

# COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS

**Adams County Services Building, Othello  
March 11, 1998**

The Adams County Commissioners met in regular session at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, March 11, 1998, in Othello, with Chairman Schlagel and Commissioners Wills and Logan present.

The board went into executive session under RCW 42.30.110(g) with Kate Brueske from 9:00 a.m. until 9:20 a.m.

Community Counseling Services Director Brueske discussed funding available from CTED for specialized services for sexual assault/sexual abuse victims in Grant and Adams County. This funding will be requested and shared between the two counties and is specifically targeted for use in rural areas. Adams County's goal is to provide therapy for victims and families and develop outreach programs. A half-time position will be used for this program with the individual to be based in the Ritzville Office.

Brueske also discussed the "Consumer to Provider Program" which provides for a former client to receive trainer and certification to provide mental health and chemical dependency outreach services. This would be a half-time position funded from reserves.

Brueske requested board approval to create a new full-time position with the individual providing services under the two new funded programs. The Board took the matter under consideration.

Brueske then informed the board that funding was available through a Telecommunications Act Grant, which will allow Community Counseling to purchase new computer equipment/software that will allow connection to a network system. Central Services will manage the system for a yearly fee.

Scott Cave, Public Relations spokesman for Waste Management of Washington (via telephone) informed the board that Waste Management and USA Waste had announced a merger of the two companies effective immediately with John Drury, USA Waste named as CEO/Chairman of the new company. The balance of the year will be spent finalizing details of the merger components, with Adams County expected to be contacted in the near future regarding changes and modifications to the regional landfill proposal pending with the county and health district.

Robert Michik along with a number of residents from the "West Bench Road Community Organization" inquired regarding follow up to their request to modify infrastructures in the area, which

would facilitate release of the moratorium on building permits. Discussion followed. Public Works Director Long and staff from Building and Planning reported an on-site meeting scheduled for later this date. Following this on-site visit a response will be sent to the organization defining in clear terms the county's position on the matter and any proposed action that may/will be taken at this time.

There being no further business to come before the board the meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.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/AAE  
Clerk of the Board