

## COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS

### Regular Meeting Adams County Services Building, Othello

August 24, 2005  
(Wednesday)

#### Call to Order @ 9:00 a.m.

#### Present:

Vice-Chairman Roger L. Hartwig  
Commissioner Rudy Plager

#### Absent:

Chairman Jeffrey W. Stevens

#### Building and Planning

Director Wiltse discussed the following:

- **Critical Areas** – requested authorization to enter into a contract with J-U-B Engineers, Inc., Spokane, for biologist professional services to assist with addressing comments received from DOE, CTED, and US Fish & Wildlife on the Critical Areas updates and to formulate recommendations based on scientific data; Board authorized proceeding with the contract draft and proceeding immediately with proposed Item No. 1 – Existing information research; review of agencies comments and draft CAO in the amount of \$1,549.80; Items 2-5 will be budgeted and scheduled for 2006;
- **Ochoa Foods** – new SEPA has been submitted; nuisance abatement program is being addressed by firm;
- **Edson Tracts** – complaints received regarding additional trailers being set and sheds being rented out by owners to farm workers – a meeting of all parties forming the Homelessness Task Force along with law enforcement will be convened to address the issue.

#### Economic Development

Roger Krug discussed the following:

- Othello Brochure

- Booths at Wheat Land Communities' Fair and Adams County Fair
- Attendance at Hastings/McMorris luncheon scheduled in Connell
- On-going projects including wind energy, web site development, and bio-diesel

### **Baumann/Templin Intersection**

Commissioner Plager moved, Hartwig seconded, to *rescind action of August 22, 2005, approving the paving project as outlined under option (b) with Quality Paving, Moses Lake; and, to authorize the paving project on the Baumann/Templin Intersection to be completed by Central Washington Asphalt, Moses Lake, for a total cost of \$18,123.88. Motion carried.*

### **Emergency Services**

Commissioner Plager moved, Hartwig seconded, to *authorize the Chairman to sign Amendment A to Contract No. E05-205 between the Washington State Military Department and Adams County reflecting an adjusted local emergency management operating budget minus federal funds anticipated. Motion carried.* This amendment reflects a \$624 decrease in funding from \$9,276 to \$8,652.

### **Sue Laursen**

Sue Larson discussed her concerns with the Judge, Prosecutor, witnesses, local law enforcement, and others as relevant to the recent Manual Martinez trial.

### **Ochoa Foods**

Marvin Price, Ochoa Foods, presented his concerns with the public perception of their project based on a recent Othello Outlook article and comments made by Building and Planning Director Wiltse. Price noted that the firm was promptly and diligently addressing environmental issues and believed that comments to the contrary put the project in jeopardy.

The Board noted that they had been informed earlier this date that the county had received a revised SEPA from the firm. Commissioners Plager and Hartwig assured Price that the county was supportive of agriculture and Ag related industries; but, that it was the county's duty that all issues related to new projects were carefully reviewed and resolved toward the best interests of the citizens.

**Adjournment @ 12:00**

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