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**FRANKLIN COUNTY RESOLUTION \_\_\_\_\_**

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF  
FRANKLIN COUNTY WASHINGTON**

***PROCUREMENT FROM OR THROUGH THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT***

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to RCW 39.32.090, whenever authorized by ordinance or resolution of its legislative authority any political subdivision of the state shall have power to purchase supplies, materials, electronic data processing and telecommunication equipment, software, services, and/or equipment from or through the United States government without calling for bids, notwithstanding any law or charter provision to the contrary, and

**WHEREAS**, as the federal government's purchasing agent, the U.S. General Services Administration (GSA) provides centralized procurement for the federal government, offering billions of dollars worth of products, services, and facilities that federal agencies need to serve the public, and

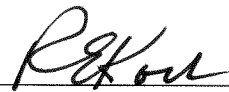
**WHEREAS**, through the U.S. General Administration (GSA), state, local, tribal governments and educational institutions may utilize specific programs to buy goods and services, and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Franklin County Commissioners constitutes the legislative authority of Franklin County and finds the purchase of supplies, materials, electronic data processing and telecommunication equipment, software, services, and/or equipment from or through the United States government without calling for bids, as being in the best interest of Franklin County.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that Board of Franklin County Commissioners hereby authorizes the purchase of supplies, materials, electronic data processing and telecommunication equipment, software, services, and/or equipment from or through the GSA without calling for bids,

**APPROVED** this 15<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2020.

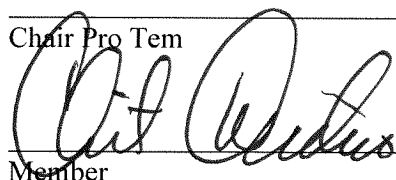
**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
FRANKLIN COUNTY, WASHINGTON**



Chair

Brad Peck  
Approved Telephonically

Chair Pro Tem

  
Member

Attest:

  
Clerk of the Board

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## Matt Mahoney

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**From:** Rick Rochleau  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 09, 2020 11:10 AM  
**To:** Matt Mahoney  
**Subject:** FW: [EXTERNAL] RE: Purchasing

**From:** White, Bradley (SAO) <whitebd@sao.wa.gov>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 9, 2020 10:21 AM  
**To:** Rick Rochleau <rrochleau@co.franklin.wa.us>  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] RE: Purchasing

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Hello Commander Rochleau,

I checked with our procurement specialist and found out the following:

"Federal GSA contracts are covered under RCW 39.32.090. that allows for use of GSA contracts. RCW 39.32.090 states, "Whenever authorized by ordinance or resolution of its legislative authority any political subdivision of the state shall have power to purchase supplies, materials, electronic data processing and telecommunication equipment, software, services, and/or equipment from or through the United States government without calling for bids, notwithstanding any law or charter provision to the contrary."

All the County has to do is pass an ordinance or resolution authorizing the use of GSA contracts and they can waive the competitive bidding requirements."

You will just need to check to confirm if the County has already passed on ordinance or resolution authorizing the use of GSA contracts, and if they have not then this would need to happen prior to making the purchase.

Thank you,

Brad

**From:** Rick Rochleau <rrochleau@co.franklin.wa.us>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 9, 2020 9:35 AM  
**To:** White, Bradley (SAO) <whitebd@sao.wa.gov>  
**Subject:** Purchasing

Mr. White,

I was told you might be able to answer my question about purchasing. I was tasked with making a purchase that is unique to public safety. I have been told by more than one person that we can make purchases from the Federal GSA contracts without going out to bid, like we do when we purchase off the state contract. Is this correct?

Commander Rick A. Rochleau



# Agenda Summary Report (ASR)

## Franklin County Board of Commissioners

**ATTACHMENTS:**

1. DRAFT Resolution
2. Email Correspondence between Commander Rochleau and the SAO

**HANDLING / ROUTING:**

1. Copy of Resolution to all Elected Officials / Department Heads

*I certify the above information is accurate and complete.*



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Matt Mahoney, Public Works Director