

COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS

Regular Meeting
Adams County Public Services Building
Othello, Washington

August 14, 2013
(Wednesday)

Call to Order @ 9:00 a.m.

Present:

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

Building and Planning Department

Planner Loren Wiltse along with Todd O'Brien presented the Software License Agreement for 'Permit Tracking Software'. This is a 2013 budgeted item, and although there are some additional costs that exceed the budgeted amount, building permit revenues received to date are in excess of that projected, so sufficient funds are available to cover the full costs. The Board **by consensus authorized moving forward with the purchase, installation and training associated with the software.** The Agreement was scheduled for adoption on August 19 to allow for clarification of some of the agreement language to be received from the company.

The county's building permit fee schedule will be reviewed during the 2014 budget process so that any changes will become effective at the first of the year.

Emergency Management

Emergency Management Coordinator Weise provided a report on recent activity:

- Attendance at a Radiological Emergency Preparedness core concepts and plan review courts noting that there will be some modifications to the county's program;
- Holding a HazMat training exercise in Lind on July 27 to review the handling of rail accidents since increased rail traffic is anticipated within the next three years due to the hauling of oil and coal;

- meetings were held with BNSF on August 7 to review rail accident procedures and policies and the coordination with local personnel;
- Heard that the 'Thomas Jefferson Award' will be given to the Galbreath family in a special event on August 16 at the Carnegie Library in Ritzville recognizing the family for weather data collection since the early 1800's;
 - Facilitating, at the request of Monsanto, a joint Monsanto, Fire District 5 and Othello Community Hospital 'employee contamination exercise' on August 24 on Cunningham Road

Weise discussed the change in the Emergency Coordinator position that becomes effective January 1, 2014. Resolving matters specific to the position as well as to Jay Weise, the Board discussed Union status, salary, sick and vacation leave, longevity, and retirement. Weise will draft a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) so that the parties (Weise and County) are in agreement and the details are in written form.

Law Enforcement Agreements

Sheriff Barger and Undersheriff Hunt discussed at the Board's request some proposed changes for the law enforcement agreements between the county and Lind, Washtucna, and Ritzville. Undersheriff Hunt will compile some statistics to facilitate discussion and to justify any increased costs. Sheriff Barger noted that dispatch records were showing a substantial increase in 911 calls; and, that given that increase it was becoming increasingly difficult to handle the paper work. Adding a clerical position to handle the paper work portion would be critical at this time.

Adjournment @ 12:00

Submitted:
s/Linda Reimer, MMC
Clerk of the Board

Edited and Approved:

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