

COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS

Regular Meeting
Adams County Courthouse, Ritzville

February 11, 2008
(Monday)

Call to Order @ 8:30 a.m.

Present:

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

8:31 a.m.

Lobbyist

Lobbyist Potts had no additional updates to provide since all three commissioners were present for the Legislative Rally in Olympia. Jim Potts did request input regarding proposed bills that would extend Veteran benefits to National Guard members and approve a State contribution to the Prosecuting Attorney Salary.

Clarification was provided on the "Nuclear Facility" bill; and, the proposed bill that would require taping of executive sessions.

8:47 a.m.

10:00 a.m.

Adams County Public Services Building

Director O'Brien presented the Settlement Agreement between Adams County et al and Legacy Construction Group to release and settle all matters remaining with the construction of the Adams County Public Services Building. The document had been reviewed by the Prosecutor, DOH Associates, and O'Brien.

Commissioner Hartwig moved, Plager seconded, to *authorize the Chairman to sign the Release and Settlement Agreement and Waiver of Lien Rights between Adams County, DOH Associates, Legacy Construction Group, and Travelers Casualty & Surety Company of America in the matter involving construction of the Adams County Public Services Building.* **Motion carried.**

Cemetery Road Bridge W. W. Athey #402-3

Commissioner Plager moved, Hartwig seconded, to *authorize the Chairman to sign the Local Agency Agreement Supplement #2 for Cemetery Road Bridge W. W. Athey #402-3 moving \$1,360 from PE Construction to PE Agency; and, moving \$5,663 from PE Consultants to PE Contract to cover PE expenditures.* **Motion carried.**

County Wide Crushing

Commissioner Plager moved, Hartwig seconded, to *approve Pay Estimate #3 to Seubert Excavators, Cottonwood, Idaho, in the amount of \$174,811.70 for work completed on the '07-'08 County Wide Crushing Project from 1/1/08 to 1/31/08.* **Motion carried.**

Material Purchase Program 2008

Director O'Brien presented a proposal that would allow the Department to purchase certain items via a quote/bid process from suppliers rather than advertising and getting bids for each item. Certain products are already acquired through the vendor list process with the materials purchased from the supplier who demonstrates the best value to the County. Items that may be procured in this way include sealcoat oil, weed chemicals, crack seal material, prelevel material, paint and beads, gravel from commercial sources, and anti/deicing materials.

Following review and discussion, Commissioner Plager moved, Hartwig seconded, to *allow the Public Works Department to secure quotes/bids from suppliers for road maintenance materials during the 2008 season as set forth under the Material Purchase Program.* **Motion carried.**

Miscellaneous

Building and Planning Director Wiltse provided an update on the permitting issues of concern to Robert Leatherman; Public Works Director O'Brien reviewed Rural Arterial Program funding, ranking, and project selection process.

11:11 a.m.

Recess @ 12:00

Reconvene @ 1:00 p.m.

1:28 p.m.

Human Resources

Gary Hunt provided a written copy of his review/comparison of the personnel policy of the NCWRSN with the Adams County policy. The

Board requested Hunt to complete the review of positions in those offices that have not been done to date (Auditor, Ritzville and Othello District Courts, and Juvenile). Future discussions will be held on development of criteria for placement on the management or exempt employee salary schedule as well as a process to consolidate/eliminate some of the numerous salary schedules used in the county.

2:04 p.m.

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Recess @ 2:05 p.m.

The Board met with Gary Hunt under authority of RCW 4.30.140(4)(b) to discuss on-going negotiations and pending mediation with the Sheriff's Association. This session was closed to the public.

Reconvened @ 2:38 p.m.

2:39 p.m.

WSU Cooperative Extension

Vickie Parker-Clark, NE District Director, informed the board that she was in the process of evaluating Aaron Esser since his current appointment as Director was expiring and he was being considered for another four (4) year appointment. The Board was supportive of and recommended Esser's reappointment.

In other matters, the Board shared with Parker-Clark current economic development and goals the county had for wind power and fiber optics and possible ways that WSU could interface. Community feedback was shared on the positive results of the 'Strengthening Families' program.

Parker-Clark shared that WSU was expanding programming into the health field with emphasis on health sciences education – diet, diabetes, and, exercise. The college was open to input on this program.

Appreciation was expressed for the continued partnership between WSU and Adams County.

2:56 p.m.

3:01 p.m.

Recess @ 3:01 p.m.

The Board continued discussions with Gary Hunt under authority of RCW 4.30.140(4)(b) on negotiations and pending mediation with the Sheriff's Association. This session was closed to the public.

Reconvened @ 3:30 p.m.

3:33 p.m.

Judge Hille

Judge Hille requested authorization for staff to share annual leave with another office employee. Board **consensus authorized the annual leave share.**

3:36 p.m.

Adams County Water Conservancy Board

Following notification from K. Alexander, Water Resources Program, regarding the term of recent Board Alternate appointee Reid Phillips to the Adams County Water Conservancy Board, the Commissioners concurred with DOE's request to change the term for Reid Phillips to be January 28, 2008 through January 27, 2014. Future vacancies and/or resignations on the Board could be filled by one of the alternates if they resigned their alternate board position and were then appointed for a regular term by the Board of County Commissioners.

Consent Agenda

Commissioner Hartwig moved, Plager seconded, *to approve the Consent Agenda.* **Motion carried.**

Preliminary minutes of February 4, 2008

Approval of January, 2008 payroll in the amount of \$698,100.90; and, benefits in the amount of \$200,430.10 (Warrant #Series 511943-512048; Direct Deposit #Series 18504-18669; Benefit/Deduction #Series 1060449-1060469)

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	080609-080676	\$ 31,251.53
104	080677-080690	\$ 15,720.22
104B	080691-080697	\$ 4,907.30
105	080698-080703	\$ 16,309.13
108	080704	\$ 140.06
109	080705	\$ 272.83
112	080706-080707	\$ 135.29
113	080708	\$ 159.48
116	080709	\$ 560.00

117	080710-080718	\$ 2,199.02
502	080719-080724	\$ 4,491.52
001	0195-0198	\$ 1,561.87
115	0199-0220	\$ 10,255.45
401	0221-0231	\$ 824.47
501	0232-0242	\$ 3,596.50
590	0243-0279	\$ 26,253.64
	TOTAL	\$118,638.31

Permanent Minutes Signed

January 28, 2008

Correspondence Received

Chris Bajalcaliev re: Public Defender Last Quarterly Report 2007
 Adams County Noxious Weed Control Board re: agenda for
 February 12
 Robert Leatherman, Othello re: permits allowed on property

Adjournment @ 5:00 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