

COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS

Regular Meeting

Ritzville, Washington

September 21, 2005

(Wednesday)

Call to Order @ 9:00 a.m.

Present:

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

Jail Inspection

The Board conducted the third quarter jail inspection.

County Public Services Building

Commissioner Plager moved, Hartwig seconded, to *authorize the Chairman to sign the Escrow Account Agreement between Adams County and Key Bank of Moses Lake, Washington, for deposit and holding of the Legacy Construction Retainage on the construction of the County Public Services Building.* **Motion carried.**

Commissioner Hartwig moved, Plager seconded, to *approve Pay Estimate #1 to Legacy Construction in the amount of \$362,232.38 and to Key Bank of Moses Lake for Retainage Escrow in the amount of \$17,652.65.*

Motion carried.

Medical Benefits – Non -Union

Commissioner Hartwig moved, Plager seconded, to *approve for non-union Adams County personnel the following:*

- a. Scenario #1 presented by Central Services Director Cantrell that states: *“Departments continue paying at \$465 per employee. The difference between the \$465 per employee contribution by the county and the Aetna PPO/Dental/Life/AD&D premium, currently \$422.57 per employee, would go into a pool to pay for a portion of dependent medical coverage. If an employee selects the Aetna AHF/Dental/Life/AD&D*

option, the difference between \$422.57 and the Aetna AHF/Dental/Life/AD&D premium would go into an employee VEBA account.”; and,

b. **Resolution No. R-70-05 In the Matter of Authorizing the Establishment of a Health Reimbursement Arrangement/Voluntary Employees’ Beneficiary Association (“HRS VEBA”) Plan;** and,

c. *Established FLEX account and set the amount at \$500.00.*

Motion carried.

Civil Service Commission

Commissioner Plager moved, seconded, to *re-appoint Jacob Harder to the Adams County Civil Service Commission for a six year term effective January 1, 2005, through December 31, 2010.* **Motion carried.**

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

RESOLUTION NO. R-70-05

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

IN THE MATTER OF AUTHORIZING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A HEALTH REIMBURSEMENT ARRANGEMENT/VOLUNTARY EMPLOYEES’ BENEFICIARY ASSOCIATION (“HRA VEBA”) PLAN

WHEREAS, the Internal Revenue Code Section 501(c)(9) allows for the creation of a voluntary employees' beneficiary association which is an employer sponsored, tax exempt health and welfare trust; and,

WHEREAS, IRS guidelines and regulations allow an employer to offer Health Reimbursement Arrangement ("HRS") plans; and,

WHEREAS, such HRA plans are available to governmental employers in the Northwest; and,

WHEREAS, the Voluntary Employees' Beneficiary Association for Public Employees in the Northwest Trust ("Trust") offers and will administer an HRA entitled "Voluntary Employees' Beneficiary Association Medical Expense Plan for Public Employees in the Northwest as Amended and Restated January 1, 2005" ("Plan"); and,

WHEREAS, the County of Adams ("County") has determined that establishing an HRA plan which provides a tax free defined contribution account for employees to pay for medical, dental, vision, and tax qualified long term care premiums and out-of-pocket expenses is in the best interest of the County and its employees; and,

WHEREAS, the County desires to establish an HRA plan for its employees; and,

WHEREAS, the County desires to use the services of the Trust to administer such Plan; and,

WHEREAS, such HRA established by the County will be administered in accordance with the Plan documents provided by the Trust on file in the County office;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED as follows:

Section 1. Effective January 1, 2006, the County hereby elects to participate in the Plan and Trust as presently constituted or hereafter amended using the Trust as its plan administrator for the benefit of eligible County employees as defined by employer policies or collective bargaining agreements.

Section 2. The Plan will be funded by employer contributions in amounts determined from time to time pursuant to employer policies and collective bargaining agreements.

Section 3. The Board of County Commissioners is authorized to execute documents and establish procedures consistent with Plan and Trust provisions and applicable employer policies and collective bargaining agreements necessary to effect the adoption and administration of the Plan.

ADOPTED this 21st day of September, 2005.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
ADAMS COUNTY, WASHINGTON
s/Jeffrey W. Stevens, Chairman

s/Roger L. Hartwig, Vice-Chairman
s/Rudy Plager, Commissioner

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