

COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS

Regular Meeting
Adams County Courthouse, Ritzville

February 3, 2003
(Monday)

Call to Order @ 8:30 a.m.

Present:

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

*0-338

Economic Development Coordinator

Board members reviewed the interviews completed last week and following discussion agreed to modify the job description to reflect more focused responsibilities and to re-advertise for the position.

*338-1098

Deputy Prosecutor

Board members reviewed the request by Prosecutor Flyckt to fill a vacant Deputy Prosecutor position. Board consensus was to allow the position to be filled provided there are no additional costs to Current Expense or the Current Expense Reserve Fund – the position must utilize funding already allocated in the 2003 budget. Chairman Plager asked Commissioner Stevens to discuss the Board's decision with Prosecutor Flyckt.

*1098-2704

Economic Development Coordinator

Public Works Director O'Brien was notified of the Board's decisions regarding the Economic Development Coordinator position and the qualifications of those interviewed. The group scheduled 9:00 a.m. Wednesday, February 5, to meet to modify the job description and review the position classification prior to re-advertisement.

Fish Passage Barrier Removal

Commissioner Stevens moved, Johnson seconded, to *authorize the Chairman to sign the Washington State CRABoard Certification of Road*

Fund Expenditures for Fish Passage Barrier Removal (zero total expenditures for Adams County). Motion carried.

*2704-2919

Assistant Planner/Solid Waste Coordinator

In response to inquiry as to the status of the position in terms of hours and union v. non-union, O'Brien was informed that decisions on the position were pending at this time.

Public Parking Lot

In response to several inquiries and complaints regarding lack of available parking for members of the public that require special access accommodations but are not necessarily qualified for disability parking permits, the Board by consensus agreed to post the southwest parking lot near the courthouse with a two hour parking limit for each general parking slot. There will be no limitations placed on disability slots. A memo will be issued to all departments/employees so that they are aware of the scheduled posting.

Recess @ 12:00

Reconvene @ 1:00 p.m.

*2919-3653 (Tape #2) *0-65

Sheriff's Office

Sheriff Barger updated the Board on grant awards received and requested the budget transfers for Emergency Services.

The Board by consensus authorized the department to proceed with the purchase of "Live Scan" including the digital camera that is an additional component of the program.

*65-256

Personnel Special Counsel

Prosecuting Attorney Flyckt and Special Counsel Werst discussed the agreed upon arrangement for the two attorneys to handle county matters related to personnel.

A training workshop for elected officials and department heads will be scheduled with Werst in the near future.

*256-2484

Elected Officials/Department Heads

Elected Officials/Department Heads (Cantrell, O'Brien, Johns, McBroom, Thomason/Brown – representing Assessor's Office, Blair, Barger, Danekas, Flyckt, Fuhr) were in attendance to meet Special Counsel Werst.

Werst gave a historical review of the "request for representation", the "status quo" period, filing of the ULP against the county; the appeal process and the premises governing the county's decision to not appeal the PERC decision.

Werst spent considerable time explaining "status quo"; the actions and reporting required of the county as well as actions that are required of the members of the two units; and, the ramifications of non-compliance by either party.

Werst responded to questions from staff and press from The Othello Outlook.

*2484-2501

Executive Session

Chairman Plager requested a twenty (20) minute executive session with Attorney Werst under RCW 42.30.110(1)(i) – litigation. Session was held from 3:43 p.m. until 4:03 p.m. with an extension posted/announced for an additional fifteen (15) minutes with conclusion at 4:18 p.m.

*2501-2585

Unclassified Personnel

Commissioner Stevens moved, Johnson seconded, to *grant effective February 3, 2003, to unclassified (non-union) personnel a COLA computed based on motions made October 9, 2002 and July 9, 2001; to lift the suspension on step/merit increases with those to be granted eligible employees provided the employee meets all requirements; and, further to repeal all other previous motions, resolutions, or actions to the extent that they are inconsistent with this motion.* Motion carried

Repayment of Taxes

Commissioner Johnson moved, Stevens seconded, to *approve Resolution No. R-10-03 In the Matter of Repayment of Taxes.* Motion carried.

Taxing District's Regular Levy

Commissioner Johnson moved, Stevens seconded, to approve **Resolution No. R-11-03 In the Matter of Increasing the Taxing District's Regular Levy from that which was Levied the Previous Year (Current Expense)**. Motion carried.

Commissioner Stevens moved, Johnson seconded, to approve **Resolution No. R-12-03 In the Matter of Increasing the Taxing District's Regular Levy from that which was Levied the Previous Year (County Road)**. Motion carried.

Consent Agenda

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

Preliminary minutes of January 27 and 29, 2003

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	030583-030610	\$ 8,532.51
103	030611-030614	\$ 1,165.74
104	030615-030636	\$19,042.20
108	030637	\$ 572.00
117	030638	\$ 1,502.00
166	030639-030640	\$ 173.15
502	030641-030642	\$ 1,313.01
001	0075	\$ 14.66
115	0076-0082	\$ 6,216.11
401	0083	\$ 6.60
501	0084-0086	\$ 170.43
590	0087-0104	\$ 9,468.69
TOTALS		\$48,177.10

Approved the following Adams County Auditor items to be declared surplus and junked: Inventory #10194 and 10873

Approved the following Adams County Sheriff Department items to be declared surplus to be junked: Inventory #6306, 11618, 11619, 11636,

11637, 11638, 11661, 11663, 6451, 6452, 6459; and, additionally the following items reflecting no inventory number: 4 monitors and 1 dot matrix printer

Authorized Chairman to sign Federal Annual Certification Report accounting for funds received and spent by the law enforcement agency under the federal equitable sharing program for fiscal year ending 12/31/02 (\$0)

Authorize Chairman to sign CRABoard Rural Arterial Program Certification of Road Fund Expenditures for Traffic Law Enforcement for 2002 (\$56,175.31)

Meeting Relocation

The regular Wednesday, February 19, 2003, meeting scheduled for Ritzville was relocated to Lind, Washington at the Town of Lind Town Hall from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00

The Board decided to relocate the following additional Wednesday meetings to these surrounding community locations:

Washtucna @ Fire Hall on March 19

Hatton @ Town Hall on April 16

Benge @ Benge Community Church, Multipurpose Room on May

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Correspondence Received

Department of Ecology, Grant D. Pfeifer, Regional Air Quality Section re: Order No. 03AQER-5274 order granting Adams County authority to administer the agricultural burn permitting program within Adams County

Copy of letter from Bureau of Aviation to Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Department of Transportation and Adams County Citizens Alliance re: Gettysburg Airport

Copy of letter to Bill Keenan and Audrey B. Eide, WSCCCE from Special Counsel Werst re: Adams County, Decision 7961

Military Department Emergency Management Division, Washington State E911 Administrator re: funding for ANI/ALI telephone systems in Public Safety Answering Points

Department of Ecology re: notification that all Water Conservancy Board members are eligible to participate in water right transfer decisions as of January 23, 2003

Ferry County Board of Commissioners re: reorganization of Board

Permanent Minutes Signed

January 13 and 15, 2003

January 21 and 22, 2003

Recess @ 5:02 p.m.

Reconvene @ 5:07 p.m.

Adjournment @ 5:26 p.m.

Submitted:

s/Linda Reimer, CMC

Clerk of the Board

Edited and Approved:

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

RESOLUTION NO. R-10-03

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

IN THE MATTER OF REPAYMENT OF TAXES

WHEREAS, Adams County has contracted with specific cities and towns of the county for repayment of taxes normally levied by these cities and towns, but by mutual agreement and contract levied by the county Current Expense Fund for 2003 taxes; and,

WHEREAS, the total amounts contracted are to be repaid to these cities and town by December 31, 2003;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Adams County Treasurer will, on the last day of the months of February through November, 2003, transfer repayments to these cities and towns in the same percentage as the actual taxes collected and on the last day of December, 2003, transfer the amount of the balance of the repayments, thereby fulfilling the terms of the contracts.

DATED this 3rd day of February 2003.

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

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

RESOLUTION NO. R-11-03

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

**IN THE MATTER OF INCREASING THE TAXING DISTRICT'S REGULAR LEVY FROM
THAT WHICH WAS LEVIED THE PREVIOUS YEAR (CURRENT EXPENSE)**

WHEREAS, the legislative authority of Adams County has properly given notice of the public hearings held during regular proceedings to consider the County's current expense budget for the 2003 calendar year, pursuant to RCW 84.55.120; and,

WHEREAS, the legislative authority of Adams County, after public hearings, and after duly considering all relevant evidence and testimony presented, has determined that the County requires an increase in property tax revenue from the previous year; in addition to the increase resulting from the addition of new construction and improvements to property and any increase in the value of state-assessed property, in order to discharge the expected expenses and obligations of the County and in the County's best interest;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that an increase in the regular property tax levy, in addition to any amount resulting from the addition of new construction and improvements to property and any increase in the value of state-assessed property, is hereby authorized for the 2003 levy in the amount of \$26,608, which is an increase of 1.0%.

DATED this 3rd day of February 2003.

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

ATTEST:
s/Linda Reimer, CMC

Clerk of the Board

RESOLUTION NO. R-12-03

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

**IN THE MATTER OF INCREASING THE TAXING DISTRICT'S REGULAR LEVY FROM
THAT WHICH WAS LEVIED THE PREVIOUS YEAR (COUNTY ROAD)**

WHEREAS, the legislative authority of Adams County has properly given notice of the public hearings held during regular proceedings to consider the County's road expense budget for the 2003 calendar year, pursuant to RCW 84.55.120; and,

WHEREAS, the legislative authority of Adams County, after public hearings, and after duly considering all relevant evidence and testimony presented, has determined that the County requires an increase in property tax revenue from the previous year; in addition to the increase resulting from the addition of new construction and improvements to property and any increase in the value of state-assessed property, in order to discharge the expected expenses and obligations of the County and in the County's best interest;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that an increase in the regular property tax levy, in addition to any amount resulting from the addition of new construction and improvements to property and any increase in the value of state-assessed property, is hereby authorized for the 2003 levy in the amount of \$15,035, which is an increase of 1.0%.

DATED this 3rd day of February 2003.

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

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