

COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS

Adams County Courthouse, Ritzville March 27, 2000

The regular meeting of the Adams County Board of Commissioners was called to order by Chairman Bill Wills on Monday, March 27, 2000, at 8:30 a.m. in Ritzville. Commissioner Jeffrey W. Stevens and Commissioner W. L. Schlagel were present.

Commissioner Stevens moved, Schlagel seconded, to appoint Randy Anderson, Othello to the Adams County Fair Board to fill a vacant position in District III effective March 27, 2000, through November 30, 2002. Motion carried.

Commissioner Schlagel moved, Stevens seconded, to re-appoint Marthann Olson to the Adams County Mosquito Control Board, representing District #2, for a two (2) year term effective April 1, 2000, through March 31, 2002. Motion carried.

Commissioner Schlagel moved, Stevens seconded, to authorize the Chairman to sign the "FY 2001 Grant/Loan Application - Statement of Agreed Priority for the Connell Wastewater Treatment Facility - City of Connell (the boundaries of which are located within WRIA 36, the Esquatzel) submitted for funding consideration under the 2001 Centennial Clean Water Fund, Washington State Water Pollution Control Revolving Fund, and Clean Water Act Section 319 Nonpoint Source Fund." Motion carried.

Chairman Wills designated Bill Wills to serve on the Adams County Canvassing Board for the Special Election to be held on April 25, 2000, serving from April 6, 2000 through May 5, 2000.

The board went into Executive Session with Alicia Johnson, Washington Counties Risk Pool (via telephone) under RCW 42.30.110(i) - litigation - from 9:14 a.m. until 9:29 a.m. Executive session was estimated for approximately twenty (20) minutes.

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It being the time of 10:00 a.m. and the place set for the public hearing to consider the franchise amendment requested by AVISTA (formerly Washington Water Power Company), Chairman Wills opened the hearing.

Dan Walsh, AVISTA, explained the need for a franchise amendment stating that the original franchise was "site specific" and the firm did not have authority to work in sections other than those specifically identified in the franchise.

Greg Gfeller, AVISTA, addressed the need in the area stating that line modifications were necessary due to increased agri business in the area. Moving across the original boundaries will facilitate public safety in the area.

Bob Rew, AVISTA, responded to specific questions related to the poles, lines, etc.

Dave Barden, Big Bend Electric Managing Engineer, spoke regarding a prior "agreement" between AVISTA and Big Bend Electric which addressed solicitation of customers and with not putting the county in a position to choose between the two utilities for services to residents.

Staff from the Public Works Department was requested to join the hearing. Public Works Director Long, Engineer Lijek, and Engineering Tech O'Brien heard and responded to the concerns and issues raised by Big Bend Electric.

Due to the need for further clarification and research, Chairman Wills recessed the public hearing at 10:30 a.m. to reconvene on Monday, April 3, 2000, at 10:00 a.m.

*917-1449

Public Works Director Long reported on basic road maintenance. The presentation for reinstatement of the "mechanic assistant" position and was denied by consensus of the board. Commissioner Schlagel reported on Rodeo Lake status following a number of meetings with Public Works requested to research easement issues. Long noted that an Emergency Operations Center meeting is scheduled for April 11; county wide yard/vegetation clean up is set for April 15; and, public works staff will be going on four-ten-hour days per week effective April 3.

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John Taylor, Adams County Economic Development Council, discussed, and established with the assistance of the board and staff, the procedure and timeline for entities to submit project proposals under the Economic Adjustment Initiative. The Adams County Economic Development Council will serve as the clearinghouse for the proposals and will be responsible for prioritizing the proposals submitted.

Commissioner Stevens moved, Schlagel seconded, to authorize Adams County to accept Project Proposals under the Economic Adjustment Initiative. Motion carried.

Staff was directed to send timeline, project proposal forms, and basic information to all cities and districts within the county.

The board recessed for lunch at 12:00 noon and reconvened at 1:00 p.m.

The board went into Executive Session with Attorney Tom Kingen (via telephone) under RCW 42.30.110(i) - litigation - from 1:10 p.m. until 1:20 p.m. Executive session was estimated for approximately fifteen (15) minutes.

Commissioner Stevens moved, Schlagel seconded, to approve the Consent Agenda:

Preliminary minutes of March 20, 2000

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	001505-001544	\$ 7,973.72
103	001545-001547	\$ 15,202.56
104	001548-001554	\$ 879.31
105	001526	\$ 5,270.00
106	001555-001558	\$ 296.65
109	001559-001560	\$ 1,122.00
111	001561	\$ 32,000.00
112	2001	\$ 29.60
113	001563	\$ 139.99
117	001564-001566	\$ 814.04
502	001567-001570	\$ 3,683.65
115	639	\$ 225.55
401	640	\$ 21.75
501	641	\$ 120.00
590	642-647	\$219,063.23
TOTAL		\$286,842.05

Resolution No. R-24-00 In the Matter of Designating the County Clearinghouse for Economic Adjustment Initiative (EAI) Project Proposals to be used by the Washington State Community Economic Revitalization Team (WA-CERT)

Resolution No. R-25-00 In the Matter of Requesting the Federal Government to Amend the Endangered Species Act

CRP 125 Paha/Packard Rd. Rock Crushing Agreement between Schafer Ranch, Ltd. and Adams County for removal of up to sixty thousand (60,000) cubic yards of native material at \$0.425/cubic yard

CRP 125 Paha/Packard Rd. Approach at Engineer's Station 130+00 Hold Harmless Agreement between Schafer Ranch, Ltd. and Adams County to allow for construction of a farm equipment field approach as part of the normal course of construction for County Road Project 125

Interlocal Agreement between City of Ritzville and Adams County for the purpose of setting prices for road building and construction materials to be purchased by the City from the County

Permanent minutes of March 7, 8, and 13, 2000, were signed.

Correspondence was received from:

Barbara Newby, Moses Lake, Shirley J. Yager, Karen Fischer, Lee Trescott, Stacey Froelich, Janice E. Charris, Mary McCourtie, Jean Thomson, Linda Brown, Bill Duncanson, Roni M. Holm, Carol McVay, Lutacaga Elementary School Staff, Othello School District Librarians re: Othello Library funding

Shirley J. Yager, Othello re: Othello Library funding

Adams County Water Conservancy Board re: notes on development of procedures for processing applications

Agenda for March 27, 2000 Adams County Water Conservancy Board meeting and preliminary minutes of February 28, 2000 meeting

Steve Muzik, Acting Chairperson for Joint Task Force re: Task Force Recommendations following 2/28/00 letter from Board of County Commissioners

Allen and Susan Majors re: Claim for Damages against Adams County, Adams County Sheriff, and Adams County Deputy Troy Mock

Copy of letter to Jeannie Ochoa from Connie Kline, Assessor Administrative Assistant re: library districts

There being no further business to come before the board the meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
ADAMS COUNTY, WASHINGTON
s/Bill Wills, Chairman
s/Jeffrey W. Stevens, Commissioner
s/W. L. Schlagel, Commissioner

ATTEST:
s/Linda Reimer, CMC/AE
Clerk of the Board

RESOLUTION NO. R-24-00

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

**IN THE MATTER OF DESIGNATING THE COUNTY CLEARINGHOUSE FOR
ECONOMIC ADJUSTMENT INITIATIVE (EAI) PROJECT PROPOSALS TO BE USED
BY THE WASHINGTON STATE COMMUNITY ECONOMIC REVITALIZATION TEAM
(WA-CERT)**

WHEREAS, entities throughout Adams County wish to develop and compile project proposals that will enhance the economic vitality of the community; and,

WHEREAS, the Washington State Community Economic Revitalization Team (WA-CERT) will assist with determining potential funding sources for project(s) by assigning a "scoping agent" who will guide the project(s) through appropriate federal and non-federal application processes; and,

WHEREAS, several informational meetings have been held to review the requirements prior to proposal submittal; and,

WHEREAS, it is necessary to have a designated clearinghouse to receive, review, and rank the proposals prior to final action by the Board of County Commissioners;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Adams County Economic Development Council is hereby designated as the clearinghouse for EAI Project Proposals.

DATED this 27th day of March, 2000.

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s/Bill Wills, Chairman
s/Jeffrey W. Stevens, Commissioner
s/W. L. Schlagel, Commissioner

ATTEST:
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Clerk of the Board

RESOLUTION NO. R-25-00

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

**IN THE MATTER OF REQUESTING THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT TO AMEND THE
ENDANGERED SPECIES ACT**

WHEREAS, the Adams County Board of Commissioners respectfully petitions the Honorable William J. Clinton, President of the United State, the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the Senate and the House of Representatives, to amend the Endangered Species Act (ESA); and,

WHEREAS, consideration of breaching Snake River dams exemplifies the ESA's potential for unreasonable and unnecessary consequences; and,

WHEREAS, the Northwest has experienced the unnecessary destruction of timber communities and their resource dependent families due to the listing of the spotted owl; and,

WHEREAS, the ESA has no provision for human resource needs; and,

WHEREAS, the disincentives of ESA alienate individuals and communities whose support is most needed to enhance species survival; and,

WHEREAS, salmon recovery in Washington State threatens the viability of agriculture and rural communities through unnecessary loss of water use; and,

WHEREAS, the ESA can be used to control use of land and water independent of the protection of species; and,

WHEREAS, continuation of the existing ESA can cause untold economic damage independent of species protection;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Adams County Commissioners hereby ask that the Federal Government change the Endangered Species Act to provide incentives for the protection of endangered species through empowering citizens and communities to freely and voluntarily assist in protection of endangered species.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Act recognize human resource needs and eliminate language that allows for the unnecessary control of land and water.

DATED this 27th day of March, 2000.

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ADAMS COUNTY, WASHINGTON
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s/Jeffrey W. Stevens, Commissioner
s/W. L. Schlagel, Commissioner

ATTEST:
s/Linda Reimer, CMCM/AE
Clerk of the Board