

COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS

Regular Meeting Ritzville, Washington

April 2, 2008
(Wednesday)

Call to Order @ 9:00 a.m.

Present:

Chairman Jeffrey W. Stevens
Commissioner Roger L. Hartwig

Absent:

Vice-Chairman Rudy Plager (Farmland Preservation Meeting)

10:00 a.m.

Public Defender

Public Defender Chris Bajalcaliev provided a copy of his sub-contract with Phillip Spicerkuhn, Attorney. Subcontracts with Stephen Felice and Michael Felice have been negotiated and should be received in the next few weeks. Spicerkuhn will handle dependency cases (\$15,000); with S. Felice handling juvenile (\$30,000) and M. Felice handling felonies (\$20,000) and Child Support (\$5,000) for the 2008-2009 contract year.

Bajalcaliev encouraged the Board to continue efforts for adoption of a CASA program (Adams County and Lincoln County are the only two counties in the State that do not have the program). A State funded parent representation program was discussed and application by the county was encouraged.

Current and future plans to utilize the State public defender funds allocation were reviewed:

- Legal professional services to handle some of the District Court caseload – **use of funds authorized by Board consensus**
- Rule 9 intern professional services – **use of funds authorized by Board consensus**
- Certified Interpreter professional services

Bajalcaliev stated that he would continue to report to the Board several times a year, in addition to their quarterly reports, to provide updates. Seventy-two case filings were reported to date for 2008. Bajalcaliev noted that the filings were generally always high during the first quarter. Prosecutor Flyckt noted that the additional attorney in his office was spending considerable time processing the backlog of cases and some of these filing were the result of that emphasis. Flyckt commented on the overall public defender program improvements and on the quality of attorneys working on behalf of the clients.

10:34 a.m.

Adjournment @ 12:00

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

Edited and Approved:

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