

COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS

Regular Meeting Adams County Services Building, Othello

January 12, 2000

The regular meeting of the Adams County Board of Commissioners was called to order by Chairman Bill Wills on Wednesday, January 12, 2000, at 9:00 a.m. in Othello. Commissioner W. L. Schlagel was present. Commissioner Jeffrey W. Stevens was absent due to illness.

Commissioner Schlagel moved, Wills seconded, to authorize the chairman to sign the Anasazi Software Contracts for Community Counseling Services. Motion carried. This was actually a re-signing of contracts due to Anasazi moving from a 'partnership' to 'corporation' status.

Commissioner Schlagel moved, Wills seconded, to authorize the chairman to sign the NCWRSN Community Mental Health Services Agreement for the period January 1, 2000 to June 30, 2001. Motion carried.

Washington State Department of Transportation Engineers Kirk Berg, Project Manager for the SR 26/17 Interchange Project; Daniel A. Sarles, Jr., Assistant Regional Administrator for Development; and Farzan Farivar, Real Estate Services; provided an update on the SR 26/17 Interchange Project noting that the project was delayed due to passage of I-695. The State Legislature will be considering the future of the project at this point based on decisions they make in regard to I-695. It was noted that preliminary engineering began on this project in 1996, with design access public hearings conducted in 1998. The \$6 million construction project is expected to take approximately 1 ½ to 2 years to complete once it is approved to begin. Each year the project is delayed, cost will increase.

DOT Engineering staff were asked to respond regarding stop light installation at various intersections. Estimated cost for a stoplight is \$250,000 each.

Ed McKay, Othello, discussed alternative courses of action to resolve sanitation problems (water and sewer) on the rental units owned by Eagle Properties. Planner Anderson confirmed that although Eagle Properties has been in touch with the department and has done some preliminary planning/work to resolve these issues, no formal application to begin the extensive rehabilitation process has been received.

Billy L. Morris, Othello, met to review with the board the requirements under RCW 17.10.050, specifically "(1) Each activated county noxious weed control board consists of five voting members appointed by the county legislative authority. In appointing the voting members, the county legislative authority shall divide the county into five geographical areas that **best represent** the county's interests, and appoint a voting member from each geographical area." Mr. Morris asserted that with the recent decision by the Weed Board (June 8, 1999) which followed a request and recommendation from

the Board of Adams County Commissioners to include the Weed District boundaries (where applicable) in the noxious weed control geographical areas, that representation is no longer equal'; and, therefore the geographical areas need to be re-defined and established. Morris recommended that this action take place preferably prior to expiration of three (3) of the positions the end of February, 2000.

Adams County Fair Board President Skip Hall informed the board that new federal rulings regarding rentals of facilities deemed non-profit will require the Adams County Fair to change their rental charges to "donations". The 2000 budget for the fair was briefly discussed. Vacant fair board positions were reviewed.

The board by consensus agreed to proceed with planning under the WA-CERT program.

There being no further business to come before the board the meeting adjourned at 12:00 noon.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
ADAMS COUNTY, WASHINGTON

s/Bill Wills, Chairman

-ABSENT-

Jeffrey W. Stevens, Commissioner

s/W. L. Schlagel, Commissioner

ATTEST:

s/Linda Reimer, CMC/AAE

Clerk of the Board