUARY 9, 2021**

02/09/2021

**Franklin County Commissioners:**

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

Action: As of this date, 02/09/2021

Move that the following warrants be approved for payment: *Paola Mendoza*  
Certified by RCW 42.24.090, have been recorded on a listing, which has been sent to the board members.

Warrants \ Check Numbers:	00368107 - 00368177	\$219,819.93
EFT Check Numbers:	00000722 - 00000728	\$12,958.00
		<u>\$232,777.93</u>
<b>Fund Expenditures</b>		<b>Amount Issued</b>
<b>FR CO UNEMPLOYMENT</b>		<b>\$1,964.65</b>

In the amount of: \$232,777.93

The motion was seconded by: Brad Peck  
Approved Telephonically

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

*Paola Mendoza*  
Vouchers Audited By:  
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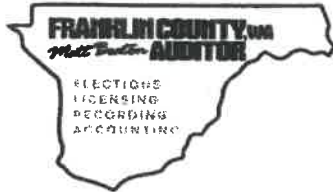
- ❖ *Commissioner Mullen moved to approve Fund Expenditures audited and certified by the auditing officer for warrants prepared for the week of February 9, 2021 for payment totaling \$232,777.93. Commissioner Peck seconded and the motion carried.*



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9:29 a.m. **Approval of Salary Clearing and Emergency Management Payroll**



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

February 9, 2021

Franklin County Commissioners:

Vouchers audited and certified by the auditing officer by RCW 42.24.080, expense reimbursement claims certified by RCW 42.24.090, have been recorded on a listing, which has been sent to the board members.

Action: As of this date, February 9, 2021   
moves that the following warrants be approved for payment.

<u>FUND</u>	<u>WARRANT</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
<b>Salary Clearing Payroll:</b>		
Net Payroll Checks	00368030-00368032	\$ 5,470.43
Net EFT Payroll Checks	00031599-00031863	\$ 485,502.96
Deduction and Contribution Checks	00368033-00368052	\$ 514,355.78
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 1,005,329.17</b>
<b>Emergency Mgmt Payroll:</b>		
Net EFT Payroll Checks	00031864-00031867	\$ 7,979.89
Deduction and Contribution Checks	00368053-00368057	\$ 5,858.70
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 13,838.59</b>
<b>Grand Total All Payrolls</b>		<b>\$ 1,019,167.76</b>

In the total amount of **\$1,019,167.76**

The motion was seconded by Brad Peck Approved Telephonically and passed by a vote of 3 to 0.

  
The attached payroll has been approved by Auditor or Deputy

  
Payroll Prepared by Peter Gadomski

❖ **Commissioner Mullen moved to approve Salary Clearing and Emergency Management Payroll totaling \$1,019,167.76. Commissioner Peck seconded and the motion carried.**



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**9:32 a.m. Approval of Consent Agenda**

1. Resolution 2021-034 Partnership Agreement 2021 between Franklin County and the Benton Franklin Fair and Rodeo

❖ *Commissioner Mullen moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Commissioner Peck seconded and the motion carried.*

*Commissioner Didier asked Administrator Johnson what happens to the money if there is no Fair. Mr. Johnson stated that there were three choices; refund the funds, use the funds for the future event or donate the funds to the livestock auction. Last year the Board decided to donate the funds to the livestock auction.*

**9:36 a.m. Additional or Unfinished Business**

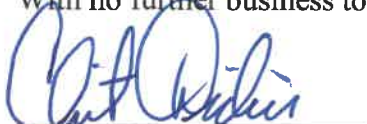
- Mr. Johnson addressed the Board on Redistricting Committee. He preferred to wait to discuss this when we obtain information from our legal counsel during the meeting on February 16, 2021.
- Mr. Johnson mentioned there is a chapter 42.23 of the revised code of Washington stipulates ethics and conflicts for local governments. If the Board wishes to go further with a Franklin County code of ethics, this can be done. After discussion, the Commissioners asked Mr. Johnson to look into this further and see if he could bring some more information to them later.
- Discussion for Public Committee to establish Salaries of Elected Officials must first establish a draft Ordinance and hold a public hearing.
- Canvassing Board Workshop February 17, 2021 at 3 p.m. Held at the Elections office on Clark Street.

**9:51 a.m. Public Comment**

- Lawanda Hatch asked the Commissioners to look into NACo - National Association of Counties. They provide information on Code of Ethics.

**Adjourn**

With no further business to bring before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 9:52 a.m.

  
Chair

  
Clerk of the Board

2-23-2021  
Date