

COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS

Regular Meeting
Adams County Courthouse, Ritzville

August 15, 2005
(Monday)

Call to Order @ 8:30 a.m.

Present:

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

Public Works

Director O'Brien and Engineer Johns provided general road and construction project updates, updates on staffing, and noted several pending issues.

Recess @ 11:00 a.m.

The Board traveled to Davenport, Washington, for discussions with Representative McMorris along with commissioners from several other counties to discuss rural issues.

Reconvene @ 2:50 p.m.

Homelessness

Commissioner Plager moved, Hartwig seconded, to *designate the Adams County Emergency Food and Shelter Board as the Task Force to develop the county's ten year plan to reduce homelessness by 50% under guidelines established by ESSHB2163-2005.* **Motion carried.**

Washington Counties Risk Pool

The Board **by consensus declined** on behalf of the county the purchase of additional excess insurance (\$5 million excess of \$20 million) from Lexington Insurance Company for 2005-06 (Year R). A letter was sent to Washington Counties Risk Pool Executive Director Hill notifying him of this decision.

Public Defender Proposals

A call for Public Defender proposals was sent to the following newspapers:

Yakima Herald
Tri-City Herald
Wenatchee World
Columbia Basin Herald
Deer Park Tribune
Davenport Times
Cheney Free Press
Spokesman
Othello Outlook
Ritzville Journal

Bid submittal deadline was set for 2:00 p.m. on Friday, September 9, 2005.

Bid opening was set for 2:00 p.m. on Monday, September 12, 2005, in Room 202 of the Adams County Courthouse, Commissioners' Chambers, Ritzville, Washington.

Consent Agenda

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

Preliminary minutes of August 8 and 10, 2005

July, 2005 Payroll in the amount of \$591,862.56 and Benefits in the amount of \$151,865.05 (Warrant # Series 506787-506976, Direct Deposit # Series 10728-10879, Benefit/Deductions # Series 1036583-1036599)

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:

001	3489-3490	\$ 1,409.10
115	3491-3506	\$ 7,596.46
122	3507-3511	\$ 726.15
401	3512-3516	\$ 847.55
501	3517-3521	\$ 5,667.89

590	3522-3550	\$49,676.03
TOTAL		\$65,923.18

Permanent Minutes Signed

August 1 and 3, 2005

Correspondence Received

Information and offer to support Central Washington Alliance for Rail Freight Transportation

Adams County Water Conservancy Board Minutes of June 20, 2005 and Agenda for August 22, 2005

East Columbia Basin Irrigation District re: response regarding the Columbia Basin Ground Water Management Area petition and willingness to meet to discuss the petition

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