

# COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS

Regular Meeting  
Adams County Services Building, Othello

January 10, 2001

**Call to Order @ 9:00 a.m.**

**Present:**

Chairman Jeffrey W. Stevens  
Vice-Chairman Rudy Plager  
Commissioner Richard Johnson

**Frank Mayer**

Property rights and 911 access issues discussed. Building and Planning Department clarification noted that only legal intervention would resolve the matter if the two parties involved in the dispute did not resolve the issue on their own.

**Taggares Park**

Alan Hanks, Dan Leary, and Gerry Peloquin presented a revised Cooperative Use Agreement between Adams County and Adams County Park & Recreation District #1 for review and signature.

Document sent for review by Prosecuting Attorney. Board inquired as to status of a future levy for the park and received no commitment or dates although it had been discussed. Park expected to be fully operation by summer pending completion of concessions/storage/restroom facility. The group anticipates county adoption of an ordinance setting closing hours for the park. Daily work crews will begin as soon as weather permits.

**Community Counseling Services**

Kate Brueske provided overview of department and programs, discussed staffing needs and space needs, and introduced staff to board.

Commissioner Johnson moved, Plager seconded, to *authorize the chairman to sign the agreement between National Employee Assistance Services, Inc. and Adams County Community Counseling Services to provide employee assistance, counseling, and other professional services*

to employees and dependents. Motion carried. This agreement provides services to employees at a new business facility in Othello.

### **Comprehensive Plan and Rezone**

Commissioner Plager requested the Building and Planning Department staff to consult with staff of WSU Cooperative Extension to discuss alternative ways of reaching the public during the public input process.

### **Cell Tower Moratorium**

A copy of the revised "work program" leading to the adoption of an ordinance was reviewed. SEPA document and related programs were discussed at length.

### **Taggares Park**

Alan Hanks returned with a revised agreement following consultation with Prosecutor Brueher.

Commissioner Plager moved, Johnson seconded, to *authorize the chairman to sign the Cooperative Use Agreement between Adams County and Adams County Park & Recreation District #1 for the sole purpose of administering the funds of a Youth Athletic Facilities Program Grant.*

Motion carried. The county through the District will manage the Park in keeping with IAC rules for a minimum of twenty (20) years to ensure the facilities are available to youth and community athletic activities.

### **Ground Water Management Area (GWMA)**

John Larson, District Administrator for the Othello Conservation District, introduced himself to the board and informed them of his responsibilities and coordination with the GWMA.

Lynn Hall, Administrator and Carol Miller, Project Coordinator, provided background information on the GWMA and discussed the main emphasis of the program. A project folder along with video was given the board for review.

### **Juvenile Services**

Dave Gowan, Administrator and Juan Garza, Probation Counselor, introduced themselves and discussed caseload and staffing issues. Gowan verified that the "dry cleaning" expenses paid on January 8 were a yearly cost. The board discussed the department reviewing "uniforms" for the staff to ensure visibility and identity in the community.

**Adjournment @ 12:00**

Submitted:

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

Edited and Approved:

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
ADAMS COUNTY, WASHINGTON  
s/Jeffrey W. Stevens, Chairman  
s/Rudy Plager, Vice-Chairman  
s/Richard Johnson, Commissioner