

COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS

Adams County Courthouse
Ritzville, Washington
Regular Meeting

April 3, 2017

(Monday)

Call to Order @ 8:30 a.m.

Present:

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

Agenda Deletion:

Sheriff Wagner - Cancelled

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Reallocation of Percentage of Full Time Allocation of Adams County District Court Judge, Position #1 and Position # 2

The Board reviewed the current percentage of full time allocation of Adams County District Court Judge positions along with the recommendation set forth by the Administrative Office of the Courts (OAC).

Commissioner Stevens moved, Marshall seconded, *to revise the percentage of full time allocation of Adams County District Court Judge, Position #1 as sixty percent (60%) of a full time position; and, Position #2 as sixty-five percent (65%) of a full time position, effective immediately, with a mandatory review within six (6) months. The Clerk of the Board was directed to prepare a resolution authorizing the reallocation. Motion carried.*

Additionally present was Brian Werst, Special Deputy Prosecuting Attorney pursuant to RCW 36.27.040.

Appointment of Adams County District Court Judge, Position #2

The Board of Commissioners discussed and deliberated the appointment of Adams County District Court Judge, Position #2.

Commissioner Marshall moved, Stevens seconded, *to appoint Carolyn Benzel as Adams County District Court Judge, Position #2 pursuant to*

RCW 3.34.100. Motion carried. Ms. Benzel will officially be sworn into office later this morning.

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Central Services

Computer Systems Analyst Michael Perra met with the Board to review his TN1 status. A follow up appointment has been set for May 3, 2017 at 9:30 a.m.

The salaries of the Central Services staff was discussed with Perra stating he will prepare an analysis for the Board to review. The Board suggested Perra contact Gary Hunt, Human Resources for further information.

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Public Works

Public Works Director O'Brien and Engineer Yaeger provided an update on road maintenance tasks, noting crews are grading; repairing potholes; and applying sterilant as weather allows.

Lind-Warden Road

Engineer Yaeger reported on the status of the Lind-Warden Road damage. A meeting was held last week on site with contractors to review the project with proposals due from contractors April 4, 2017 at 4:00 p.m. Twenty Adams County road sites were submitted to the Department of Military Emergency Management with a repair estimate of \$604,000. Repairs to the Lind-Warden Road are estimated at \$362,000 of that total.

Solid Waste

Public Works Director O'Brien reported the Solid Waste Advisory Committee (SWAC) met on February 15, 2017 and reviewed the solid waste rates with a recommendation to revise the disposal fees at both Adams County transfer stations. Director O'Brien concurred with the Committees' findings and suggested the fees be increased to \$77.00 per ton in 2017; \$78.00 per ton in 2018; \$79.00 per ton in 2019; and, \$80.00 per ton in 2020. The increased rates shall become effective July 1 of each year. A resolution revising the disposal fees was reviewed by the Board.

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Official Newspaper

Bids for the Official County Newspaper for legal publications for the period July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018 were opened from:

Columbia Basin Daily Herald
P. O. Box 910
Moses Lake, WA 98837

\$11.24 per column inch for
legal public notices

Ritzville Adams County Journal
P. O. Box 288
Ritzville, WA 99169

\$8.00 per column inch for
legal public notices

Commissioner Marshall moved, Stevens seconded, to *accept and award the bid for the Official County Newspaper for legal publications to Ritzville Adams County Journal at the bid price of \$8.00 per column inch.* **Motion carried**

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Recess @ 12:00

Reconvene @ 1:00 p.m.

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National Joint Powers Alliance

Commissioner Marshall moved, Stevens seconded, to *authorize the Chairman to sign National Joint Power Alliance Agreement between Adams County and the National Joint Powers Alliance (NJPA) for the purpose of Adams County accessing available contracts for goods and services from NJPA Awarded Vendors.* **Motion carried.**

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Solid Waste Disposal Fees

Commissioner Stevens moved, Marshall seconded, to *approve Resolution No. R-022-2017 In the Matter of Revising the Disposal Fees for Solid Waste at the Adams County Transfer Stations.* **Motion carried.**

John Wayne Pioneer Trail and Iron Horse State Park

Commissioner Stevens moved, Marshall seconded to *approve Resolution No. R-023-2017 In the Matter of Support for Improvements to the John Wayne Pioneer Trail and Iron Horse State Park.* **Motion carried.**

County Travel and Vehicle Policy

Commissioner Marshall moved, Stevens seconded, to *approve Resolution No. R-024-2017 In the Matter of Amending Adams County Code Chapter 2.72 County Vehicles – Section 2.72.020, Subsection I.* **Motion carried.**

Resolution No. R-025-2017

Commissioner Marshall moved, Stevens seconded, to *approve Resolution No. R-025-2017 In the Matter of Authorizing and Defining the Office of Part-Time Judges in the District Court of Adams County and Establishing Effective Date for Same.* **Motion carried.**

Interlocal Agreement for Solid Waste Services

Commissioner Stevens moved, Marshall seconded, to *authorize the Chairman to sign Interlocal Agreement for Solid Waste Services between Adams County and Lincoln County for the purpose of allowing Lincoln County residents and refuse hauling companies serving Lincoln County outside the boundaries of the Department of Agriculture defined Apple Maggot Quarantine Area, to utilize Adams County transfer stations; and, to establish a tip fee for Lincoln County Municipal Waste Streams when Lincoln County has provided documentation that certain municipal waste is in accordance with agreed upon policies.* **Motion carried.**

Consent Agenda

Commissioner Stevens moved, Marshall seconded, to *approve the Consent Agenda.* **Motion carried.**

Preliminary minutes of March 27, 2017

Vouchers audited and certified by the Adams County Auditor as required by RCW 42.24.080, and those expense reimbursement claims certified as required by RCW 42.24.090 and recorded on a listing, which was made available to the Board. These vouchers were listed as follows:

<u>Fund</u>	<u>Control Number</u>	<u>Amount</u>
001	171004 – 171036	\$ 35,856.22
001H	171037	\$ 2,700.00
103	171038 – 171042	\$ 3,582.64
104	171043 – 171065	\$ 15,680.84
107	171066	\$ 1,236.04
116	171067	\$ 17.81
117	171068 – 171070	\$ 434.57
119	171071	\$ 600.00
123	171072 – 171074	\$ 2,579.55
502	171075 – 171078	\$ 5,470.53
108	001153 – 001154	\$ 179.22
115	001155 – 001160	\$ 25,070.50
401	001161 – 001166	\$ 7,138.47
401	Hand Pays	\$ 122.25

501	001167	\$	74.02
590	001168 – 001176//001163	\$	4,016.88
590	Hand Pays	\$	90.00
	TOTAL		\$104,849.54

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Permanent Minutes Signed

March 20 and 22, 2017

Adjournment @ 4:00 p.m.

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

Edited and Approved:

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

RESOLUTION NO. R-022-2017

**ORDER OF BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
ADAMS COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

**IN THE MATTER OF REVISING THE DISPOSAL FEES FOR SOLID WASTE AT THE
ADAMS COUNTY TRANSFER STATIONS**

WHEREAS, the Board of Adams County Commissioners convened the Solid Waste Advisory Committee to review the solid waste rates; and

WHEREAS, the Solid Waste Advisory Committee completed a review with Public Works staff and recommended that the disposal fees at both transfer stations maintained and operated by Adams County be revised; and

WHEREAS, the Public Works Director reviewed and concurred with the Solid Waste Advisory Committee's recommendation;

THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Adams County, Washington, that the disposal fees for 2017 be set at \$77/ton, 2018 set at \$78/ton, 2019 set at \$79/ton and for 2020 set at \$80/ton.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the fees and attached schedule for the Adams County transfer station sites shall become effective July 1, 2017 for 2017 fees and subsequently on the 1st day of July of calendar years 2018, 2019 and 2020.

DATED this 3rd day of April, 2017.

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

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

RESOLUTION NO. R-023-2017

**ORDER OF BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
ADAMS COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

**IN THE MATTER OF SUPPORT FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO THE JOHN WAYNE
PIONEER TRAIL AND IRON HORSE STATE PARK**

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Adams County has reviewed a proposal for improvements to the John Wayne Pioneer Trail and Iron Horse State Park, a former railway roadbed that spans from the Cascade Mountains to the Idaho border and is the second longest rail-trail in the United States; and,

WHEREAS, the trail crosses fifty-six (56) miles of rural Adams County and crosses through the Town of Lind and the City of Othello; and,

WHEREAS, the Town of Lind and the City of Ritzville have passed resolutions in support of the trail, and

WHEREAS, the entire length of the trail is important to Adams County's economy, culture, and identity; and

WHEREAS, the trail is the only statewide trail crossing in Washington state and showcases the singularly diverse ecosystems of Washington to hikers, bikers, horse riders, and outdoor enthusiasts; and

WHEREAS, permanent loss of the only statewide trail in Washington would be detrimental to not only the current economy of communities along the trail, it will end an opportunity for future economic development of what may become a vital job producer across Washington state; and

WHEREAS, the Board supports enhancing the trail on its current schedule to encourage regional tourism;

THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that Adams County wishes to go on record in support of improvements to the John Wayne Pioneer Trail and Iron Horse State Park.

DATED this 3rd day of April, 2017.

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

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

RESOLUTION NO. R-024-2017

**ORDER OF BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
ADAMS COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

**IN THE MATTER OF AMENDING ADAMS COUNTY CODE CHAPTER 2.72 COUNTY
VEHICLES – SECTION 2.72.020, SUBSECTION I**

WHEREAS, Resolution No. R-48-08 established a Vehicle and Travel Policy related to certain aspects of travel related to county business; and,

WHEREAS, the Board has further considered the Vehicle and Travel Policy and is desirous of amending said Policy to allow for an Elected Official to transport non-employee passengers in connection with county business; and

WHEREAS, occasionally a spouse or significant other person will accompany an Elected Official when traveling overnight;

WHEREAS, the Board hereby adopts the following amendment to the Adams County Vehicle and Travel Policy which shall be codified in Adams County Code Chapter 2.72 as follows:

2.72.020 I. Employees using county vehicles shall not pick up hitchhikers. Employees shall use county vehicles for Adams County business only. Elected Officials shall transport non-employee passengers in county vehicles **ONLY** in connection with county travel.

THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that Adams County Code Chapter 2.72 County Vehicles – Section 2.72.020, Subsection I, is hereby amended and shall take effect immediately.

DATED this 3rd day of April, 2017.

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

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

RESOLUTION NO. R-025-2017

**ORDER OF BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
ADAMS COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

**IN THE MATTER OF AUTHORIZING AND DEFINING THE OFFICE OF PART-TIME
JUDGES IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF ADAMS COUNTY AND ESTABLISHING
EFFECTIVE DATE FOR SAME**

WHEREAS, salaries for district Court Judges are set by and cannot be changed except by the Washington Citizens' Commission on Salaries for Elected Officials; and

WHEREAS, the salary for a part-time district court judge is the proportion of full time work for which the position is authorized, multiplied by the salary for a full time district court judge; and

WHEREAS, the Adams County Board of Commissioners does have the authority to set the current percentage of full-time allocation which is then used by the State to compute the compensation for the District Court Judge; and,

WHEREAS, the Board in 2010 did set the percentage of full time allocation at fifty percent (50%) and has not modified this percentage since that time; and,

WHEREAS, the county recognizes that a review of the work time percentage allocation is appropriate;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that District Court Judge Position #1 be defined as sixty percent (60%) of a full-time position; and, District Court Judge Position #2 be defined as sixty-five percent (65%) of a full time position, effective April 3, 2017.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Resolution R-39-2010 and all other ordinances and resolutions that are in conflict are hereby rescinded.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the current legislative body commits to a mandatory review of the court caseloads and time allocation within six (6) months.

DATED this 3rd day of April, 2017.

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

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