

COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS

**Regular Meeting
Adams County Courthouse, Ritzville**

April 26, 2007

Reconvening from Wednesday, April 25, 2007

Call to Order @ 12:00

Present:

Chairman Roger L. Hartwig
Commissioner Rudy Plager

Absent:

Vice-Chairman Jeffrey W. Stevens

Additional Present:

Stephen McFadden, Ritzville Adams County Journal
Mayor Larry Koch, Town of Lind
Mayor Craig Ulleland, City of Ritzville
Dale Wyman, Othello
Ross Heimbigner, Ritzville
James Van Patton, Hatton
Lloyd Stoess, Washtucna
Ehman Sheldon, City of Othello
Allan Peterson, Big Bend Community College
Mike Beardsley, Port of Othello

County Staff: Todd O'Brien
 Roger Krug
 Bill Johns

Economic Development Workshop

Public Works Director O'Brien opened the workshop by recapping the history of what led to the meeting, identified the goal of the workshop session.

Introductions were made.

Moderator Stephen McFadden convened the session highlighting the following points and accepting questions/comments/discussion from the attendees:

- County Wide Public/Private Partnership – trust, economic development and growth for all
- Timeline
- Formation of a non-profit organization for economic development – bylaws, articles of incorporation, IRS 501(c)3 application
- Name for organization – marketing, easily remembered
- Membership – makeup, numbers, dues, attendance requirements, quorum
- Designation of ADO
- Funding

Consensus Decisions:

- **Legal funding to assist the organization to be provided by County per consensus of Adams County Board of Commissioners**
- **Group support for basic tenants of the organization and the membership and executive committee structure as presented and discussed (21 members)**
- **Each entity – County, City of Othello, Ritzville, Lind, Washtucna, Hatton and Port of Othello – governing body appoints one member for total of 7**
- **Each entity – County, City of Othello, Ritzville, Lind, Washtucna, Hatton and Port of Othello – governing body appoints one local/private member for total of 7**
- **Membership of 14 ratified by Board of Commissioners and those 14 appoint 7 at-large members bringing the total organizational governing body to 21**

Next Meetings (to be confirmed):

May 31, 2007 – noon @ Public Works Conference Room

Prior to May 31 – input and review of *draft* by-laws by the entities

Prior to May 31 – entities have their membership selected

June 18, 2007 – Formal presentation to Board of County Commissioners

Moderator McFadden extended his thanks to those in attendance.

Adjournment @ 1:45 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