

COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS

Regular Meeting Adams County Public Services Building, Othello

April 11, 2007
(Wednesday)

Call to Order @ 9:00 a.m.

Present:

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

Agenda Changes:

Kate Brueske, IHCS – rescheduled from 10:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.
Horticultural Pest & Disease Control Board Members – scheduled
at 9:30 a.m.

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Horticultural Pest & Disease Control Board

Horticultural Pest & Disease Control Board members Richard Hudnall, Bill Schlagel, and Bob Dovel expressed concerns with an abandoned orchard in the area that may have economic impacts on other orchards in the county. The members requested assistance from the County Prosecutor's Office to research the legality of certain actions that are required to mitigate the matter. The Board authorized additional county funding to handle the matter with the understanding that a lien would be placed against the property for all incurred expenses. A follow up meeting between both boards and a representative from the Prosecutor's Office will be set as early as can be arranged.

10:07 a.m.

Commissioner Plager left the meeting at 10:00 a.m. in order to attend the Columbia River Commissioner Policy Advisory Group meeting.

10:13 a.m.

Developmental Disabilities

Clarence Ewurs, Othello, former Developmental Disabilities Center employee, lodged a verbal complain regarding the Center's Director based

on what he termed “unreasonable termination of his job”. Human Resources Gary Hunt will be asked to make contact with the parties and determine the facts. Hunt will then provide written response in the matter to all parties.

10:19 a.m.

10:23 a.m.

Integrated Health Care Services

Commissioner Stevens moved, Hartwig seconded, to *authorize the Chairman to sign the Contract between the Washington State Migrant Council and Adams County Community Counseling Services for the Migrant and Seasonal Head Start Program in the amount of \$1,560 for Mental Health Services.* **Motion carried.**

The Board **authorized by consensus** the request to fill a vacant (by mid-May) CDMHP position.

Director Brueske presented the request from the Othello Emergency Aid Board for additional funding (\$2,500) for emergency aid. The letter reported that there had been an unusual demand for help with utilities and emergency shelter over the winter months. The Board had no objection to the additional funding request provided that the Emergency Shelter Board concurred.

Brueske provided a brief update on Regional Support Network activity and funding.

10:48 a.m.

11:08 a.m.

Cemetery Bridge

Engineer Johns reported on his meeting with the Othello City Council and the discussions held on funding options for the Bridge.

11:26 a.m.

11:36 a.m.

Economic Development Council (Dale Wyman)

Dale Wyman discussed the recent action taken by the Board of Commissioners designating a new ADO for economic development and their decision to develop a new non-profit organization to handle economic matters.

Wyman noted that he believed communication was lacking between the Board and Commissioners and the current economic development council concerning this change and he believed that the Board of Commissioners

owed an apology to the present and past EDC members. Board Chairman Hartwig noted that adequate notice was given since the current EDC remains an active board until June 30, 2007. It was further noted that the county was seeking development of a structure that would be functioning and viable.

Wyman indicated that he planned to be present for the April 16 discussions regarding the future direction of economic development activity in the county. Wyman expressed interest in being appointed to the new board.

11:49 a.m.

Energy Northwest

Commissioner Stevens moved, Hartwig seconded, to *authorize the Chairman to sign Contract #X-40342 Extension #01 extending the term for the contract that commenced April 10, 2006 with Jack A. Barnaby acting in behalf of Energy Northwest for an additional year.* **Motion carried.**

Adjournment @ 12:25 p.m.

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

Edited and Approved:

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