

COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS

**Regular Meeting
Adams County Courthouse, Ritzville**

**December 16, 2002
(Monday)**

Call to Order @ 8:30 a.m.

Present:

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

Oath of Office for Newly Elected Officials @ 8:30 a.m. in Superior Court Courtroom, Adams County Courthouse, Ritzville

Executive Session

Session held under RCW 42.30.110(1)(g) from 8:55 a.m. until 9:33 a.m. for purposes of employee evaluation. Cindy Doyle, Developmental Disabilities Director present.

Executive Session

Session held under RCW 42.30.110(1)(i) from 9:35 a.m. until 9:51 a.m. to discuss litigation with Attorney Brian Werst (via telephone).

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2003 Budget

Prosecutor Brueher discussed staffing and other funding issues.

Dave Gowan, Juvenile, discussed office staffing and filling a currently vacant position.

Laura Danekas, Treasurer, clarified previously submitted revenue figures and how they were calculated.

Recess @ 12:00

Reconvene @ 1:00 p.m.

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2003 Budget

Chairman Stevens reconvened the public hearing on the 2003 budget at 2:00 p.m. per legal notice.

Present and making comments were: Treasurer Danekas, Auditor McBroom, Sheriff Barger, Undersheriff Weise, Assessor Anderson, Appraiser Brown, WSU Chair Esser, Public Works Director O'Brien, Engineer Johns, and Superior Court Clerk Blair, and press from the Ritzville Journal (Sue Gardner).

Additionally present: Deputy Fuhr, Central Services Director Cantrell

Hearing no further comments or questions, Commissioner Johnson moved, Commissioner Plager seconded, *to close the Public Hearing on the 2003 budget*. Motion carried.

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2003 Budget

Sheriff Barger, Undersheriff Weise, and Deputy Fuhr continued discussions on the department budget and agreed to make modifications and submit those to the Board on Wednesday, December 18.

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Assessed Valuation for 2002

Assessor Anderson placed on file the Certification for 2002 Assessed Valuation for Adams County for taxes payable in 2003. The grand total of all property for regular levy is \$1,111,865,993.

Meeting Cancellation

Due to scheduling conflicts and lack of quorum the December 30, 2002, meeting of the Board of Commissioners was cancelled and notice will be published.

Groundskeeping Services

Commissioner Johnson moved, Plager seconded, *to approve the Contract between Thomas J. Benzel and Adams County for the provision of groundskeeping services for the Adams County Courthouse grounds and the Public Works Building grounds in the amount of \$1,300 per month for the period January 1, 2003 through December 31, 2003*. Motion carried. Special duties and projects are stipulated in the contract and compensated separately.

Janitorial/Maintenance for County Services Building

Commissioner Johnson disclosed potential conflict of interest in the matter and abstained from discussion and vote.

Commissioner Plager moved, Stevens seconded, to *approve the Contract between Simpson Services and Adams County for the provision of janitorial services and repair and maintenance services for the County Services Building, Othello in the amount of \$1,400 per month for the period January 1, 2003 through December 31, 2003.* Motion carried. Special duties and projects are stipulated in the contract and compensated separately.

Janitorial /Maintenance for Courthouse

Commissioner Johnson disclosed potential conflict of interest in the matter and abstained from discussion and vote.

Commissioner Plager moved, Stevens seconded, to *approve the Contract between Simpson Services and Adams County for the provision of janitorial services and repair and maintenance services for the County Courthouse, Ritzville in the amount of \$4,450 per month for the period January 1, 2003 through December 31, 2003.* Motion carried. Special duties and projects are stipulated in the contract and compensated separately.

G. Andrew Hunt and Associates, Inc.

Chairman Stevens gave his approval for the Board proceeding with formal execution of the Professional Services Contract between the County and G. Andrew Hunt and Associates, Inc. That contract provides for professional services to assist with negotiating contracts with the two new certified units. Formal action is scheduled for December 18.

2003 Budget

The Board requested the Auditor (via the Clerk of the Board) to prepare financial figures consisting of total amount of COLA costs for 2003 for Current Expense Departments (excluding contractual employees); and, for Step/Merit increases scheduled for 2003 in all Current Expense Departments (excluding contractual employees).

Consent Agenda

Commissioner Plager moved, Johnson seconded, *to approve the Consent Agenda*:

Preliminary minutes of December 9 and 11, 2002

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	026370-026416	\$ 30,428.90
103	026417-026420	\$ 373.75
104	026421-026442	\$ 13,309.68
107	026443	\$ 250.00
109	026444-026445	\$ 720.09
111	026446	\$ 365.75
112	026447	\$ 152.90
115	026448	\$ 85,744.60
117	026449-026461	\$ 2,937.94
131	026462	\$ 153.45
166	026463-026468	\$ 442.04
502	026469-026476	\$ 5,170.03
TOTAL		\$140,049.13

Approved Contract for Strengthening Families Program 2002 for Sam Somes to provide child care services @ \$10.00/hour not to exceed 3 ours per session up to a total sum of \$1,350

Approved Contract for Strengthening Families Program 2002 for Stella Sanchez to provide professional services preparing for and teaching Parenting Education as a substitute teacher @ \$60 per session not to exceed 6 sessions

2003 Budget (RCW 84.52.020)

- Adams County Water District No. 1
- Adams County Fire Protection District #4
- Adams County Fire Protection District #5
- Adams County Fire Protection District #7
- Adams County Cemetery District #1
- Adams County Cemetery District #2

Port of Othello
Adams County Park & Recreation District #1
Adams County Park & Recreation District #2
Adams County Park & Recreation District #3
Ritzville Library District #2
Adams County Public Hospital District #3

Correspondence Received

Special Deputy Prosecutor Randy J. Flyckt re: Special Counsel for Personnel Issues and re-appointment of those attorneys as of January 1, 2003

Permanent Minutes Signed

December 2 and 4, 2002

Adjournment @ 5:30 p.m.

Submitted:
s/Linda Reimer, CMC
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