

COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS

Regular Meeting Adams County Services Building, Othello

September 28, 2005
(Wednesday)

Call to Order @ 9:00 a.m.

Present:

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

Economic Development

Analyst Krug provided updates on the following:

- Wind tower project;
- Learning Center to be developed in cooperation with Big Bend Community College and based in Washtucna;
- Bird Watching Area in Washtucna and identification of known species available;
- Expansion of food processing projects in the Othello area – especially juices;
- Coulee Corridor being designated as a National Scenic Byway and therefore eligible for some grants;
- Sprague Lake project;
- Plans to develop an Adams County map that designates certain landmarks for those searching for specific points of interest.

Building and Planning

Director Wiltse provided an update on the Ochoa Project reporting that significant comments had been received and presented to the proponents. The county formally withdrew the mitigated DNS and following response from Ochoa's on the comments presented will then issue another notice and go back out for public comments.

Code of the West

The Board authorized Director Wiltse to proceed with development of a "Code of the West" for future adoption by the Board of Commissioners.

City of Ritzville Building Inspection

Director Wiltse reported that the City of Ritzville was seeking some interim assistance with building permits/inspections. Wiltse noted that the county department would be primarily involved with inspections and reporting requirements.

Little Preliminary Plat

Building and Planning Director Wiltse briefly reviewed the finding of the Adams County Planning Commission noting their recommendation for approval subject to the following:

- a. driveways shall be installed and approved by Fire District 5 prior to or as part of any future development approval on lots; and,
- b. no development shall be approved requiring roadway access, potable water or septic approval until such time that the appropriate Adams County Department(s) have approved an application for such use.

There were no negative comments received by the Commission during the formal public hearing.

Elaine A. Little was present for the session before the Board of Commissioners and was available for any questions. There were no questions from the Board. There were no other members of the public present.

Commissioner Plager moved, Hartwig seconded, to *approve the Preliminary Plat for the Replat of Lot 2 of Sunburst Estates No. 2 (Township 15, Range 29, Section 27) with the same conditions imposed as recommended by the Adams County Planning Commission.* **Motion carried.**

Homelessness Housing and Assistance Task Force

Kate Brueske and Alan Hanks requested clarification on responsibilities related to budgetary matters of the Homelessness Housing and Assistance Task Force. Integrated Health Care Services will act as fiscal agent at this time. Entities receiving funds will be responsible for documenting the usage of them. Two initial requests have been received at this time – one for the Ritzville Food Pantry (\$1,500) and one for Othello Emergency Aid (\$2,000).

Commissioner Hartwig moved, Plager seconded, to *authorize the Chairman to sign the Consulting Services Agreement Homelessness 10-Year Plan between Adams County Community Network and Adams County.* **Motion carried.** Adams County Community Network will be reimbursed up to a maximum of \$6,000 for 200 hours of service @ \$30.00 per hour ending June 30, 2006.

The City of Ritzville, Othello, Lind, Washtucna, and Hatton will be sent introductory letters and Interlocal Agreements between the city and county to execute.

Integrated Health Care Services

Health Department – Flu Clinic

Director Brueske provided an update on the planning process for conducting a Flu Shot Clinic in the Othello area. Noted were a location change from the Adams County Fairgrounds due to concerns with the parking lot surface fluctuations and the potential mobility problems for the elderly and disabled to the High School Corridor; and, a decision to use only CBHA vaccine for this clinic to simplify paperwork with Health Department vaccine utilized then at nursing facilities. A final date for the clinic is pending.

Health Department – Tuberculosis Testing

Director Brueske reported that following a report of an identified active tuberculosis case the Health Department had completed Round 1 of the investigation. Further investigation is scheduled.

Emergency Services

Commissioner Plager moved, Hartwig seconded, to *authorize the Chairman to sign Amendment #B for Contract #E05-205 between the Washington State Military Department and Adams County increasing the total contract amount by \$513.00.* **Motion carried.**

Dispatch Staffing

Sheriff Barger informed the Board that a dispatcher has tendered his resignation and therefore that area will be short staffed for 24/7 coverage requiring mandatory scheduled overtime. A call will be placed to the Union representative to inquire the Union would be agreeable to having a current non-Union employee provide dispatch services on a temporary basis. Civil Service testing will be scheduled in the near future.

State Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Local Distribution Program

Commissioner Plager moved, Hartwig seconded, to *authorize the Chairman to sign the JAG Local Distribution Application Worksheet for 2006 one-time funding in the amount of \$9,999 for the multi-jurisdictional narcotics task force.* **Motion carried.** Funding will go directly to the task force and will not pass through the county.

Integrated Health Care Services

Community Counseling – Crisis Line

Director Brueske reported that the Crisis Line has been switched from the current carrier to QWEST due to the need for a guarantee that any and all callers are able to get through on the line during a crisis. Some adjustments are still underway and dispatch continues to monitor on an hourly basis to ensure that the lines are functioning correctly.

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