

COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS

Special Session with State Legislators

Lind Town Hall, Lind, Washington

“Roundtable” Session

Lind Lion’s Club, Lind, Washington

May 11, 2006

(Thursday)

Opening of Session @ 2:37 p.m. by Lind Mayor Larry Koch

A quorum of the Board of Adams County Commissioners was not present for this session.

Present were the following:

Senator Mark Schoesler

Representatives David Buri and Don Cox

Washington State Public Works Board – Bruce Lund

Department of Ecology – Richard Koch

USDA Rural Development – Steve Troendle; Dan McNeely

Department of Community Trade and Economic Development –

Dan Riebli

Lind Engineer - John DeLeo

Adams County - Commissioner Chairman Rudy Plager; Economic

Analyst Roger Krug; Clerk of the Board Linda Reimer

Lind Clerk/Treasurer – Patty Phillips

Jennifer Larsen – Ritzville Journal

Close of Session @ 4:35 p.m.

Members of the Adams County Historical Society – Allan Koch, Vivian Loomis, Kay Meilke, and Jennifer Larsen – provided a tour of the Adams County Museum site for participants.

Call to Order @ 6:30 p.m.

Chairman Plager called the “Roundtable Discussion” session to order at 6:30 p.m.

Present were the following:

Senator Mark Schoesler
Representative David Buri
USDA Rural Development – Steve Troendle
Department of Ecology – Richard Koch
Washington State Public Works Board – Bruce Lund
Town of Lind – Mayor Larry Koch; Councilmember Steve Paslay,
Carol Kelly and Bill Wills; Clerk/Treasurer Patty Phillips
Town of Washtucna – Mayor Syd Sullivan
City of Ritzville – Councilmember Scott Yaeger
City of Othello – Councilmember Ken Caylor
Adams County – Engineer Bill Johns; Economic Analyst Roger
Krug
Adams County Historical Society – Allan Koch, Kay Meilke, Vivian
Loomis
SC Communications – Scott Cave
Lind School Superintendent – David Thomas
Local Citizens – Linda Thomas, Lind; Carl Harper, Ritzville; Steve
Hailey, Mesa
Jennifer Larsen, Ritzville Journal

Topics of Discussion:

Senior Centers – (Plager) – update on status of Washtucna Senior Center and the Senior Meal Program

Ritzville PDA – (Plager/Krug) – application for Capital Project funds passed review process and application moves to Board of Commissioner approval stage

Adams County Museum – (Allan Koch) – mission and current focus of renovation process; funding requirements and funding campaign for “Pioneer Family Recognition”; anniversary of formation – 50 years – Fall, 2006 with celebration picnic June 25; appreciation expressed to legislators for their support

Coulee Corridor Scenic Byway – (Ken Caylor) – report on status and presentation of current literature

Senator Mark Schoesler addressed the steps that would assist in the project funding application process: own the property; have strong base support group; matching funds available at local level. He addressed “grass roots letter writing efforts” being unique and individual, not ‘form’ letters.

Town of Lind – (Larry Koch) – sidewalks to be complete by mid-May; gravel application then paving the week of May 22 with clean up and edge work to be complete by June 1

Town of Washtucna – (Sullivan) – housing project progress and need for housing to accommodate employees and construction staff for new Department of Corrections facility in Connell; water/sewer issues priority

City of Ritzville – (Yaeger) – city given Small City Pavement Preservation Grant; well consolidation plans ongoing; city received PW Trust Fund Loan to drill/install pump and applying for additional funding; lagoons to be addressed

City of Othello – (Caylor) – call for bids out for reconstruction of Broadway to Elm with expected completion by year end; money for bonds for pool construction approved with design/construction pending and scheduled use to begin in 2007; water/sewer issues critical for further development

Steve Troendle spoke on the Community Development Block Grant program and the critical need to have a 'priority list' sent by the County on a yearly basis to facilitate project identification and contact information being available when funding sources are identified.

Lind School – (Thomas) – positive reports on Lind/Ritzville sports combine and discussions pending for academic combine

Elderly Health Care – (Meilke) – reported difficulty in finding physicians (Spokane) who will accept elderly on Medicare due to reimbursement difficulties – Senator Schoesler addressed the issue and provided resources for assistance.

Lake clean-ups and Water storage conservation – (Carl Harper) – discussed his desire to clean up the lakes and work on water storage conservation issues – Senator Schoesler addressed the issues and provides resources for assistance as well as a requirement for a 'lead agency' for the programs

Mayor Koch expressed appreciation to Commissioner Chairman Plager and Town of Lind Clerk/Treasurer for their assistance in scheduling the sessions; and, to Senator Schoesler and Representatives Buri and Cox for their input and participation. Senator Schoesler and Representative Buri gave closing remarks.

Adjournment @ 8:05 p.m.

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

Edited and Approved:

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
ADAMS COUNTY, WASHINGTON
s/Rudy Plager, Chairman
s/Roger L. Hartwig, Vice-Chairman
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Jeffrey W. Stevens, Commissioner