

COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS

Regular Meeting
Adams County Public Services Building
Othello, Washington

November 9, 2016
(Wednesday)

Call to Order @ 9:00 a.m.

Present:

Chairman John N. Marshall
Vice-Chairman Jeffrey W. Stevens
Commissioner Roger L. Hartwig

Sheriff's Department

Sheriff Wagner requested and received by **consensus authorization to purchase a washing machine for the corrections department at a cost estimated not to exceed \$700.**

Budget Workshop – Othello District Court

Othello District Court Judge Brueher, along with Jessica Melo, reviewed the proposed 2017 department #001/016 budget. Noted in the budget was a capital purchase of a high volume scanner. Salary reclassification was discussed.

Budget Workshop – Building and Planning

Director Wiltse reviewed Fund #087 with no major changes from 2016. The revenue from the Voluntary Stewardship Program and Shoreline Program Grants was reviewed.

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Emergency Management

Emergency Management Director Weise reviewed an emergency training plan he will be implementing with meetings to be held on a quarterly basis for county staff, alternating between Othello and Ritzville.

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Wastewater Feasibility Study

Economic Development Director Stephen McFadden and Port of Othello Director Doyle Palmer met to discuss an alternative to the current site

identified in the Wastewater Feasibility Study. Additionally present were Port of Othello Board members Gary Weaver and Terry Thompson; Building and Planning Director Loren Wiltse, Public Works Director Todd O'Brien; and, Engineer Scott Yaeger.

Director McFadden made opening comments with a review of the industrial wastewater feasibility study process. Mid way through the study, the engineering firm contracted to complete the same, Brown and Caldwell, has requested a land related decision which will allow them to be more specific in the process flow design. McFadden noted a significant benefit to building on county owned land, however the Port of Othello is confident that there would be a cost savings to build the wastewater facility on Port property at Bruce.

Regarding the Port's proposal to locate the facility at Bruce, Director Palmer noted the following:

- Running a line to and from the county-owned property will be considerably more costly. A fresh water line will also have to be installed.
- There is a potential profit from selling the methane gas produced by the wastewater.
- Bruce is zoned for industrial use.

Brown and Caldwell has recommended the county have an alternative site for the plant. A pre-engineering review would ensure the sites meet the minimum requirements for the proposed facility. McFadden noted Brown and Caldwell is limited with the requirement of services outside of the contract in the feasibility stage. Additional costs may be incurred for services outside of the contractual agreement we now have with Brown and Caldwell.

The Board concurred with Directors McFadden and Palmer to notify Brown and Caldwell to consider both the county owned property and the Port of Othello Industrial property for the site of the industrial wastewater treatment facility and make a recommendation on which site would better serve the project.

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Adjournment @ 11:45 a.m.

Submitted:
s/Patricia J. Phillips
Clerk of the Board

Edited and Approved:

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
ADAMS COUNTY, WASHINGTON
s/John N. Marshall, Chairman
s/Jeffrey W. Stevens, Vice-Chairman
s/Roger L. Hartwig, Commissioner