

# COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS

## Adams County Courthouse, Ritzville August 21, 2000

The regular meeting of the Adams County Board of Commissioners was called to order by Chairman Bill Wills on Monday, August 21, 2000, at 8:30 a.m. in Ritzville. Commissioner Jeffrey W. Stevens and Commissioner W. L. Schlagel were present.

Correspondence was read and vouchers were reviewed between 8:30 a.m. and 9:00 a.m.

\*0-382

Community Counseling Director Brueske discussed purchase of the County Services Building from Adams County for sole use of the Counseling Services. Purchase cost, time frame, re-location of existing offices, interim locations for all staff, financing for purchase as well as for a new facility were all discussed.

The board recessed at 9:25 a.m. and reconvened at 9:45 a.m.

\*382-497

Discussion and negotiations were held with Linda Reimer regarding assumption of County Risk Pool Manager responsibilities. Commissioner Schlagel moved, Stevens seconded, to appoint Linda Reimer as Adams County Risk Pool Manager effective September 1, 2000, at a compensation of \$300 per month for a period of one year, with option to renew and renegotiate at the end of the initial year. Motion carried. Expenses for attendance at training sessions will be reimbursed separately under current expense/non-departmental. Time spent on risk pool matters will be logged separately from other duties performed by Reimer in her capacity as Clerk of the Board.

\*497-1204

Public Works Director Long reported on scheduled roadwork throughout the county, noting that Wellsandt Road is now open and work continues on McManamon and Paha/Packard Roads. No action was taken on a request to close the Bruce Transfer Station the Saturday before Labor Day. The preliminary plan for Booker Road was reviewed. Public concern regarding the spelling of a road name - "Schrag" v. "Schragg" was discussed with a resolution to be signed on August 28<sup>th</sup> resolving the matter for purposes of posting road signs.

The board was requested to assign the allocated "ten local significance points" to the three Rural Arterial Program projects for 2001-2003. The current ranked projects are:

McManamon	Solbrack to May (113)
Hills-Urquhart	end of Wellsandt to Teske Crossing (76)
Marcellus Road	Ritzville to Tokio Road (25)

Based upon current CRABoard review the Public Works Department recommended that the points be allocated to Hills-Urquhart. The board by consensus agreed to allocate the points to Hills-Urquhart.

Public Works Director Long requested executive session under RCW 42.30.110(1)(g) - personnel - for approximately ten minutes. Session was held from 10:23 a.m. until 10:24 a.m. when the session was ended because the discussion was deemed inappropriate for executive session.

\*1204-1507

Public Works Director Long then proceeded to discuss his recommendation for the future handling of emergency services.

\*1507-2146

Lobbyist Jim Potts reviewed his service contract with Adams County and discussed renewal options. Action on the contract is scheduled for August 28, 2000.

The board recessed at 10:50 a.m. and reconvened at 11:00 a.m.

\*2146-3917 (tape changeover #2) \*0-28

WSU staff Dora Rumsey, Jon Newkirk, Tom Platt, Ann Hennings, and Elvin Kulp, discussed the recently vacated Grant-Adams agronomy position and requested, and received, Commissioner Board approval to proceed with a request to WSU to get authorization for a full-time-equivalent agronomy position for Adams County. The advertising/screening/hiring process is expected to take approximately six months and it is hoped that both positions may be handled at the same time. Commissioner Schlagel will serve on the screening committee.

The board recessed for lunch at 11:40 a.m. and reconvened at 1:10 p.m.

\*28-1067

Deputy Mike Garland, Jailer, discussed the need for additional dispatchers to cover the office on a 24-hour basis. Following discussion of options, the board by consensus authorized the hiring of two (2) part-time dispatchers for one of the full-time positions (that recently vacated). The board authorized an additional full-time position in action on May 22, 2000, and that civil service position remains open at this time. Garland will discuss the option with Sheriff Kline and if that option is not acceptable, staff will return to the board for further discussions.

The board went into executive session for approximately ten minutes under RCW 42.30.110(1)(i) - litigation - with Attorney Rusty McGuire from 1:40 p.m. until 1:46 p.m.

The board went into executive session for approximately fifteen minutes under RCW 42.30.110(1)(i) - litigation - with Attorney Mary Gaston and Attorney Ed Johnson from 2:02 p.m. until 2:10 p.m.

\*1067-1420

Chairman Wills clarified for Public Works staff that starting salary for the engineer position would be Range 21/Step4.

A brief discussion was held regarding the request from the Town of Washtucna for construction of a walking path. Several options were offered for design and engineering services with Chairman Wills to relay that information to the citizens.

Installation of a "stop" v. "yield" sign on Cemetery Road near Othello will be reviewed based on current rules and sight distance

The board recessed at 2:40 p.m. and reconvened at 2:47 p.m.

\*1420-1479

The board by consensus agreed to proceed with resolution of the Rodeo Lake matter under the proposal outlined by the Rodeo Lake Task Force in a memo dated August 9, 2000.

Commissioner Stevens moved, Schlagel seconded, to authorize the chairman to sign the Lincoln County Department of Public Works Reimbursable Work Request for "assisting the [Adams County] Public Works Department as County Engineer for three to four months until a replacement is hired [for Adams County]. Motion carried. Actual costs will be billed for any services rendered.

Commissioner Schlagel moved, Stevens seconded, to approve the Consent to Transfer Grant of Franchise Agreement dated November 6, 1989 between Carnation Company (now known as Nestle USA, Inc.) and Adams County. Motion carried.

The board recessed at 3:00 p.m. and reconvened at 4:10 p.m.

The board went into executive session under RCW 42.30.110(1)(i) - litigation - with Attorney Roger Reed from 4:14 p.m. until 4:28 p.m.

Commissioner moved, seconded, to approve the Consent Agenda:

Preliminary minutes of August 14, 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	003715-003746	\$ 9,301.53
104	003748-003766	\$ 6,965.90
105	003767	\$ 5,270.00
116	003768	\$ 331.85
502	003769-003778	\$ 5,174.56
TOTAL		\$17,043.84

**Resolution No. R-65-00 In the Matter of Transferring Funds from Current Expense Fund #001 to the Current Expense Reserve Fund #001B**

**Resolution No. R-66-00 In the Matter of Setting Forth Distribution Allocations to Cities/Towns of 2000 Federal Surface Transportation Funds**

Permanent minutes of July 31, August 7, and August 9, 2000, were signed.

Correspondence was received from:

Connie Little, Yakima, WA re: Snoqualmie pass Tunnel Proposal  
Thomas C. Griggs, WSU Educator, Forage and Grassland Management re: resignation from position with Grant-Adams area office of WSU Extension effective August 15, 2000

There being no further business to come before the board the meeting adjourned at 4:36 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/AAE  
Clerk of the Board

**RESOLUTION NO. R-65-00**

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

**IN THE MATTER OF TRANSFERRING FUNDS FROM CURRENT EXPENSE FUND #001 TO THE CURRENT EXPENSE RESERVE FUND #001B**

**WHEREAS**, it is the intent of the Board of County Commissioners and the Adams County Finance Committee to build the Current Expense Reserve Fund whenever financially possible; and,

**WHEREAS**, there are sufficient funds available in the Current Expense Fund;

**THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED** that the Adams County Treasurer is authorized to transfer \$100,000 from Current Expense Non-Departmental BARS 001.099.597.14.00.00 to the Current Expense Reserve Fund #001B BARS 397.14.00.00.

**DATED** this 21<sup>st</sup> day of August, 2000.

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**RESOLUTION NO. R-66-00**

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

**IN THE MATTER OF SETTING FORTH DISTRIBUTION ALLOCATIONS TO CITIES/TOWNS  
OF 2000 FEDERAL SURFACE TRANSPORTATION FUNDS**

**WHEREAS**, Adams County established procedures regarding distribution of Federal Surface Transportation Funds under Resolution No. R-86-98;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED** that Adams County pay to the cities/towns the following amounts from 2000 County Road Fund #115:

<u>City/Town</u>	<u>Population</u>	<u>BARS Number</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Othello	5,445	598.45.52.01	\$39,932
Ritzville	1,730	598.45.52.02	\$12,688
Lind	460	598.45.52.03	\$ 3,374
Washtucna	266	598.45.52.04	\$ 1,951
Hatton	115	598.45.52.05	\$ 843
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>8,016</b>		<b>\$58,788</b>

**AND, WHEREAS**, the City of Othello agrees to de-obligate \$82,934 of Federal Surface Transportation Funds awarded to the city in 1994 which could not be used for the purposes the city intended. Furthermore, the City of Othello, with consent of Washington State Department of Transportation, Highways and Local Programs, the delegated authority over Federal Surface Transportation Funds, agree to redistribute such funds to the cities/towns of Adams County following established procedures regarding the distribution of such funds under Resolution No. R-86-98.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED** that Adams County pay to the cities/towns the following additional amounts de-obligated by the City of Othello from 2000 County Road Fund #115:

<u>City/Town</u>	<u>1994 Population</u>	<u>BARS Number</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Othello	4,780	598.45.52.01	\$53,863
Ritzville	1,750	598.45.52.02	\$19,719
Lind	470	598.45.52.03	\$ 5,296
Washtucna	270	598.45.52.04	\$ 3,042
Hatton	90	598.45.52.05	\$ 1,014

