

COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS

**Adams County Courthouse, Ritzville
March 9, 1998**

The Adams County Commissioners met in regular session at 8:30 a.m. on Monday, March 9, 1998, in Ritzville, with Chairman Schlagel and Commissioners Wills and Logan present.

Vouchers audited and certified by the auditing officer as required by RCW 42.23.080, and those expense reimbursement claims certified as required by RCW 42.24.090, have been recorded on a listing, which has been made available to the board.

Commissioner Wills moved, Schlagel seconded, to approve for payment those vouchers included in the above list and further described as follows: #001 (98796-98834, 9834A, 9835-98868) for \$18,027.25; #102 (869-875) for \$2,084.62; #103 (876-879) for \$681.82; #104 (880-896) for \$5,444.39; #105 (897-899) for \$15,062.50; #107 (900-901) for \$396.35; #112 (902) for \$172.00; #117 (903-914) for \$1,898.52; #126 (915) for \$20.40; #130 (916) for \$8.63; #101 (1000-1009) for \$3,285.11; #115 (1010-1038) for \$21,348.04; #401 (1039-1046) for \$34,532.64; #590 (1047-1092) for \$119,770.77; for a total of \$222,733.04. Payroll in the amount of \$384,726.60; and benefits in the amount of \$94,259.69. Motion carried.

Lobbyist Jim Potts (via telephone) updated the board on legislative activity and decisions.

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Viki Leuba, Ground Water Management Area Coordinator discussed with the board the Public Information and Community Consultant position for the Ground Water Management Area; the timing for the appointment of the Committee; and, whether the citizens assigned to the Characterization and Monitoring Activity should make a "recommendation" or simply provide a summary of information to the Board. Public notices regarding individuals wishing appointment to the GWAC and regarding a public informational meeting will be prepared and sent to local papers for publication.

Commissioner Wills moved, Logan seconded, to authorize the chairman to sign Amendment C to the 1996 STOP Grant Contract through the Office of Crime Victims Advocacy. Motion carried.

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Public Works Director Long provided a road maintenance report.

The proposed contract with the Adams County Public Works Union was reviewed reflecting a three (3) year contract, medical insurance cap raise commensurate with that given to other employees, and retroactive pay increase to January 1, 1998.

Regional Disposal Company approved via letter their participation in the City of Othello spring cleanup day requested for April 18, 1998, by agreeing to provide free transportation and disposal services for yard debris. The Board officially approved by consensus to schedule the spring cleanup date for April 18, 1998. A date for the City of Ritzville will be set at a later time.

Commissioner Logan moved, Wills seconded, to approve the contract and bond between Seubert Excavators, Inc. and Adams County for the 1998 Crushing Project/ERP-786. Motion carried.

The board recessed for lunch at 12:00 noon and reconvened at 1:00 p.m.

Commissioner Wills moved, Logan seconded, to approve the Adams County Public Works Union Contract effective January 1, 1998, through December 31, 2000. Motion carried. Contract terms are for a three (3) year period, with pay schedule to revert to that of the non-union employees with any raises retroactive to January 1, 1998, and with the medical insurance cap increase granted by the county to be effective March 1 (with April 5, 1998, payroll deduction) for union employees. Any future medical cap increases will be granted across the board for union and non-union employees.

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Treasurer Laura Danekas and Auditor Nancy Crossler held a Finance Committee meeting with the board to discuss financial matters relating to Adams County Park and Recreation District #4. Following adjournment of the Finance Committee meeting, Commissioner Wills moved, Logan seconded, to **"approve the purchase of Revenue Anticipation Notes as a County investment from Adams County Park and Recreation District #4 in the amount of \$25,000 with an interest rate of 5.5% to be paid back over a five (5) year period of time with first payment due October, 1999"**. Motion carried.

The Board authorized the Adams County Treasurer to proceed with the purchase pending official approval and request from Adams County Park and Recreation District #4.

*3105-3731 (tape changeover #2) *0-300

The Board along with Auditor Nancy Crossler placed a call to Benefax to discuss receipt of a bill from MSC for an amount required to fund the Adams County outstanding risk pool balance subsequent to Adams County terminating membership with the Local Government Insurance Coalition and upon a finalized accounting by MSC.

Correspondence was received from:

Mary C. Brown of Office of Crime Victims Advocacy (VAWA Grants) re: contract expiration and spending deadline June 30, 1998

Sally E. Horton, Interim Associate Dean and Associate Director for WSU Cooperative Extension re: appreciation for 1998 funding for Cooperative Extension educational programs

Copy of letter to John W. Keys, Bureau of Reclamation from Dee Caputo re: mandatory release of water allotment and proposed additional charge for project water used for irrigation of areas of land less than ten acres in size within farm units

WSU Kenneth L. Casavant, Project Director re: copy of Eastern Washington on-Farm and Commercial Grain Storage report to assist producers, planners, policy makers in making decisions regarding transportation or other infrastructural needs

Preliminary minutes of March 2, 1998, were reviewed and approved. Permanent minutes of January 5, 12, 14, 20, and 26, 1998, were signed. Permanent minutes of February 2, 2-Special, 9, 11, 17, and 23, 1998, were signed.

There being no further business to come before the board the meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
ADAMS COUNTY, WASHINGTON
s/W. L. Schlagel, Chairman
s/Bill Wills, Commissioner
s/Shawn R. Logan, Commissioner

ATTEST:
s/Linda Reimer, CMC/AE
Clerk of the Board