

COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS

Regular Meeting Adams County Services Building, Othello

July 13, 2005
(Wednesday)

Call to Order @ 9:00 a.m.

Present:

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

North Columbia Community Action Council

Ken Sterner, North Columbia Community Action Council, addressed the Board regarding homelessness within the county and the utilization of funds available for addressing the need. A ten (10) year plan to address homelessness is required under regulations governing the usage of available funding and Sterner offered to do this plan for the county.

Local agency representatives: Alan Hanks and Angie Gomez, Othello Housing Authority; Barbara Anderson, Community Network; Dennis Borgman, Adams County Emergency Food and Shelter Board; and, Kate Brueske, Integrated Health Care Services, were present and participated in the discussion.

Board consensus was that sufficient local agency staff was available to write the county's plan; and, that the county preferred to have local control of this and other related programs that addressed needs within Adams County.

Sterner indicated that he would be available to assist Adams County as needed. State sponsored training sessions have already been scheduled to assist with the development of the plans addressing homelessness. The Spokane location date is July 28.

Carlson Plat

Director Wiltse presented the Adams County Planning Commission Report and Recommendation on the Preliminary (Carlson) Plat that stated:

“Adams County Planning Commission, after reviewing the preliminary plat application and considering public comments presented at a public hearing held on June 16, 2005, including recommendations from the Planning Department, County Engineer, Health Department, and Fire Chief, determined that the Carlson Plat would not be detrimental to the general Comprehensive Plan and surrounding property; and, that with conditions, the plat would make appropriate provision for the public health, safety and general welfare. The commission also finds that as conditioned, the plat is consistent with and compatible to other existing or permissible uses in the Rural Residential Zone.”

Twelve (12) conditions were noted for the Plat by the Commission, with Wiltse highlighting and explaining several of them including #10, 11 and 12.

Commissioner Plager moved, Hartwig seconded, to *grant Preliminary Plat approval for the Carlson Plat subject to recommendations and conditions noted by the Adams County Planning Commission.* **Motion carried.**

The developers have a five (5) year period in which to build the plat and meet all conditions before seeking approval of the Final Plat.

Community Litter Cleanup Program Grant

Commissioner Plager moved, Hartwig seconded, to *authorize the Chairman to sign the Interagency Agreement between the State of Washington Department of Ecology and Adams County for Waste Reduction, Recycling, and Community Litter Cleanup Program in the amount of \$19,100 (Community Investment) and \$46,436.23 (State Share) for the period July 1, 2005, through June 30, 2007.* **Motion carried.**

This grant reflects an approximate one-third reduction in funds from the previous funding period.

Economic Development

Economic Analyst Krug updated the board with the following information:

- Economic development web site being developed
- Assisted with proposed museum location in the Ritzville area
- CTED has provided assistance with development and siting of an industrial park in the Ritzville area

- Work has been done on several ads and signs/billboards to welcome travelers to Adams County
- Work continues with the Town of Hatton
- Assistance has been provided for a vendor to begin a web based business

County Public Services Building

Treasurer Danekas spoke with the Board telephonically to update them on loan details for the new building construction, specifically on whether the county will pay bills and then seek State reimbursement from the loan or whether the State will pay the bills directly from the loan. Board **consensus** was to have the bills sent to the State and for the State to pay vendors directly.

Following receipt of a modified amortization schedule, the Board will then decide whether to defer the June 1, 2006, loan principle payment.

Integrated Health Care Services

Health Department

Commissioner Hartwig moved, Plager seconded, to *authorize the Chairman to sign the Facilities Agreement between Adams County and the Othello School District that allows the Health Department to use the facilities in event of an emergency.* **Motion carried.**

Commissioner Plager moved, Hartwig seconded, to *authorize the Chairman to sign DSHS Contract #0563-74797 to provide Medicaid Outreach to potential Medicaid eligible clients on a fee for service basis.* **Motion carried.**

Transport/Tracker Grant

Commissioner Hartwig moved, Plager seconded, to *authorize the Chairman to sign the 2005-2006 JABG Contract #0563-78161 between DSHS Juvenile Rehabilitation and Adams County to fund a part-time transport/tracker position.* **Motion carried.**

Columbia Basin Ground Water Management Area (GWMA)

The Board discussed among themselves their pending decision following recent public hearings on the GWMA Petition to expand the GWMA boundary area to include Lincoln County and to allow the GWMA to be involved in groundwater quality and groundwater quantity issues.

Chairman Stevens related concerns with the “quantity” issue noting that there were no specific details available on the direction the GWMA was going with this issue and that the scope was not well defined. Commissioner Plager noted that GWMA should be working closely with the Columbia Basin Development League that is focused on development of the Columbia Basin Project. He noted that DOE is charged with this quantity issue. Commissioner Hartwig discussed citizen comment he has received on the matter and reported that he had already encouraged discussion meetings between all the parties. All three agreed that GWMA has a proven track record with “quality issues”; and, any work done in terms of “quantity issues” should be closely monitored by the GWMA Board as well as the Board of Commissioners from each of the member counties.

The Board scheduled formal action on Findings of Fact for Monday, July 18, 2005 at 1:00 p.m. An accompanying letter will be sent with the Findings document.

Adjournment @ 12:00

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