

## COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS

### Regular Meeting

Relocated to

**Town of Hatton, Hatton, Washington**

**June 20, 2007**

(Wednesday)

**Call to Order @ 9:00 a.m.**

### **Present:**

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

### **Edward Byrne Memorial Discretionary Grant**

Undersheriff Hunt and Community Network Grant Coordinator Barbara Anderson presented a proposal for an Edward Byrne Memorial Discretionary Grant on behalf of the Adams County Sheriff's Office. The grant is multi-jurisdictional and would be used for training, equipment, and cameras to enhance local law enforcement. The Board **by consensus authorized** the department to proceed with completion of the grant application and submitting it for consideration.

### **Integrated Health Care Services**

Chairman Hartwig signed the 'Signature Authorization' form for contract on behalf of Integrated Health Care Services.

### **911 Addressing**

Planner Wiltse reviewed the addressing process and how it interfaces with other county departments. Engineer Johns noted the tasks associated with addressing that are completed and submitted by Public Works for input into the system.

### **GMA Update Grant**

Planner Wiltse discussed the completion of the tasks funded under the GMA Update Grant and noted that the project was complete. A formal resolution on that matter will be signed on June 25, 2007.

Commissioner Stevens moved, Plager seconded, to *authorize the Chairman to sign the 19-1A Final Payment GMA Update Grant, Contract #U07-63200-106 requesting reimbursement in the amount of \$3,960.00.*

**Motion carried.**

### **Hatton Street Repair**

The Town of Hatton requested assistance with some street repair. Engineer Johns agreed to prepare an Interlocal Agreement between the Town of Hatton and Adams County so that their requests could be reviewed and cost estimates prepared. Once this task is completed then the Town Council can determine the scope of work.

### **Economic Development**

Property availability for potential new residents that may move into the area due to increased staffing at Coyote Ridge Correctional Facility was discussed. Traffic flow through town, speed limits, stop sign updates, and traffic lights were discussed.

Analyst Krug reviewed several projects and discussed the proposed installation of fiber optics at the County Public Services Building in Othello. Action is pending until further information and clarification of proposed charges are negotiated.

**Recess @ 11:45 a.m.**

**Reconvene @ 6:30 p.m.**

County Public Services Building, Othello

### **Future Direction of 911 Dispatch**

Sheriff Barger provided a historical perspective on the dispatch operation and reviewed improvements to the infrastructure as well as equipment and radio upgrades.

Four options were presented:

1. Ritzville remain the base and move forward to begin county wide dispatch - increase staff and remodel the facility;
2. Othello Police Department take over county dispatching
3. Outsource Dispatching Services;
4. Hire an administrator to direct and coordinate county dispatching.

Othello Police Chief Dunnagan spoke on his experience with “outsourcing” and noted the loss of control over costs; operation, and, work force/work load.

The group of approximately 47 citizens asked questions and heard comments on infrastructure upgrade and costs, the costs that would be incurred to move the operation to Othello, dispatch staffing and supervisory needs, what qualifies for state funding reimbursement, the need to separate the dispatch and corrections operations, emergency medical dispatch protocol, and the State’s regional concept.

Sheriff Barger indicated that dispatcher testing has begun but no interviews will be scheduled until such time as Board authorization is received.

Chairman Hartwig thanked those who attended and noted that the Board would be reviewing the Board would be doing further study and review of the matter.

**Adjournment @ 8:10 p.m. 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