

COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS

Regular Meeting

Ritzville, Washington

April 6, 2005

(Wednesday)

Call to Order @ 9:00 a.m.

Present:

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

Broker Services

A discussion was held on Broker Services selection. Dave Anderson, Todd O'Brien, Nancy McBroom and Janet Bowman were present and participated since they had heard all or some of the presentations. One vendor was eliminated with the decision that all would make contacts with their counterparts in other counties to determine satisfaction level with the other two vendors. A decision will be made on Monday, April 18, 2005, during the 11:00 a.m. session.

Central Services Cantrell

The Board approved Central Services Director Cantrell assuming vice-president duties for the Association of County/City Information Systems. This would be a three (3) year commitment with president and past-president duties assumed the following years respectively.

Recess @ 12:00

Reconvene @ 1:00 p.m.

Chairman Stevens left the meeting at noon, with Vice Chairman Hartwig presiding at the afternoon session.

Departmental Forum (re-located to Public Works Conference Room)

Present: Superior Court Clerk Gibler, Superior Court Judge Miller, Juvenile Administrator Gowan, Auditor McBroom, Central Services Director Cantrell, WSU Chairman Esser and Administrative Assistant

Schoessler, Assessor Anderson, Building and Planning Director Wiltse, Public Works Director O'Brien, Engineer Johns, Sheriff Barger.

Discussion Topics:

Barger

- Consider the possibility of hiring an officer to “collect fines” imposed by the courts – it was noted that Judge Brueher had researched this possibility and deemed it non-cost effective; Ritzville District Court already utilizes a collection agency; it was unclear whether Othello District Court used a similar service at this time;
- Consider allowable expenses from Fund #135 and Fund #135A – could additional dollars be allocated for staffing support as long as the position(s) are doing crime victim work;
- Consider allowable expenses from Fund #130 Drug Enforcement since funds are not being expended for INET at this time – could be applicable to costs associated with drug related cases?;
- *New Hope* facility discussed and reviewed with possibility of diverting some of the above noted funds to that organization;

Gowan

- Reported on high population levels at Martin Hall with costs of \$125/person/day;
- Provided information on upcoming program to be provided to community and parents presented by Robby Robinson on “Gang Prevention and Intervention Strategies”;
- Reported that juvenile work crews were operating during spring break week;

Miller

- Reported information regarding a recent “internet solicitation” activity that local law enforcement interrupted;
- Discussed one potentially expensive case currently before the county;

O'Brien

- Reviewed landscape and parking layout plans for the County Public Services Building; reported that SEPA had been completed and submitted to the City of Othello with only a few comments received; noted that bid opening had been set for May 23 with review and award within 30 days, construction to begin around September,

2005 with a 230 day construction period and official opening of building April, 2006;

- Attendees discussed security issues in the new building – need for some or all offices, type of system;

McBroom

- Provided update on election issues and the recent voter challenge filed against the county via e-mail;

Cantrell

- Reported on installation of fiber in area by CenturyTel which may trigger some update and changes for the county;
- Discussed training via Big Bend Community College and requested input from departments – some raised lack of budget training funds, discussed possibility of selling 'seats' to other businesses;
- Reported that document imaging system was in place and operating with additional departments expected to be added in the near future;
- Reported on progress of new phone system and additional lines for County Services Building to begin with Qwest in approximately a month;

Next Meeting:

May 4, 2005, Wednesday

1:00 p.m.

Public Works Conference Room

Topic Focus: Criminal Justice Issues/Funding

Adjournment @ 2:40 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