

COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS

Regular Meeting Adams County Courthouse, Ritzville

March 7, 2005
(Monday)

Call to Order @ 8:30 a.m.

Present:

Chairman Jeffrey W. Stevens
Vice-Chairman Roger L. Hartwig
Commissioner Rudy Plager

Legislators

Senator Schoesler and Representative Cox discussed pending legislative bills and briefly discussed progress on local issues affecting Adams County.

Public Works

Board consensus authorized the department advertising for summer temporary help.

Director O'Brien reported that he would be working on a pilot program proposal that would aid in evaluating safety factors on rural roads and how these rural roads may potentially qualify for federal funding in the future. O'Brien also noted that rental rates will be evaluated at the end of March and these rates may reflect upward adjustments due to current fuel costs.

Lind-Hatton #2

Commissioner Plager moved, Hartwig seconded, to *approve the Contract and Contract Bond between Adams County and HLT Construction, Usk, Washington in the amount of \$607,568.92.* **Motion carried.**

Columbia Basin Ground Water Management Area (GWMA)

Paul Stoker presented and reviewed the Petition to the Director of the Washington State Department of Ecology from the Boards of County Commissioners of Adams, Franklin, Grant and Lincoln Counties. This petition requests amendment to the Columbia Basin Ground Water Management Area Designation Order No. 16, dated February 4, 1998 to:

- Expand the GWMA boundary area to include Lincoln County, Washington; and,
- Allow the GWMA to expand its designation to be able to address regional groundwater issues of concern to the citizens of Adams, Franklin, Grant and Lincoln Counties

Pertinent attachments and funding issues were reviewed and discussed with a proposed resolution that makes each of the counties a “fiscal lead agency”. This resolution allocates funding obligations on the following basis: Grant County at 40%, Franklin County at 30%, Adams County at 20%, and Lincoln County at 10%. However, it was noted that there is no anticipated “county” financial obligation as the GWMA was implemented with the understanding that there would be no county fiscal obligations.

Commissioner Plager moved, Hartwig seconded, to *authorize the Chairman to sign the Petition to the Director of the Washington State Department of Ecology as presented.* **Motion carried.**

Commissioner Plager moved, Hartwig seconded, to *approve **Resolution No. R-22-05 In the Matter of Certain Provisions Regarding Fiscal Responsibilities of the Columbia Basin Ground Water Management Area between Adams, Franklin, Grant and Lincoln Counties.***

Discussion followed with clarification on some issues provided by Paul Stoker. Stoker noted that the intent of GWMA was to not tax local citizens in order to fund the work of the GWMA.

Question was called. Vote was as follows:

Plager – yes
Hartwig – yes
Stevens - no

Chairman Stevens noted that insufficient time was available for him to fully review and consider the fiscal impact, if any, to Adams County; and, to consider other issues related to the GWMA matter at this time.

Motion carried.

Recess @ 12:00

Reconvene @ 1:00 p.m.

Gallagher Reppond

Nancy Kokenge, Area Vice President for Gallagher Reppond presented a ***Broker Services Proposal*** including but not limited to medical insurance, FSA/HSA/HRA, customer service, and benefits administration.

County Public Services Building (Akins Building)

Treasurer Danekas continued discussions on financing for the construction and remodel of the County Public Services Building in Othello. The Board **by consensus** decided to not pursue funding through the USDA loan program. The application for a State loan will now be completed with the submittal goal date to secure funds by June 30, 2005. Wednesday, March 16, 2005, is the projected execution date for the loan application.

2004 Fall Bridge Project (Haystack and Rooster Bridges)

Commissioner Plager moved, Hartwig seconded, to *approve Pay Estimate #3 for A&R Construction, Lewiston, Idaho for work completed 2/1/05 through 3/04/05 in the amount of \$227,087.43.* **Motion carried.**

Adams County Water Conservancy Board

Commissioner Stevens moved, Hartwig seconded, to *appoint Rudy Plager to the Adams County Water Conservancy Board to fill the un-expired position vacated by Doug Muscott effective March 7, 2005, through November 15, 2007.* **Motion carried.**

Court System Technology

Commissioner Hartwig moved, Plager seconded, to *approve and authorize the Chairman to sign the Information Technology Purchase Primary Agreement between the State of Washington Administrative Office of the Courts and Adams County to enable the execution of a Purchase Reimbursement Agreement on each occasion when the AOC has determined that an information technology equipment purchase/reimbursement needs to be undertaken for one of the court systems.* **Motion carried.**

Donated Money (K-9)

Commissioner Hartwig moved, Plager seconded, to *approve **Resolution No. R-21-05 In the Matter of Receipting Donated Money into the Current Expense Fund #001.*** **Motion carried.**

Inventory Certification (2004)

Inventory as of December 31, 2004, was certified to the Adams County Auditor pursuant to RCW 36.32.210.

Consent Agenda

Commissioner Plager moved, Hartwig seconded, *to approve the Consent Agenda*. **Motion carried.**

Preliminary minutes of February 28 and March 2, 2005

February payroll in the amount of \$542,141.94 and benefits in the amount of \$139,674.77 (Warrant # Series 505993-506092, Direct Deposit # Series 9497-9652, Benefit/Deduction # Series 1032714-1032730)

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	051099-051146	\$ 20,730.76
103	051147-051151	\$ 3,233.30
104	051152-051167	\$ 8,460.62
105	051168-051172	\$ 25,916.67
108	051173-051174	\$ 708.35
111	051175	\$ 359.52
166	051176-051180	\$ 867.52
502	051181-051185	\$ 2,278.92
001	465-468	\$ 385.83
115	469-483	\$ 24,840.11
122	484-485	\$ 676.04
321	486	\$ 4,090.80
401	487-488	\$ 73.02
501	489-500	\$ 8,262.89
590	501-517	\$ 73,195.18
	TOTAL	\$174,079.53

Permanent Minutes Signed

February 22 and 23, 2005

Correspondence Received

Adams County Development Center re: notice of meeting on
March 7 at Public Works Conference Room at 7:00 p.m.

Senator Maria Cantwell re: constituent Steven L. Voth request for
assistance

DSHS re: additional US Congress appropriation for Juvenile
Accountability Block Grant in federal fiscal year 2004 and Washington
State Share decreased from federal funding last year

Department of Revenue re: update on Qwest lawsuit (for refund of
property taxes)

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/Jeffrey W. Stevens, Chairman
s/Roger L. Hartwig, Vice-Chairman
s/Rudy Plager, Commissioner

RESOLUTION NO. R-21-05

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

**IN THE MATTER OF RECEIPTING DONATED MONEY INTO THE CURRENT
EXPENSE FUND #001**

WHEREAS, in the early 1980's private citizens created an account to assist the Sheriff's Office with its' K-9 program. The K-9 program was disbanded in the late 1990's and therefore this account, with a balance of \$17,022.67, has been dormant since that time. The Administrator of the account approached the Sheriff's Office with an offer to donate these funds to the County to be used for the purchase of equipment needed by the Sheriff's Office; and,

WHEREAS, after discussion with the Board of County Commissioners it has been decided that these dollars will be receipted into the Current Expense Fund under a separate revenue account for use in the purchase of equipment related to the

investigation of crimes and training of personnel. Purchases will be at the discretion of the Adams County Sheriff. The Board of County Commissioners shall be kept informed of purchases from these contributed funds.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Adams County Treasurer is instructed to establish a separate revenue BARS account to receipt these monies into the Current Expense Fund #001 BARS 367.11.00.00; and, the Adams County Auditor is instructed to establish a separate expenditure account in the Sheriff's Budget for the expenditure of these monies out of the Current Expense Fund #001 Department #065 BARS 594.20.64.01.

DATED this 7th day of March, 2005.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
ADAMS COUNTY, WASHINGTON
s/Jeffrey W. Stevens, Chairman
s/Roger L. Hartwig, Vice-Chairman
s/Rudy Plager, Commissioner

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

RESOLUTION NO. R-22-05

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

**IN THE MATTER OF CERTAIN PROVISIONS REGARDING FISCAL
RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE COLUMBIA BASIN GROUND WATER MANAGEMENT
AREA BETWEEN ADAMS, FRANKLIN, GRANT AND LINCOLN COUNTIES**

WHEREAS, the Boards of Commissioners of Adams, Franklin, Grant and Lincoln Counties have petitioned the Washington State Department of Ecology to be the Lead Agency and the combined boundary area of the Columbia Basin Ground Water Management Area (GWMA); and,

WHEREAS, the Boards of Commissioners of Adams, Franklin, Grant and Lincoln Counties have agreed that the GWMA will operate at all times within the budget limitations of expenditures to available revenue sources as approved by the GWMA Lead Agency; and,

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of Adams, Franklin, Grant and Lincoln Counties have agreed that the intent of the GWMA is to not require local financial input and that any unforeseen funding required by the Lead Agency of the GWMA will be shared by the four counties;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners of Adams, Franklin, Grant and Lincoln Counties, the Lead Agency of the GWMA, do hereby agree to share responsibility for GWMA funding as may be necessary at the following levels: 40% by Grant County, 30% by Franklin County, 20% by Adams County, and 10% by Lincoln County.

APPROVED this 7th day of March, 2005.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
ADAMS COUNTY, WASHINGTON

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Jeffrey W. Stevens, Chairman
s/Roger L. Hartwig, Vice-Chairman
s/Rudy Plager, Commissioner

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