

COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS

**Regular Meeting
Adams County Courthouse, Ritzville**

September 2, 2003
(Tuesday due to Labor Day Holiday on Monday)

Call to Order @ 8:30 a.m.

Present:

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

*0-1735

Ed Victor Bridge

Commissioner Johnson moved, Stevens seconded, to *approve the Professional Services Contract with Knudsen Land Surveying to establish the NW, SW, and SE section corner for Section 1 and break down Section 1 and record those corners for the Ed Victor Bridge project.* **Motion carried unanimously.**

Haystack Bridge

Commissioner Stevens moved, Johnson seconded, to *authorize the Chairman to sign the Local Agency Standard Consultant Agreement with Nicholls Engineering, Spokane, to provide design and consulting services for replacement of the Haystack Bridge #413-3 in the amount of \$16,510.* **Motion carried unanimously.**

Building Inspector Trainee

Board consensus authorized the Building and Planning Department to proceed with a contractual training program with Labor and Industries that will provide on-site training for an L&I client under the direction of Building Inspector White. Labor and Industries will reimburse the county for up to 80 hours of training/supervisory services to the client.

*1735-2396

Public Defenders

Public Defenders Szott and Morgan continued negotiations with the Board for renewal of the Public Defender contract. Szott and Morgan proposed a

two year contract, \$10,000 decrease in compensation rather than a 10% decrease, agreed to revise juvenile trial cost terms from \$400/day to \$50/hour, agreed to eliminate the arbitration provision, and, proposed an increase in efforts to recoup attorney fees. The Board took the proposal under review.

Litter Crew Supervisor

The Board **by consensus** approved the minor job description changes to Position #1111 – Litter Crew Supervisor – reflecting the following additions: “and in part by the Adams County Solid Waste Fund” under Section 1.1; and “Perform other duties as assigned by the Solid Waste Coordinator” under Section 4.5.

Recess @ 12:00

Reconvene @ 1:00 p.m.

Juvenile Staffing

Commissioner Johnson moved, Plager seconded, to *approve Resolution No. R-75-03 In the Matter of Employment of Juvenile Probation Counselor*. Motion carried two (2) to one (1):

Johnson and Plager – yea

Stevens – nay – for record objected to lowering of “minimum” qualification standard (four year degree) for the person filling the position

The Board **by consensus** approved the minor job description changes to Position #904 – Probation Counselor – reflecting the following: “A person in this position may also be designated as the coordinator for a specific Grant that has been awarded the Department.” – Section 1.1; and “on a rotating basis, twenty-four ...” – Section 4.6.

Judge Richard Miller was present for the session and spoke regarding the filling of the position and intentions of the union.

*2711-3737 (Tape #2) *0-142

City of Othello

Prosecutor Flyckt confirmed that a letter had been sent to the City of Othello giving notice of termination of the Interlocal Agreement between the City of Othello and Adams County regarding RCW 39.34.180. Flyckt reported that he had discussed the matter of City Attorney Whitaker.

*142-1263

Medical Benefits Committee

Chairman Cantrell reviewed the results of the Medical Insurance Benefits Survey, discussed 2004 projected rate increases, and, reported that under PEBB only Uniform Medical Plan would be available to Adams County employees in 2004 and all those currently on Premera/Blue Cross would be required to move to this Plan.

Cantrell discussed MSA VEBA Plan (a pre-retirement and post-retirement medical expense reimbursement account) and potential vendors to be requested to provide information on their plans/carriers. The Board unanimously agreed to have the committee proceed with further inquiry on carriers, but NO brokers were to be approached or considered.

At least one member of the Board of Commissioners will be present for the presentations that will be scheduled by the Medical Benefits Committee.

Cell Phones

Central Services Director Cantrell reported good results following implementation of the County Cell Phone Policy noting lower bills and limited personal calls by employees.

Surplus Computers

The local School Districts have indicated no further interest in county surplus computer equipment and the Board suggested other programs and entities that could be contacted for possible interest.

*1263-1324

Public Defenders

The Board offered a counter compensation amount to the Public Defenders of \$225,000 per year rather than \$227,000 per year. Szott will discuss further with Morgan.

*1324-1428

Mosquito Control District

Chairman Plager moved, Commissioner Johnson seconded, to *appoint Gordon Killian, Ritzville, to the Adams County Mosquito Control District #1 filling the unexpired term of Darrell J. Pitman effective September 2, 2003, through March 31, 2005. Motion carried unanimously.*

Community Mobilization Contract

Commissioner Stevens moved, Johnson seconded, to *authorize the Chairman to sign the Community Mobilization Contract for Contract Period 7/1/03 to 6/30/04 that provides funds for communities to reduce the incidence of substance abuse and violence for youth and families and the Signature Authorization Form.* **Motion carried unanimously.**

Community Counseling Services

Commissioner Stevens moved, Johnson seconded, to *appoint Rebecca Henshaw, M.A. as a County Designated Mental Health Professional as outlined in RCW 71.05 effective immediately.* **Motion carried unanimously.**

Consent Agenda

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

Preliminary minutes of August 25 and 27, 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	034524-034545	\$ 5,830.03
001	Hand Pay	\$ 765.00
103	034546-034547	\$ 1,337.18
104	034548-034570	\$ 6,067.48
106	034571-034572	\$ 186.50
107	034573	\$ 288.14
108	034574-034582	\$ 3,074.79
108a	034584	\$ 2,909.81
110	034585	\$ 5,825.46
115	Hand Pay	\$ 1,249.74
117	034586-034587	\$ 587.04
117	Hand Pay	\$ 187.86
130	034588	\$ 235.61
133	034589	\$ 100.00
166	034590-034593	\$ 175.02
502	034594-034600	\$ 3,227.93
001	1497-1502	\$ 2,218.98

115	1503-1518	\$370,646.75
122	1519-1521	\$ 2,708.64
401	1522-1524	\$ 787.40
501	1525-1529	\$ 1,311.85
590	1530-1549	\$ 5,200.66
TOTAL		\$414,921.87

Approved **Resolution No. R-74-03 In the Matter of Transferring Funds from Crime Victims Comp Fund #135 to the Current Expense Fund #001**

Permanent Minutes Signed

August 18 and 20, 2003

Correspondence Received

Adams County Development Center re: Notice of Meeting change from September 1 to September 8 @ 7:00 p.m. at Center in Lind
 Invitation to October 2 dedication of the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife's newly acquired Sprague Lake "Watchable Wildlife" site

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-74-03

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

IN THE MATTER OF TRANSFERRING FUNDS FROM CRIME VICTIMS COMP FUND #135 TO THE CURRENT EXPENSE FUND #001

WHEREAS, funds were allocated in the Crime Victims Comp Fund #135 for the partial support of personnel in Current Expense for the 2003 budget year;

THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that ten thousand and no/100 dollars (\$10,000) be transferred from Crime Victims Comp Fund #135 BARS 597.15.10.00 to Current Expense Fund #001 BARS 397.15.10.00.

DATED this 2nd day of September, 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-75-03

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

IN THE MATTER OF EMPLOYMENT OF JUVENILE PROBATION COUNSELOR

WHEREAS, under the current hiring freeze and *status quo ante* requirements for the County, department heads and elected officials must first obtain authorization from the Board of County Commissioners to hire employees for new or vacant positions of employment in the County; and,

WHEREAS, there currently exists a vacant Juvenile Probation Counselor position which is designated as a Position #904, classified Range 11, and budgeted as a forty (40) hour per week position; and,

WHEREAS, the department heads for such vacant position have requested the Board of County Commissioners to fill such vacant position with a current County employee who is employed in a similar #904 position, classified Range 11, and budgeted as a twenty-five (25) hour per week position;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

1. That the department heads for such vacant position shall be authorized to fill the vacant #904 Position - Juvenile Probation Counselor, classified Range

11, with a current County employee who is employed in a similar #904 position and budgeted as only a twenty-five (25) hour per week position; and,

2. That such current County employee shall not be entitled to a step increase in salary as a result of transferring to another position pursuant to motion of the Board of Commissioners on September 5, 2000, wherein such step increases were rescinded; and,
3. That due to the unique circumstances that such current County employee has been providing services typical of a Juvenile Probation Counselor, as indicated by such employee's department heads, the Board of County Commissioners is waiving certain minimum job qualifications or requirements of the vacant #904 position for this particular employee. Such waiver shall not be construed or considered to be a waiver of any minimum job qualifications or requirements for any and all other purposes; and,
4. That this resolution shall not be construed as a waiver of any requirement under the current hiring freeze and *status quo ante* requirements for the County, including but not limited to the requirement that department heads and elected officials must first obtain authorization from the Board of County Commissioners to hire employees for new or vacant positions of employment in the County.

DATED this 2nd day of September, 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