

COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS

Regular Meeting Ritzville, Washington

January 2, 2008
(Wednesday)

Call to Order @ 9:00 a.m. by Chairman Roger L. Hartwig

9:10 a.m.

Reorganization of Board

Chairman Hartwig expressed his appreciation to Commissioner Stevens and Plager for their assistance throughout the past year. Chairman Hartwig then moved to nominate Jeffrey Stevens as 2008 Chairman. Commissioner Plager seconded and motion carried.

Commissioner Hartwig moved, Stevens seconded, to nominate Rudy Plager as Vice-Chairman for 2008. Motion carried.

Commissioner assignments were selected as follows:

Stevens – Martin Hall, SWAC, RSN, JTPA-PIC, WCRP, Social Services Administrative Board, AC Emergency Food/Shelter Board, Legislative, and Adams County Fair

Plager – Crab and Cow Creek WRIA's, RC&D, Community Network, Aging and Adult Care, Columbia River Council of Governments, QuadCo RTPO, Courthouse O&M, Adams/Lincoln WSU Cooperative Extension, Farmland Preservation Committee, Legislative, and Adams County Fair

Hartwig – GWMA, LEOFF, Hanford Reach, Grant/Adams WSU Cooperative Extension, Emergency Services, Adams County Development Council (ACDC), Legislative, Adams County Fair

9:31 a.m.

Present:

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

9:59 a.m.

Public Work

Director O'Brien reported that sanding and snow plowing was on-going with an expected work shift anticipated with any weather change. Cemetery Road Bridge project work has begun.

Solid Waste

Director O'Brien recapped the discussion and recommendations from the December Solid Waste Advisory Committee (SWAC) meeting:

- Tipping rate prior 2006 and since the county began operation of the transfer stations along with the agreement to evaluate the rate beginning 2008
- Discussed the recommendation to focus more on actual recycling at the transfer stations and the fact that receipt of two grants for modifying the stations will be able to facilitate this goal
- Discussed reducing hours at the Bruce Transfer Station during the winter months so that the employee from Bruce as well as Ritzville could then assist in making the needed improvements and be compensated utilizing grant funding
- Discussed the gate rate fee and a projected increase of \$3.00/ton at both locations

The Board inquired about the steps that would be taken to ensure that citizens did not drive all the way to the transfer station only to realize that the hours had been changed and it was not open to the public. The county will place ads in the local papers, signs at the transfer station gates, and other signs strategically placed on the route to the station to inform the public of the hours of operation.

Commissioner Plager moved, Hartwig seconded, to *approve the following*:

- *Refocus the tasks under the CP Grant and implement recycling at the transfer stations;*
- *Reduce the hours of operation at the Bruce Landfill beginning January 22, 2008;*
- *Increase the gate rate at the Bruce and Ritzville Transfer Stations by \$3.00/ton to effective April 1, 2008*

Motion carried.

11:08 a.m.

12:06 p.m.

Levy Contract

Commissioner Plager moved, Hartwig seconded, to *approve the 2008 Levy Contract between Adams County and the City of Ritzville and between Adams County and the City of Othello.* **Motion carried.**

Appointment of Interim Clerk of the Board

Commissioner Plager moved, Hartwig seconded, to *appoint Nancy Burt as Interim Clerk of the Board for January 7 and 14, 2008.* **Motion carried.**

Consent Agenda:

Commissioner Hartwig moved, Plager seconded, to *approve the Consent Agenda for Wednesday, January 2, 2008 as follows:*

Preliminary minutes of December 17 and 19, 2007

Vouchers audited and certified by the Adams County Auditor as required by RCW 42.24.080, and those expense reimbursement claims certified as required by RCW 42.24.090 and recorded on a listing, which was made available to the board. These vouchers were listed as follows:

<u>Fund</u>	<u>Control Number</u>	<u>Amount</u>
001	Hand Pay	\$ 558.00
104B	Hand Pay	\$ 13.14
108	075929-075931	\$ 2,420.50
108	Hand Pay	\$ 8,948.50
111	Hand Pay	\$ 4,332.00
126	Hand Pay	\$10,062.70
166	Hand Pay	\$ 280.92
TOTAL		\$26,615.76

Approved **Resolution No. R-01-08 In the Matter of Establishment of the Prosecutor's Salary for 2008**

Approved **Resolution No. R-02-08 In the Matter of Amending Adams County Code Chapter 8.28 Weeds – Section 8.28.050 Assessment Fees**

12:08 p.m.

Meeting Continuance

The January 7, 2008, meeting of the Board of Adams County Commissioners will recess and will reconvene on Tuesday, January 8, 2008, at 7:00 p.m. in the Fair Office located on the Adams County Fairgrounds, Othello, for the purpose of participating in the Fair Board

meeting. The Board is scheduled to make decisions and appointments during this meeting and will then adjourn following the conclusion of the Fair Board meeting.

The Board anticipates, on a rotational basis, to regularly attend future Adams County Fair Board meetings.

Permanent Minutes

December 10 and 12, 2007

Correspondence:

Mark Fowler, Ritzville re: Common Sense on the origin and design of government in general with consensus remarks on the English Constitution by Thomas Paine

Copy of letter to Paul Szott from Chris Bajalcaliev re: notice of no longer needing his services for 2008 and 2009 under Public Defender contract

Adams County Fire Protection District No. 1 re: 2008 Amended Budget

Randy J. Flyckt, Adams County Prosecuting Attorney re: Annual Audit of Elected Official Bonds

Roger Krug, Economic Development Analyst re: invitation for elected official to attend the Capital Improvement Review Committee's Meeting to discuss the Port of Othello's Capital Improvement Application

Brian G. Farmer, Section Manager, Shorelines and Environmental Assistance Program re: Critical Areas Ordinance and concerns to be addressed 1) protection of small wetlands and vernal pools and 2) buffer widths

Adjournment @ 12:30 p.m.

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

Edited and Approved:

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

s/Roger L. Hartwig, Commissioner

RESOLUTION NO. R-01-08

**ORDER OF BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
ADAMS COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

**IN THE MATTER OF ESTABLISHMENT OF THE PROSECUTING ATTORNEY'S
SALARY FOR 2008**

WHEREAS, State Law requires a resolution establishing the Prosecuting Attorney's annual salary to allow state payment of one-half of the Prosecuting Attorney's salary;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Adams County Prosecuting Attorney's annual salary for 2008 shall be \$69,805.

DATED this 2nd day of January 2008

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

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

RESOLUTION NO. R-02-08

**ORDER OF BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
ADAMS COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

**IN THE MATTER OF AMENDING ADAMS COUNTY CODE CHAPTER 8.28 WEEDS –
SECTION 8.28.050 ASSESSMENT FEES**

WHEREAS, the weed assessment rate for the county has been modified a number of times since the 1987 rate was set under Resolution No. R-33-87; and,

WHEREAS, these changes were not always adopted by resolution and therefore were not codified;

THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Noxious Weed Assessment Rates for the county are set at the current 2008 rates:

Irrigated Farmground	\$.30
Dryland Farmground	\$.12

Range/Scabland, Undeveloped Rights-of-Way etc.	\$.03
Incorporated Town Parcels	\$5.00
Minimum Billing per Assessed Parcel	\$5.00

AND, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Adams County Code Chapter 8.28, Section 8.28.050 is hereby amended; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any resolution in conflict herewith is hereby rescinded.

DATED this 2nd day of January, 2008.

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

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