

## COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS

Regular Meeting  
Adams County Courthouse, Ritzville

August 18, 2003  
(Monday)

**Call to Order @ 8:30 a.m.**

**Present:**

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

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**Avista**

Chairman Plager opened the public hearing on renewal of the franchise for Avista Corporation, Inc. to construct, operate and maintain electric facilities within Adams County controlled right-of-ways on all county roads.

Engineer Johns spoke on the differences between the franchise for Avista and that recently granted to Big Bend Electric.

Chairman Plager closed the hearing at 9:35 a.m.

Commissioner Stevens moved, Johnson seconded, to ***approve Resolution No. R-73-03 In the Matter of Grant of Franchise to Avista Corporation, Inc. Motion carried unanimously.*** Franchise is for twenty-five (25) years from January 9, 2003 through January 9, 2028.

\*162-1556

**Severe Truck and Optional Body**

Public Works Director O'Brien recapped the details of the recent bids opened for a severe truck and optional truck body; reviewed a recent similar bid at Grant County; reviewed bid specifications on a truck body received at Whitman County; addressed costs for past bids received by Adams County on a truck body (1999) and truck (2002). Roy Alspach, Maintenance spoke on changes required on the last truck body and those changes then incorporated into the specifications for the recently bid truck.

Wes Loomis, Loomis Truck and Tractor, presented a letter to the board addressing truck body concerns within their bid.

Discussion followed. Commissioner Johnson moved, Stevens seconded, to *award the truck bid to Andrews Equipment, Spokane, as lowest responsive bidder meeting all specifications; and, to reject all optional bids for a truck body and go out for bid separately for this item.* **Motion carried.**

\*1556-2418

### **Public Works Staffing**

The Board by **consensus** authorized the Public Works Department to post in-house for interest in filling the position of District Supervisor – Ritzville; and, Blade District Operator.

### **Ed Victor Bridge**

Commissioner Johnson moved, Stevens seconded, to *authorize the Chairman to sign the Concurrence of Award to Knudsen Land Surveying, Ephrata, to do survey work on the Ed Victor Bridge 9CRP-146).* **Motion carried.**

Knudsen Land Surveying bid under guidelines of the Small Works Roster at the following rates: \$90/hour for survey crew work, \$50/hour vehicle charge, and \$58/hour for PLS work.

### **Building Inspector Trainee**

The Board by **consensus** authorized the placement of a trainee under L&I to work with the county building inspector under a reimbursement basis by L&I for Inspector White's time.

### **Economic Development**

Roger Krug, Economic Development, reported that the Adams County Profile is expected to be completed by September, 2003.

### **Solid Waste Staffing**

Public Works Director O'Brien reported that minor modifications are being made to the job description for the Litter Crew Supervisor that will allow some flexibility for the employee to do other solid waste related tasks during off peak periods.

### **Public Works Building**

Public Works Director O'Brien informed the Board that quotes were being requested to modify some offices within the department building in order to have one office to serve as a small conference room/base office for Othello based positions ie. building/planning, economic development, and GIS.

\*2418-2673

### **Amend 2003 Budget**

Chairman Plager opened the public hearing to consider amendments to the 2003 Adams County budget.

Auditor McBroom noted some minor changes from that which was published.

Chairman Plager closed the hearing at 11:07 a.m.

Commissioner Stevens moved, Johnson seconded, *to approve Resolution No. R-72-03 In the Matter of Amending the 2003 Adams County Budget. Motion carried unanimously.*

\*2673-3033

### **Metropolitan Park District**

Heidi Hunt, Elections, responded to questions from the Board regarding liability and costs associated with placing the proposed Metropolitan Park District on the November ballot. Hunt will research the issue.

**Recess @ 11:30 a.m.** to join other elected officials and meet with representatives of WSAC and WACO at Perkin's Restaurant.

**Reconvene @ 1:00 p.m.**

\*3033-3765 (Tape #2) \*0-1588

### **WSAC/WACO/Lobbyist**

WSAC Executive Director Bill Vogler, WACO Executive Director Debbie Wilke, and Lobbyist Jim Potts, discussed legislative issues, areas the organizations can assist counties, and Farmworker Housing developments.

**Recess @ 2:33 p.m.** under RCW 42.30.140(4)(b) – Chapter Controlling – Application – ...chapter shall not apply to “that portion of a meeting during which the governing body is planning or adopting the strategy or position to be taken by the governing body during the course of any collective

bargaining, professional negotiations, or grievance or mediation proceedings, or reviewing the proposals made in the negotiations or proceedings while in progress.”

Recess was called for thirty (30) minutes. Employer Negotiators Gary Hunt and Valerie Andersson were present.

**Reconvened @ 3:03 p.m.**

\*1588-1598

**Gifting of Annual Leave (Juvenile Staffing)**

Commissioner Stevens moved, Johnson seconded, *to authorize the Chairman to sign approval for Birdie Fought to donate 40 hours of vacation; for Raul Flores to donate 80 hours of vacation, and for Guillermo Garza to donate 40 hours of vacation to Erika Torres per Adams County Personnel Policy Section 4 Benefits (2 – Annual Leave –R-75-01 and R-81-02)). Motion carried.*

\*1598-1609

**Consent Agenda**

Commissioner Stevens moved, Johnson seconded, *to approve the Consent Agenda. Motion carried unanimously.*

Preliminary minutes of August 4, 6, and 13, 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	034065-034171	\$ 31,815.53
001	Hand Pay	\$ 2,000.00
103	034172-034180	\$ 1,058.84
104	034181-033229	\$ 13,053.81
106	034230-034231	\$ 257.25
109	034232	\$ 368.27
111	034233-034236	\$ 3,063.40
112	034237-034238	\$ 223.57
117	034238-034250	\$ 2,499.42
133	034251	\$ 411.94
166	034252-034270	\$ 8,433.03

301	034271	\$	675.60
502	034272-034284	\$	7,286.98
001	1347-1349	\$	560.73
115	1350-1382	\$	55,846.83
401	1382-1388	\$	905.04
501	1389-1405	\$	14,800.03
590	1406-1453	\$	33,222.06
TOTAL			\$176,482.33

July payroll in the amount of \$569,140.24; benefits in the amount of \$130,791.77

Approved **Resolution No. R-71-03 In the Matter of Transferring Funds from Current Expense Fund #001 to Courthouse O&M Fund #501**

\*1609-2622

**Metropolitan Park District**

City of Othello Mayor Sanders and City Administrator Sheldon discussed the proposed Metropolitan Park District and requested Board support for a joint city/county district development. The Board noted they would support a levy vote to be run through the Park and Recreation District #1 so that the voters could decide the aquatic center issue. The vote via the Park and Recreation District was considered more timely and more economically viable than going through the development of another district.

**Permanent Minutes Signed**

July 28, 2003

**Correspondence Received**

Adams County Water Conservancy Board Minutes of June 23, 2003, and Agenda for August 25, 2003

**Adjournment @ 4:30 p.m.**

Submitted:  
s/Linda Reimer, MMC  
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-71-03**

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

**IN THE MATTER OF TRANSFERRING FUNDS FROM THE CURRENT EXPENSE  
FUND #001 TO COURTHOUSE O&M FUND #501**

**WHEREAS**, funds were allocated in the Current Expense Fund #001 for the operation of the Courthouse O&M Fund #501;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that thirty thousand and no/hundred dollars (\$30,000) be transferred from Current Expense Fund #001 BARS 597.18.30.00 to the Courthouse O&M Fund #501 BARS 397.18.30.00.

**DATED** this 18<sup>th</sup> day of August, 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, MMC  
Clerk of the Board

**RESOLUTION NO. R-72-03**

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

**IN THE MATTER OF AMENDING THE 2003 ADAMS COUNTY BUDGET**

**WHEREAS**, unanticipated revenues and expenses have necessitated the need for an amendment to the Adams County 2003 Budget; and,

**WHEREAS**, the public was legally notified of the hearing on the matter on August 7 and 14, 2003; and,

**WHEREAS**, the public hearing was held on Monday, August 18, 2003, and all comments were heard and considered;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the 2003 Adams County Budget is amended as follows:

	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Change</u>	<u>Revised</u>
<b><u>Current Expense</u></b>			
Commissioners Mandated Expenses	\$ 170,269	\$ 300	\$ 170,569
Superior Court Mandated Expenses	\$ 143,026	\$ 1,530	\$ 144,556
Ritzville District Court Mandated Expenses	\$ 176,933	\$ 2,100	\$ 179,033
Auditor Mandated Expenses	\$ 312,334	\$ 9,445	\$ 321,779
Clerk of the Superior Court Mandated Expenses	\$ 124,917	\$ 9,410	\$ 134,327
Treasurer Mandated Expenses	\$ 227,251	\$ 740	\$ 227,991
Assessor Mandated Expenses	\$ 264,966	\$ 4,700	\$ 269,666
Police Operations Mandated Expenses	\$1,175,350	\$ 535	\$1,175,885
Care and Custody Mandated Expenses	\$ 412,764	\$ 1,225	\$ 413,989
Juvenile Mandated Expenses	\$ 362,038	\$ 9,915	\$ 371,953
Insurance/Retro Assessment	\$ 371,953	\$ 17,170	\$ 389,123
Planning Mandated Expenses	\$ 107,649	\$ <1,127>	\$ 106,522
Building Mandated Expenses	\$ 76,262	\$ <148>	\$ 76,114

WSU Extension Mandated Expenses	\$ 148,824	\$ 335	\$ 149,159
Non-Departmental Insurance/Retro Assessment	\$1,247,838	\$ 58,377	\$1,306,215
Non-Departmental Loan to E911	\$1,306,215	\$260,000	\$1,566,215
<b>Total Current Expense Increase</b>		<b>\$374,507</b>	
<b><u>E911</u></b>			
Interim Loan Payback	\$322,929	\$260,000	\$ 582,929
<b><u>Adams County Fair</u></b>			
Insurance/Retro Assessment	\$131,800	\$ 3,435	\$ 135,235
<b><u>Adams County Fair Capital Improvement</u></b>			
Unbudgeted Revenues	\$ 12,000	\$ 49,407	\$ 61,407
<b><u>Developmental Disabilities</u></b>	\$166,800	\$ 3,435	\$ 170,235

**DATED** this 18<sup>th</sup> day of August, 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, MMC  
Clerk of the Board

**RESOLUTION NO. R-73-03**

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

**IN THE MATTER OF GRANT OF FRANCHISE TO AVISTA CORPORATION, INC.**

**WHEREAS**, Avista Corporation, Inc. filed an application for a blanket franchise to construct, operate and maintain electric facilities within Adams County controlled right-of-ways on all county roads; and,

**WHEREAS**, Avista Corporation, Inc. approved by their Board action on July 9, 2003 a franchise agreement and thereafter formally requested Adams County consideration of same; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Adams County Engineer reviewed the application and recommended to the Board of Adams County Commissioners that the matter be scheduled for public hearing and action; and,

**WHEREAS**, a public hearing was scheduled for August 18, 2003, advertisement was completed, and hearing notices were appropriately posted; and,

**WHEREAS**, a public hearing was held on August 18, 2003, and all matters and comments related to the franchise request were duly considered;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** there is granted to Avista Corporation, Inc., a Washington corporation, duly authorized to do business in the State of Washington, a franchise, for a term of twenty-five (25) years from January 9, 2003, through January 9, 2028, in accordance with "Exhibit A" Terms and Conditions of Utility Franchise attached.

**DATED** this 18<sup>th</sup> day of August, 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, MMC  
Clerk of the Board