

COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS

Regular Meeting @ Special Location Town Hall, Hatton, Washington

April 16, 2003
(Wednesday)

Call to Order @ 9:10 a.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Present:

Chairman Rudy Plager
Commissioner Jeffrey W. Stevens

Absent:

Vice-Chairman Richard Johnson

Building and Planning Department

Director Wiltse presented *draft* text for amending Chapter 17 of the Adams County Code; and, discussed funding and accounting for grant funds received for the Critical Areas update.

Quit Claim Deed to City of Othello

Engineer Johns discussed the request from the City of Othello for a *Quit Claim Deed* of property that lies within the City of Othello limits to facilitate clear title. Prosecutor Flyckt will be scheduled to meet with the board on April 21, 2003, to respond to further questions prior to any action being taken by the Board.

Paths & Trails Fund

Chairman Plager provided information about the Paths & Trails Fund to the Hatton Mayor and local citizens present at the meeting.

Tipping Fee at Bruce and Ritzville Transfer Stations

Information and a proposed resolution to increase the tipping fee at the transfer stations was presented and discussed. Action on the increase will be delayed until April 28, 2003, to allow for input from the Solid Waste Advisory Committee.

Quantum Lighting

Public Works Director O'Brien clarified the criteria used to determine inclusion/exclusion of certain county buildings in the proposed retrofit lighting program.

Town of Hatton

Citizens of the Town of Hatton inquired about Homeland Security requirements and funding and discussed building code violations and related issues.

Economic Development Coordinator

Membership makeup of the team to interview and select the Economic Development Coordinator was discussed.

Jail Intercom

Commissioner Stevens moved, Plager seconded, to *approve Resolution No. R-44-03 In the Matter of Declaring a County Emergency in the Adams County Jail for Purposes of Bid Requirements under RCW 36.32.270.*

Motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment @ 12:00

Submitted:
s/Linda Reimer, MMC
Clerk of the Board

Edited and Approved:

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

RESOLUTION NO. R-44-03

ORDER OF BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

ADAMS COUNTY, WASHINGTON

IN THE MATTER OF DECLARING A COUNTY EMERGENCY IN THE ADAMS COUNTY JAIL FOR PURPOSES OF BID REQUIREMENTS UNDER RCW 36.32.270

WHEREAS, the Adams County Sheriff notified the Board of County Commissioners on Monday, April 14, 2003, that the jail intercom used by inmates to summon jail staff had failed completely and was unable to be repaired due to the system being obsolete; and,

WHEREAS, without the intercom system the inmates have no means of contacting or communicating with jail staff unless the staff is on the jail floor; and,

WHEREAS, there are two levels of jail cells and current staffing levels does not provide for 24/7 levels; and,

WHEREAS, the intercom system is critical in case of a medical emergency or in the case of a disturbance among inmates that may delay response time unless inmates have a means of communication with staff; and,

WHEREAS, going through the bidding process would delay installation of a new system; and,

WHEREAS, it is prudent to reduce county liability;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that an emergency is declared and now exists within the Adams County jail and replacement of the intercom system is declared a necessity under the provisions of RCW 36.32.270; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Adams County Sheriff is authorized to proceed immediately with securing a vendor to replace the intercom system at the earliest date possible.

DATED this 16th day of April, 2003.

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

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