

COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS

Regular Meeting
Ritzville, Washington

May 4, 2005
(Wednesday)

Call to Order @ 9:00 a.m.

Present:

Vice-Chairman Roger L. Hartwig
Commissioner Rudy Plager

Absent:

Chairman Jeffrey W. Stevens

Jail Inspection

The Board conducted the second quarter jail inspection with Jail Administrator Banner.

Zoning Permit and Land Use Actions Fees

Commissioner Plager moved, Hartwig seconded, to *approve Resolution No. R-35-05 In the Matter of Establishing a Fee Schedule for Zoning Permits and Other Land Use Actions*. Motion carried.

Recess @ 12:00

Reconvene @ 1:00 p.m. (Relocated to Public Works Conference Room)

Departmental Forum

Attendees:

Undersheriff Kevin Fuhr
Superior Court Clerk Paulette Gibler
Assessor Dave Anderson
Prosecutor Randy Flyckt
Ritzville District Court Judge Adalia Hille
Superior Court Judge Richard Miller
Juvenile Probation Counselor Birdie Fought along with Othello High School Job Shadow Student Karissa Minney
Auditor Nancy McBroom
Treasurer Laura Danekas

Commissioner Plager began the session with a brief discussion on recent legislative bills that had passed and what their impact would be to small rural counties.

Prosecutor Flyckt

- Discussed the continued caseload burden within the county citing the burden on all criminal justice offices including the public defender office;
- noted statistics for felony cases currently in Superior Court, new police reports received, cases that had been returned for further investigation, and cases ready to charge but not filed;
- provided a copy of an article from the *Spokesman Review*, noted the severity of some recent juvenile cases, and urged planning now for the future;
- reviewed the criteria for establishing a “drug court program”

Undersheriff Fuhr

- responded to questions regarding the “root” cause of crime within the county;

General discussion regarding school problems, lack of parental involvement, and, notation that courts cannot impose parenting class attendance in criminal cases.

Information was relayed on the number of youth currently in Martin Hall.

District Court Judge Hille

- reported civil filings up 300%
- noted a comparable increase in collections due to part-time staff added last year
- reported that court’s collection rate of return is 42% (with 12-14% being the average for most entities)
- credit card payments have been excellent with \$41,800 collected since inception
- efforts have been made to assist Othello District Court in implementing the credit card payment program

Judge Miller

- noted that civil cases in the court get bumped as criminal cases take priority

Clerk Gibler

- reported that a survey of other Superior Court Clerk Offices found that of those responding most were doing “in-house” collections and generally that Superior Courts have lower rates of collection

Juvenile Probation Counselor Fought

- noted the upcoming round table discussion following the recent program put on by Robby Robinson
- department is looking at alternative resources to assist with juvenile problem including development of an internship program with several of the nearby colleges

Community Counseling Guse

- reported that Community Counseling has funding that is specifically designated for youth with the department having the authority to request reallocation of certain line item funds if additional money is needed for treatment of youth

Undersheriff Fuhr and Judge Miller then discussed their perceptions of past and current staffing and funding of the Juvenile Department emphasizing again the need to look at long term approaches.

Judge Miller

- emphasized the requirement to have resources and competent drug counselors in place for a drug court program to be effective.
- emphasized that there is a significant issue with the public defender caseload

Commissioner Plager stated that there had been some discussion on opening a county public defender office. Attendees reviewed pros/cons of such a move.

Next Departmental Forum:

**June 1, 2005
Wednesday
Public Works Conference Room
1:00 p.m.**

Adjournment @ 2:30 p.m.

Submitted:

s/Linda Reimer, MMC
Clerk of the Board

Edited and Approved:

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

RESOLUTION NO R-35-05

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

**IN THE MATTER OF ESTABLISHING A FEE SCHEDULE FOR ZONING PERMITS
AND OTHER LAND USE ACTIONS.**

WHEREAS, the Adams County Planning Department has recommend the establishment of certain permit fees to help defray expenses of giving notice, holding hearings, and issuing permits;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the following land use action fees are established:

Appeals	\$ 100.00
Comp Plan Change (Text and Map)	\$ 400.00
Conditional Use Permit	\$ 300.00
Planned Unit Development	\$ 100.00
	\$ 5.00 Per Lot
	\$ 100.00 Minimum; \$500.00 Maximum
Rezoning/Amendments	\$ 400.00
Variance	\$ 300.00

DATED this 4th day of May, 2005.

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

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