

## COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS

Regular Meeting  
Adams County Public Services Building  
Othello, Washington

August 9, 2017  
(Wednesday)

**Call to Order @ 9:00 a.m.**

**Present:**

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

**Commissioner Withdrawal of Resignation**

Commissioner Jeffrey W. Stevens presented a letter of withdrawal of resignation, dated August 9, 2017. As such, there will be no vacancy in the position for Commissioner, District 3.

[9:00:32 AM](#)

**Integrated Health Care Services**

Commissioner Stevens moved, Marshall seconded, to *approve Agreement 17BH02092 between Spokane County Regional Behavioral Health (SCRBHO), a division of Spokane County Community Services, Housing, and Community Development Department (CSHCD), (hereinafter "SCRBHO") and Adams County and Contractor identified as Adams County Integrated Health Care Services in the amount of \$400,411.25 for the period July 1, 2017 through September 30, 2017. Motion carried.*

(Continued funding for mental health and substance use services; Medicaid and non-Medicaid agreements are merged into one agreement; added new mandated services – WISe Teams.)

[9:27:35 AM](#)

**Emergency Management**

Director Weise provided an update on emergency management activities.

[10:15:25 AM](#)

**John Culton, Eastern Washington Director for U.S. Senator Patty Murray's Office**

John Culton, Eastern Washington Director for U.S. Senator Patty Murray's office, met with the Board and discussed the following:

- Federal Funding for Certain Law Enforcement Activities – Emergency Management Director Weise presented information on the recent marijuana grow bust operations, noting extensive resources are expended by the county to uphold federal law and appropriate seizure reimbursement to offset the cost or resources being used would be helpful. Federal assistance was used due to the size and scope of the operation with property being seized by the federal government.
- East Low Canal Expansion and County Road Bridges – County engineers Scott Yaeger and Clint Biggar have estimated the cost of replacing Adams County bridges, necessary for the East Low Canal improvements, at \$14,500,000 noting the county does not have funding for that type of project. Yaeger further noted that the county relies upon federal funding to replace county bridges, however, bridges must be deficient to become eligible for such funding. None of the bridges slated for replacement fall into the deficient category. Further, federal funds prohibit the county from self-performing the work.

A meeting is scheduled this afternoon at 2:00 p.m. in the conference room at the Public Services Building to discuss further the East Low Canal Expansion and potential funding alternatives. One or more commissioner may be in attendance at that meeting.

[10:53:30 AM](#)

### **Columbia Basin Health Association**

The Board traveled to the Columbia Basin Health Association facility, currently under construction, in Othello. CBHA Chief Executive Officer Greg Brandenburg facilitated the tour.

Additionally present were Economic Development Director Stephen McFadden; Interim Building and Planning Director Tim Unruh; and, John Culton, Eastern Washington Director for U.S. Senator Patty Murray.

### **Adjournment @ 12:15 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