



**FRANKLIN COUNTY, WASHINGTON
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

FEBRUARY 24, 2016

CALL TO ORDER

Commission Chairman, Rick Miller, 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.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Miller led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioners present: Commission Chair Rick Miller, Chair Pro Tem Robert E. Koch and Member Brad Peck

Staff present: County Administrator Keith Johnson, Auditor Matt Beaton, Sheriff Jim Raymond Human Resources Director Carlee Nave, Planning Director Jerrod MacPherson, Assistant Planning Director Greg Wendt, , Assistant to the Administrator Sherrie Young, Clerk to the Board Karin Milham

Public Present: Greater Columbia Behavioral Health Chief Financial Officer Troy Wilson *Tri-City Herald* Report Wendy Culverwell, Kent McMullen and David Manterola with the Franklin County Farm Bureau, Kris Kennedy, Joseph Pauly and Nancy Clark

RESOLUTION 2016-069 REQUESTING THE NAMING OF U.S. ROUTE 395 IN HONOR OF THOMAS STEPHEN FOLEY

Commissioner Robert Koch gave a brief description of the history behind renaming U.S. Route 395 in honor of former Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives and Washington State native Thomas Stephen Foley. The Spokane Democrat was the 49th Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives, the first Speaker of the House from west of the Rocky Mountains. He represented Washington's Fifth Congressional District for thirty (30) years. If approved, Franklin County would be joining the Spokane Good Roads Association in recommending the entire 275-mile stretch of U.S. Route 395 from the Canadian border to Oregon be renamed in honor of Speaker Foley, who secured money to widen the U. S. Route 395 between Pasco and Ritzville. Speaker Foley passed away in 2013.

Commissioner Peck moved to approve Resolution 2016-069 requesting Washington State Transportation Commission commence proceedings to name U.S Route 395, beginning at the Washington/Oregon border in the vicinity of Plymouth, Washington, thence in a northerly direction to the Washington/Canadian border in the vicinity of Laurier, Washington, the "Thomas Stephen 'Tom' Foley Memorial Highway" to honor his service to Washington State. Commissioner Koch seconded and the motion carried.



**FRANKLIN COUNTY, WASHINGTON
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

FEBRUARY 24, 2016

**RESOLUTION 2016-070 SUPPORTING CONVEYANCE OF OWNERSHIP FOR
FEDERALLY-OWNED LANDS ALONG THE COLUMBIA AND SNAKE RIVERS TO
LOCAL OWNERSHIP**

Commissioner Brad Peck presented this resolution for approval in support the re-conveyance of sixteen (16) miles of Columbia River shoreline currently held by the U.S. Army Corp of Engineers within Franklin County, back to appropriate local public and private interests. He stated Benton County, City of Pasco, City of Richland and City of Kennewick had already passed similar resolutions.

Commissioner Koch moved to approve Resolution 2016-070 supporting the re-conveyance of sixteen (16) miles of Columbia River shoreline currently held by the U.S. Army Corp of Engineers within Franklin County, back to appropriate local public and private interests. Commissioner Peck seconded and the motion carried.

- INTENTIONALLY LEFT BLANK -



**FRANKLIN COUNTY, WASHINGTON
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

FEBRUARY 24, 2016

OFFICE BUSINESS

Approval of Vouchers

Franklin County Commissioners:

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

Action: As of this date, 02/24/2016 *Peck*

Move that the following warrants be approved for payment:

Certified by RCW 42.24.080, have been recorded on a listing, which has been sent to the board members.

Warrants \ Check Numbers:	00300457 - 00300518	\$173,001.33
	00300520 - 00300592	\$171,304.12

Fund Expenditures	Amount Issued
CURRENT EXPENSE	\$225,081.97
AUDITOR O & M	\$5,829.73
CRIME VICTIMS WITNESS	\$3,240.91
JAIL COMMISSARY	\$2,059.98
COUNTY ROADS	\$6,799.17
SOLID WASTE	\$3,165.60
LAW LIBRARY	\$10,842.32
ENDING HOMELESSNESS	\$16,679.93
AFFORDABLE HOUSING	\$739.29
TRAC OPERATIONS	\$60,737.78
FRANKLIN COUNTY RV PARK	\$3,607.46
MOTOR VEHICLE	\$7,521.31

In the amount of: \$344,305.45

The motion was seconded by: *Beaton*

And passed by a vote of: 3 to 0

Reviewed by the County Administrator: *Castell*

The attached vouchers have been approved by Auditor or Deputy:
Matt Beaton

Vouchers audited by:
Kristy Davis

1016 North 4th Avenue, A208, Pasco, WA 99301*(509) 545-3502*fax (509) 543-2995
www.co.franklin.wa.us/auditor

Commissioner Koch moved to approve Fund Expenditures audited and certified by the auditing officer for warrants prepared for the week of February 24, 2016 for payment of payroll totaling \$344,305.45. Commissioner Peck seconded and the motion carried.



**FRANKLIN COUNTY, WASHINGTON
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

FEBRUARY 24, 2016

Approval of Consent Agenda

- Resolution 2016-071 approving first amendment to agreement 15/16-SA-IBP-00 to provide substance abuse treatment between Benton-Franklin Counties Department of Human Services and Ideal Balance, PLLC

Resolution 2016-072 authorizing Public Works to procure one (1) 2016 Ford F-250 4wd pickup

- Resolution 2016-073 authorizing Public Works to procure two (2) Roller Packers and one WR90-3 Walk-Roll 2016 Major Equipment Purchases for County Road
- Resolution 2016-073 authorizing transfer of asset from County Roads to Motor Vehicle ER&R Fund
- Resolution 2016-074 Professional Services agreement with Mario Torres, DBA Casey Investigations, to Provide Public Defense Investigations Services

Commissioner Peck moved to approve Consent Agenda Items. Commissioner Koch seconded and the motion carried.

ADMINISTRATION OFFICE BUSINESS

Tri-City Behavioral Health Group Update: County Administrator Keith Johnson stated during the latter part of 2015, there was discussion of the future of Human Services. Although there are many different directions Human Services could go, one fact is that Managed Care System will have an impact on how citizens received care, regardless of whether the bi-county entity stays a bi-county entity or if each county decides to operate their own Human Services Department.

Greater Columbia Behavioral Health Director Ken Roughten gave a brief description of the anticipated requirements and changes health and human services will undergo once the Managed Care System goes into effect in 2020.

There was extensive discussion regarding changes to the current health care system and how citizens would be getting care.



**FRANKLIN COUNTY, WASHINGTON
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

FEBRUARY 24, 2016

Mr. Roughten explained it was impossible to determine exactly how the current parties providing care would be organized but a change would take place.
The Commissioners thanked Mr. Roughten for his time.

Voluntary Stewardship Program Discussion: (Resolution 2016-075)

Mr. Johnson stated the State of Washington passed HS 1886, known as the Critical Area Protection - Voluntary Stewardship Program (VSP) as recommended by the William D. Ruckelshaus Center. VSP offers counties and landowners the option of using the program to protect critical areas on agricultural lands. Franklin County decided to participate in the Voluntary Stewardship Program in January of 2012. Work towards developing a Work Plan through VSP is not required until funding from the State of Washington has been made available.

Funding for Work Plan development, as required for implementation of the VSP, became available to Franklin County through the Washington State Conservation Commission in December of 2015.

In accordance with applicable statutes, Franklin County has thirty (30) days from the date of notification of availability of funds to sign the contract for VSP Work Plan development. Franklin County requested and was granted an extension for contract consideration until February 24, 2016.

If the Board of County Commissioners decides not to sign the contract, Franklin County would have eighteen (18) months to take action to reaffirm that the County's current Critical Areas Ordinance is in compliance with State standards as it relates to agricultural lands/critical areas.

Mr. Clint Didier addressed the Board recommending the Board look at Thurston County's VSP. He stated citizens were being jailed for non-compliance. Mr. Didier expressed his opinion regarding regulations, the structure of today's government, sanctions and government programs and spoke strongly against Franklin County participating in VSP.

Mr. James Alford addressed the Board stating the Growth Management Act was not something Franklin County, or any other county, could control. He felt if eastern Washington farmers were not in VSP which would be organized by local stakeholders, they would be dependent on western Washington legislation explaining western Washington has the majority in many issues put to the voters for the State of Washington.



FRANKLIN COUNTY, WASHINGTON
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

FEBRUARY 24, 2016

He further explained western Washington attracts quite a different type of farmer and didn't feel legislative outcome would be positive for eastern Washington farmers. It was his understanding that if a farmer didn't want to be in the VSP, he didn't have to join. He felt Franklin County had the best farmers in the state who were already environmentally aware and good stewards of the land. Farmers he had talked to wanted the opportunity to join and encouraged the Franklin County Board of Commissioners approval participation in the program.

Mr. David Manterola felt farmers were already operating under the VSP guidelines so it wouldn't be much of a change and also encouraged the Board to join the program.

Building and Planning Director Jerrod MacPherson reminded the Board today's discussion was whether to accept funding. If funding is accepted, there is a contract clause that allows counties to rescind funding and withdraw from the VSP program if done so within thirty (30) days.

- ❖ *After discussion, Commissioner Koch moved to approve Resolution 2016-075 authorizing a contract between Franklin County and the Washington State Conservation Commission to provide funding for the development of a Work Plan as required for the implementation of the Voluntary Stewardship Program. Commissioner Peck seconded and the motion carried.*

NON-SCHEDULED ITEMS

- Commissioner Peck stated the 911 Consolidation letter had been signed and submitted.
- Commissioner Peck also discussed a recent article in the *Tri-City Herald* that reported Franklin County Commissioners were blocking Coroner Dan Blasdell from holding an inquest. Commissioner Peck clarified, as an elected official, Mr. Blasdell absolutely has the right to hold an inquest, but he does not have the authority to spend public funds without Board approval. Mr. Blasdell met with the Board during the budget workshops in late 2015 and asked for additional funding to create a part time position in the Coroner's office, but had not asked for additional funding to hold an inquest.
- Mr. Hector Alamillo addressed the Board stating there was an issue with speeding on Wernett Road. He felt a stop sign, speed bumps or a speed table should be installed to slow down drivers.



**FRANKLIN COUNTY, WASHINGTON
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

FEBRUARY 24, 2016

Sheriff Jim Raymond agreed speeding was a problem in that area and stated a stop sign had been installed at 44th and Wernett to slow drivers down and City of Pasco had installed several traffic controlling measures over the last few months.

Mr. Alamillo didn't feel enough had been done to slow the traffic.

- Ms. Kris Kennedy addressed the Board stating she felt mental health should remain under local control.

ADJOURN

With no further business to bring before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FRANKLIN COUNTY, WASHINGTON**



Rick Miller, Board Chair



Robert Koch, Chair Pro Tem



Brad Peck, Member

ATTEST:



Clerk to the Board