

COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS

Regular Meeting Adams County Services Building, Othello

March 9, 2005
(Wednesday)

Call to Order @ 9:00 a.m.

Present:

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

Moon Road

Carlos Garcia, Othello, requested a speed limit reduction on Moon Road along with additional patrol of the area by law enforcement. Engineer Johns noted that the limit could be reduced to 25 mph, but anything lower was generally reserved for school areas. Johns will review the area and report to the Board on Monday. The traffic deputy will be requested to concentrate on the area to enforce speed limit compliance especially during certain peak periods of the day.

Michel Lane

Bonnie Michel continued discussions regarding the county taking over Michel Lane as a county road. Engineer Johns noted that the prior vacation added 5 acres to the Michel property; discussed estimated costs to bring the road up to standards by general contractors v. by the county; noted the need for a licensed surveyor to develop the right-of-way legal description; and, reported that generally developers build a road and then the county accepts the road (if requested) provided the road meets "county road standards".

Commissioner Plager moved, Hartwig seconded, to *accept Michel Lane into the county road system when it meets "county road standards"*.

Motion carried.

DMK Short Plat

Chris Mayer, Othello, discussed the proposed split and new four-lot short plat planned for the area. Average Daily Traffic count, decreased property value, sanitation conditions, and other matters were highlighted by Mayer. Residents in the area may respond to the recent letter sent to them regarding the proposed short plat by filing any concerns with the Building and Planning Department within the twenty day response period. The short plat would then essentially be “on-hold” until all issues are researched and addressed.

Juvenile

Commissioner Hartwig moved, Plager seconded, to *authorize the Chairman to sign the Juvenile Accountability Block Grant (JABG) application for \$10,000 in transport/tracker services funding for the period July 1, 2005 through June 30, 2006.* **Motion carried.**

Commercial Access off Danielson Road

Steve Heeb, Othello, requested county intervention and waiver of certain standards to facilitate approval of a commercial access off Danielson Road for his wrecking yard business. A copy of his bond and wrecker license was presented. Heeb explained his proposed business and why the commercial access was needed.

Engineer Johns provided input on the road configuration and his concerns with those who are unfamiliar with the road and meeting commercial traffic on a regular basis.

Building and Planning Director Wiltse reported that the wrecking yard would require a “conditional use permit” and the matter had already been heard by the Board of Adjustment based on the original proposal submitted by Heeb. The property is not zoned to allow for a wrecking yard without a CUP. The road currently provides a 20 foot easement which is not deemed sufficient for commercial traffic.

Heeb was advised that he could either secure additional property that would provide the necessary easement and/or revise his application on file with the Building Department so that other options could be considered that may facilitate his proposed business operation.

The Board met with Gary and Valerie-Andersson Hunt in exempt session under RCW 42.30.140(4)(b) – “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 ..”
from 11:55 a.m. until 12:20 p.m.

Draft Modification to Article XII - Sick Leave, Sub-Part F
Courthouse and Corrections/E-911 Bargaining Units

Gary Hunt, Human Resources, provided a *draft* copy of the Memorandum of Agreement by and between Adams County and the Washington State Council of County and City Employees, AFSCME Local 1374-C, Courthouse and Corrections/E-911 Bargaining Units. The document will be distributed to appropriate department heads/elected officials in the coming week for review prior to any official action by the Board.

Adjournment @ 12:50 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