



**FRANKLIN COUNTY, WASHINGTON
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

MAY 11, 2016

CALL TO ORDER

Commission Chair Pro Tem, Robert E. Koch, 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:, Chair Pro Tem Robert E. Koch and Member Brad Peck Commission. Chair Rick Miller on business travel and was excused from the meeting.

Staff Present: County Administrator Keith Johnson, Human Resources Carlee Nave, Assistant to the Administrator Sherrie Young and Clerk to the board Karin Milham

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Koch led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**WASHINGTON STATE UNIVERSITY - FRANKLIN COUNTY EXTENTION UPDATE
ON REGIONAL FORAGE PROGRAMMING**

Steve Norberg Ph.D., Regional Forage Specialist working with Washington State University - Franklin County Extension and Tim Waters, Ph.D., Washington State University - Franklin County Extension Director and Associate Professor/Regional Vegetable Specialist presented the Board with a 2016 report. Mr. Norberg listed three main WSU Extension programmatic areas:

- **Alfalfa Variety Trials:**
These trials provide the best information possible for variety selection for hay production. In 2016, twenty (20) Seed Cooperators have participated in the WSU/WSHGA Alfalfa Variety Trials. The seed is rated on various criteria over a three (3) year period to determine the best overall variety. This valuable information allows the producer to choose a seed that will yield higher production and profit. However, alfalfa is a crop that must be rotated after three (3) years with another crop for one (1) year to promote the best crop response.
- **Forage Nutrient Management Creating Guidelines and Tools for Timothy Fertility:**
Leaf testing can determine the correct amount of nitrogen to be used for timothy and can be adjusted accordingly to its growth season.
- **Improved Forage Systems, to Decrease the Cost of Producing Forages and/or Increase the Value Per Acre and Alternative Forages:**
Intercropping corn with soybeans has been proven to improve the protein production as well as reducing diseases to the crops.



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Mr. Norberg has received numerous awards for his research and remains a top researcher in the Northwest and United States. Tim Waters, Ph.D., Franklin County Director Associate Professor/ Regional Vegetable Specialist Washington State University Extension was in attendance also and answered questions from the Board.

The Board thanked Mr. Norberg and Mr. Waters for their hard work and excellence in their program.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mark Rowley addressed the Board stating he is a local farmer interested in establishing TRAC as a new Farmers' Market venue. He and other farmers in the area believe the TRAC would allow for larger community access to fresh farm produce with ample parking and accessibility. Mr. Rowley has contacted another venue in the area of West Pasco if the TRAC is not an option, but preferred TRAC as the location for an additional Farmers' Market in Pasco.

Since time is of essence and the growing season is about to be in full swing, Mr. Rowley asked the Board to consider this request and make a decision as soon as possible.

Commissioner Peck stated the Board would consider the request but had an obligation to consider the political affect having two Farmers' Markets in Pasco would have on the area. He told Mr. Rowley he would look into this request and follow up with him in the near future.

Commissioner Koch thanked Mr. Rowley for coming to the Board with this information.

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OFFICE BUSINESS

Approval of Fund Expenditure Warrants

Franklin County Commissioners:

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

Action: As of this date, 05/11/2016 *[Signature]*

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: 00903113 - 00903235 \$272,002.18
\$0.00
\$0.00

Fund Expenditures	Amount Issued
CURRENT EXPENSE	\$87,690.59
AUDITOR O & M	\$390.17
CRIME VICTIMS WITNESS	\$3,267.85
SHERIFF SEX OFFENDER GRANT	\$64.65
JAIL COMMISSARY	\$3,124.31
ENHANCED 911	\$4,937.50
COUNTY ROADS	\$111,973.39
SOLID WASTE	\$3,133.41
VETERAN'S ASSISTANCE	\$440.00
CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND	\$359.17
FRANKLIN COUNTY RV PARK	\$109.89
MOTOR VEHICLE	\$83,969.51
FR CO UNEMPLOYMENT	\$22,607.74

In the amount of: \$272,002.18

The motion was seconded by: *[Signature]*

And passed by a vote of: 2 to 0

Reviewed by the County Administrator: *[Signature]*

[Signature]
The attached vouchers have been approved by Auditor or Deputy:
Jeff Burckhard

[Signature]
Vouchers Audited By:
Julie Jordan for Kristy Davis

❖ *Commissioner Peck moved to approve Fund Expenditures audited and certified by the auditing officer for warrants prepared for the week of May 11, 2016 for payment of payroll totaling \$272,002.18. Commissioner Koch seconded and the motion was unanimously carried.*



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Approval of Consent Agenda

- Resolution 2016-187 Approval of Re-appointment of Bob Bertsch to Benton Franklin Workforce Development Council Board
- Resolution 2016-188 Approval of Re-appointment of Carl Adrian to Benton Franklin Workforce Development Council Board
- Resolution 2016-189 Approval of Re-appointment of Benjamin Ellison to Benton Franklin Workforce Development Council Board
- Resolution 2016-190 Approval of Re-appointment of Jennie Weber to Benton Franklin Workforce Development Council Board
- Resolution 2016-191 Approval of Re-appointment of Lisa Bunch to Benton Franklin Workforce Development Council Board
- Resolution 2016-192 Approval of Re-appointment of Melanie Olson to Benton Franklin Workforce Development Council Board
- Resolution 2016-193 Approval of Re-appointment of Jeff Pierce to Benton Franklin Workforce Development Council Board
- Resolution 2016-194 Approval of Re-appointment of Janet Booth to Benton Franklin Workforce Development Council Board
- Resolution 2016-195 Approval of Re-appointment of Dennis Williamson to Benton Franklin Workforce Development Council Board
- Resolution 2016-196 Approval of Re-appointment of Todd Samuel to Benton Franklin Workforce Development Council Board
- Resolution 2016-197 Approval of Re-appointment of Jason Hogue to Benton Franklin Workforce Development Council Board
- Resolution 2016-198 Approval of Dissolution of Work Release's Petty Cash Fund
- Resolution 2016-199 Executing Grant # 16-46108-03 Amend a Consolidated Homeless Grant with Washington State Department of Commerce, Community Services and Housing Division
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- Resolution 2016-200 Execution of a Professional Services Agreement with Attorney Alexis Rado to Represent indigent Persons for Conflict-overflow in Juvenile Court
- Resolution 2016-201 Authorizing The Board Chair To Execute Premera Blue Cross Contract for 2016 Employee Medical Benefits
- Resolution 2016-202 Approval of Agreement FCCRUGTC16-00 between Greater Columbia Behavioral Health and Benton Franklin Human Services
- Approval of February 10, 2016 Minutes

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

ADMINISTRATION OFFICE BUSINESS

Commissioner Peck brought forth a matter of business relating to Resolution 2016-070 which was approved by the Board February 24, 2016. The resolution which pertains to the matter of reconveyance of ownership of federally owned lands along the Columbia and Snake rivers back to local ownership. He stated Doc Hastings, Gary Peterson and Brad Fisher have received legal advice and assistance from K&L Gates Law firm on this matter. Since the Board has approved support for this project, Commissioner Peck felt financial contribution was also necessary. He asked the Board consider a financial contribution in the amount of \$1000.00 to help cover the expenses associated with this project. He stated funding would come from the .09 Economic Development Fund.

❖ *Commissioner Peck moved for approval of the \$1000.00 requested from invoice to come out of .09 Economic Development Fund. Commissioner Koch seconded and the motion carried.*



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ADJOURN

With no further business to bring before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 9:46 a.m.

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Rick Miller, Chair



Robert Koch, Chair Pro Tem



Brad Peck, Member

ATTEST:



Karin Milham
Clerk to the Board