

COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS

Regular Meeting Adams County Public Services Building, Othello

May 23, 2007
(Wednesday)

Call to Order @ 9:00 a.m.

Present:

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

Economic Development

The Board authorized additional funds for advertising and concurred with the representation of Economic Development at the Wheatland Communities Fair and the Adams County Fair this fall.

“Green Camp”

Brent Stenson, Environmental Health, in conjunction with the following - State Department of Health – Debra Fisher, Manager, Migrant Farmworker Housing Accommodations & Residential Care Services; State Department of Health - Jim Fouty, Health and Safety Supervisor, Inspection/Compliance Migrant Farmworker Housing; Othello Housing Authority Alan Hanks; Integrated Health Care Services Director Kate Brueske; Building and Planning Director Loren Wiltse; Emergency Services Director Jay Weise; and, Undersheriff John Hunt – reported on the discussions and findings from the “Workgroup Meeting” highlighting problems, history of the camp, previous intervention, access issues, approved occupancy numbers and approved dwellings, conditions set forth in the Conditional Use permit, and possible solutions.

State Department of Health officials Fisher and Fouty deemed the camp an immediate health hazard and would be coordinating the closure of it as of May 23, 2007. Emergency housing was available for the residents for up to ten (10) days through CTED. Long term housing options will be explored. The owner was noted as aware of the pending action and would be immediately affected if power was restricted/off due to the unsafe and

hazardous conditions within the trailers. The area will be monitored and enforced throughout the coming months.

Similar farmworker camps in the area will be checked for compliance and health conditions.

The Board expressed appreciation to those who were assisting in the matter.

Developmental Disabilities

Integrated Health Care Services Director Brueske and Developmental Disabilities Director Doyle reported on their investigation and review of the matter brought before the Board on May 9 by Caregiver Beck Heath.

A formal customer grievance policy has been established by Developmental Disabilities along with a procedure for assigning advocates for the client and/or family.

Commissioner Plager moved, Stevens seconded, to *authorize the Chairman to sign the County Program Agreement #0763-18454 Long Term Payable that addresses requirements on utilization of DSHS funds covering the period July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008.* **Motion carried.**

Management Scale

The Board discussed their continued commitment to have employees that are placed on the Management Salary Scale to retain "January 1" as the official anniversary date for purposes of step increases. It was noted that recent action taken by the board on the Juvenile Administrator position placing that position on the management scale effective July 1, 2007 would qualify the current employee for a first step increase on January 1, 2009; and, clarified that the current employee who serves as Central Services Director (hire date June 2006) qualifies for a first step increase on January 1, 2008. Payroll and employees will be notified of this clarification.

Adjournment @ 12:00

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