

COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS

Regular Meeting Adams County Services Building, Othello

August 9, 2006
(Wednesday)

Call to Order @ 9:00 a.m.

Present:

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

Adams County Fair

Commissioner Plager moved, Hartwig seconded, to *appoint Anthony Daly, Othello to the Adams County Fair Board, District I, effective August 9, 2006, through November 30, 2008.* **Motion carried.**

Fair President Merritt Johnson and Board member Ken Johnson requested Board reconsideration of the grounds rental policy. Commissioner Stevens reported that he had inquired of a local insurance agent for renter coverage options. The renter would be required to obtain and pay for the special event insurance and name Adams County as additional insured for the event. Board consensus was to allow outside rentals provided special event insurance was secured by the renter.

Johnson reported that cost to upgrade the arena lights was estimated at \$1,500 per pole and noted that the total cost for all ten poles would probably exceed the capital improvement fund balance. He recommended board approval of the project (even considering a small loan may be required) due to the long term savings in utility costs. **Board consensus authorized proceeding with the work.**

Emergency Management

Board consensus authorized proceeding with the county (reimbursable) purchase of LAW radios (42), EMS radios (7), and Fire radios (40) utilizing State of Washington HLS and LETPP 2005 and

2006 funding in the amount of \$170,500. These purchases come under the 3rd Phase of the Interoperable Radio Project.

A Plume Exercise is scheduled for September 12, 2006 when the EOC will be activated.

Sheriff's Department (2007 Budget)

Undersheriff Fuhr discussed the Sheriff and Undersheriff raise included in the 2007 proposed departmental budget. No action was taken by the board.

City/Town Enforcement of Ordinances

Chairman Plager inquired about the procedure that cities/towns should follow to enforce local ordinances, especially those pertaining to junk vehicles. Undersheriff Fuhr discussed and indicated that he was already set up to discuss this matter with some of the local councils.

Van Marter Bridge Project (CRP-151)

Commissioner Hartwig moved, Stevens seconded, to *concur on behalf of the Certification Acceptance Agency (the County of Adams) with the Town of Lind's award for reconstruction of the Lind Coulee – Van Marter Bridge Project, CRP-151 to Harry Johnson Plumbing & Excavation, Inc., Walla Walla. Motion carried.*

County Public Services Building

Judge Brueher discussed his concerns with the following:

- Bench in the court room needs a panic/emergency call button tied to local law enforcement;
- Concerns with general public being able to access the office via the courtroom;
- Latch on the door behind the bench leading to the hallway being on the wrong side of the door;
- Handicap open button to main courtroom door;
- Wall in his office requiring some touch up paint;
- Table in courtroom for recorder and status of FTR equipment;
- Additional storage for files;
- Toilet water conservation and need to increase flow, odor from one system;
- Difficulty hearing through glass at counter and location of cut outs

Litter Crew Position

Solid Waste Manager Wiltse discussed combining the Litter Crew Supervisor position with the part-time janitorial position to provide better opportunity for applicants since it would be a full-time job with benefits. Wiltse was requested to contact Human Resources on the matter.

Commissioner left the meeting at 10:40 a.m. (Bereavement leave.)

Mason Ken Caylor reviewed the details for the Masons to place a time capsule/plaque in the County Public Services Building on Tuesday, August 15, 2006.

Adjournment @ 11:20 a.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
s/Jeffrey W. Stevens, Commissioner