

COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS

Regular Meeting
Adams County Services Building, Othello

October 13, 2004
(Wednesday)

Call to Order @ 9:00 a.m.

Present:

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

Non-permitted Dumping Areas

Solid Waste Director Wiltse, and Brueske and Stenson of Integrated Health Services conducted an on-site review of certain non-permitted dumping areas near the City of Othello.

Law Enforcement Dispatching, Enhanced 911 and Jail Services

Commissioner Johnson moved, Stevens seconded, to *approve the Local inter-Agency Agreement for Law Enforcement Dispatching, Enhanced 911 and Jail Services between Adams County and the City of Ritzville for the period January 1, 2005 through December 31, 2005, in the amount of \$20,224.80.* **Motion carried.**

2005 Budget Review Sessions

Othello District Court

Judge Brueher:

- reviewed interpreter expenses
- noted increased costs for jury trials as well as increases in postage, law books, travel, etc.
- discussed guidelines for assigning public defender services and reviewed how Ritzville and Othello District Courts are cooperating and sharing information and handling cases

- discussed creation of a probation department for the courts and whether the services would be cost effective and able to fully fund the department; Judge Brueher will further research this option

Recess @ 12:00

Reconvene @ 1:00 p.m. in Recycling Office

Integrated Health Care Services

Kate Brueske:

- mental health revenue expected to fluctuate/decrease – vacant positions not being filled
- chemical dependency revenue expected to remain steady
- discussed availability of flu vaccine and staffing due to lack of vaccine
- noted tax collection revenue anticipated for Personal Health and Environmental Health for 2005
- program changes anticipated to be minimal for 2005, but outreach and expansion of existing programs scheduled
- discussed increased revenue options in Environmental Health and potential to utilize additional funding through the Solid Waste Grant
- reviewed 2004 budget amendment for Health

Adams County Fair

- discussed 2004 budget amendment anticipated at \$20,000 with premiums and awards projected at \$14,000 of that total; anticipated cash carryover will not be realized
- discussed raising rates for commercial vendors noting that other fees had been raised over the past year or two
- requested that grounds caretaker remain at “employee” status rather than contractual; inquired about the unemployment being paid a previous employee
- noted that the livestock entity of the fair will be required to cover the cost for maintenance and upkeep of livestock barns rather than that being a fair expense
- discussed the grounds care at the Sheriff Substation and requested that the Board clarify liability for those related expenses –
Expenses for 2005 to be clarified during O&M budget discussion scheduled on October 18

- Board requested summary of Fair receipts for 2004 – **Treasurer's Office will be contacted**

Adjournment @ 3:00 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