

COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS

Adams County Courthouse, Ritzville April 3, 2000

The regular meeting of the Adams County Board of Commissioners was called to order by Chairman Bill Wills on Monday, April 3, 2000, at 8:30 a.m. in Ritzville. Commissioner Jeffrey W. Stevens and Commissioner W. L. Schlagel were present.

The board along with Prosecutor Brueher and Risk Manager Long went into executive session under RCW 42.30.110(i) - litigation - for approximately fifteen minutes from 8:58 a.m. until 9:07 a.m.

The board along with Prosecutor Brueher, Risk Manager Long, and Building and Planning Director Caputo (via telephone) went into executive session under RCW 42.30.110(i) - litigation - for approximately fifteen minutes from 9:08 a.m. until 9:15 a.m.

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

Present were Dan Walsh and Bob Rew of AVISTA Corporation.

A letter received and placed on file from Big Bend Electric was referenced for the record. David Barden, Manager, Engineering, noted in the letter "Big Bend Coop considers the concerns expressed (during public hearing on March 27, 2000) resolved."

Hearing no further comments, Chairman Wills closed the hearing at 10:03 a.m.

Commissioner Stevens moved, Schlagel seconded to approve **Resolution No. R-18-00 In the Matter of Granting an Amendment to the Franchise dated January 9, 1978, to Avista Corporation, a corporation formerly known as Washington Water Power Company.** Motion carried.

Commissioner Stevens moved, Schlagel seconded, to authorize the chairman to sign the Statement of Agreed Priorities for the 2001 Centennial Clean Water Fund (CCWF), Water Resource Area (WRIA) - 41. Motion carried. Projects ranked as follows:

- Town of Lind - Wastewater Disinfection and Collection Systems Improvements
- City of Quincy - Water Reclamation Facility Design
- Adams County Conservation District - Agriculture Non-Point Source Pollution Prevention
- Upper Grant County Conservation District - Bi-Lingual Mobile Irrigation Laboratories
- City of Moses Lake - Larsen Sewage Treatment Plant Upgrade

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Public Works Director Long reported that crack sealing in the Benge/Washtucna area has begun; that the department is handling road dust complaints; and, that weed spraying along roadsides continues.

Long informed the board that an engineering technician will be discussing easement issues with a landowner in the Rodeo Lake area in order to facilitate resolution of some water issues.

A letter from Attorney Kingen to Senior Counsel Michael Lynch with the Attorney General of Washington in the *Maughan v. State et al* case was reviewed and discussed but no action was required at this time. Long briefly reviewed the status of other suits filed against the county.

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Assessor Jerry Crossler along with Prosecuting Attorney Brueher reviewed the status of the 1997 case against the Department of Revenue pertaining to personal property ratio. The Department of Revenue made an offer which will be accepted by the county and which will provide some additional revenue for the county following recalculations.

Possible funding sources for the local libraries were discussed with the Assessor.

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

The board spent from 1:00 p.m. until 3:30 p.m. in the Washtucna/Benge area at a bridge construction site.

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

Preliminary minutes of March 27, 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	001580-001607	\$15,780.25
103	001608	\$ 600.77
106	001609	\$ 500.00
118	001610	\$ 3,238.36
502	001611-001614	\$ 3,272.13
115	648-653	\$13,026.23
401	654-655	\$ 208.94
501	656-658	\$ 321.90
590	659-666	\$21,013.80
TOTAL		\$57,962.38

Resolution No. R-26-00 In the Matter of Nomination of Voting Member Replacement to Serve on Irrigated & Dryland Agriculture Ground Water Advisory

Committee to Represent the Washington State Potato Commission (Andrew Jensen)

Resolution No. R-27-00 In the Matter of Notice of Call for Bids for Herbicides (Bid opening was set for Monday, April 17, 2000, at 1:30 p.m. in Room 202 of the Adams County Courthouse, Ritzville, Washington)

Annual Certification for Calendar year 1999 (WAC 136-04) for County Road

Permanent minutes of March 20, 2000, were signed.

County Engineer Lijek filed per RCW 36.77.010 the Contract Provisions and Plans for Construction of CRP-124 Wellsandt Rd. (Bauman Rd. to Hills Rd.) and CRP-125 Paha/Packard Rd. (SR-395-I-90)

Correspondence was received from:

Janet and Allen Floyd, Jim and Mary Taylor, Don and Charlotte Butler, Othello High School Staff, Hiawatha Elementary School staff re: Othello library

Copy of letter to Leon Martinez from Dee Caputo re: investigation of complaint about living circumstances (Country Meadows)

Copy of City of Othello Ordinance No. 1053 providing for the annexation of certain territory to the city, pursuant to the petition method, assigning a zone classification and providing for the assumption of existing city indebtedness

There being no further business to come before the board the meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

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

ATTEST:

s/Linda Reimer, CMC/AEE
Clerk of the Board

RESOLUTION NO. R-18-00

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

IN THE MATTER OF GRANTING AN AMENDMENT TO THE FRANCHISE DATED JANUARY 9, 1978, TO AVISTA CORPORATION, A CORPORATION FORMERLY KNOWN AS WASHINGTON WATER POWER COMPANY

WHEREAS, proper public notice was given concerning the franchise amendment application; and,

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held on March 27, 2000, recessed and continued to April 3, 2000, to review the application and to receive public comments; and,

WHEREAS, issues concerning the amendment have been satisfactorily resolved;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT an amendment to the franchise dated January 9, 1978, is hereby granted to Avista Corporation to construct, operate and maintain an electric distribution system within the County of Adams, State of Washington, to include the following new areas:

Township 15N, Range 29EWM, Section 1 & 2
Township 15N, Range 30EWM, Section 3, 4, 5 & 6
Township 16N, Range 30EWM, Section 28, 33 & 34

DATED this 3rd day of April, 2000.

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/AEE
Clerk of the Board

RESOLUTION NO. R-26-00

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

**IN THE MATTER OF NOMINATION OF VOTING MEMBER REPLACEMENT TO
SERVE ON IRRIGATED & DRYLAND AGRICULTURE GROUND WATER ADVISORY
COMMITTEE TO REPRESENT THE WASHINGTON STATE POTATO COMMISSION**

WHEREAS, a letter of resignation was received from Irrigated and Dryland Agriculture Ground Water Advisory Committee member Allen Floyd, Washington State Potato Commission representative; and,

WHEREAS, Andrew Jensen, who currently serves as Director of Research and Technical Affairs for the Washington State Potato Commission, has been attending the GWAC meetings and is fully versed in the GWMA and GWAC activities and responsibilities; and,

WHEREAS, the Irrigated and Dryland Agriculture Ground Water Advisory Committee met on March 27, 2000, and unanimously voted to recommend to the Board of County Commissioners that Andrew Jensen be nominated to replace Allen Floyd on the Committee;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Andrew Jensen is hereby nominated for appointment as a voting member of the Irrigated and Dryland Agriculture Ground Water Advisory Committee representing the Washington State Potato Commission.

DATED this 3rd day of April, 2000.

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/AAE
Clerk of the Board

RESOLUTION NO. R-27-00

**NOTICE OF CALL FOR BIDS
Adams County Department of Public Works**

Notice is hereby given by the Board of Adams County Commissioners that sealed bids will be received at their office in the courthouse in Ritzville, Washington until 1:30 p.m., Monday, April 17, 2000, at which time and place they will be publicly opened and read for purchase of the following:

HERBICIDES

Forms are available at the Adams County Department of Public Works, 210 W. Alder, Ritzville, Washington 99169. Quotations must be on the form provided by the Department of Public Works and be attached to the County specifications.

Bidder shall submit in separate sealed envelope addressed to the Adams county Board of Commissioners, 210 W. Broadway, Ritzville, Washington 99169.

The Board of Adams County Commissioners reserves the right to reject any or all bids, to waive abnormalities or irregularities in the bids or in the bidding, if the best interest of Adams County will be served or to accept the bid, which in their opinion serves the best interest of Adams County.

Dated this 3rd day of April, 2000.

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