

# **COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS**

## **Regular Meeting Adams County Services Building, Othello**

**May 12, 1999**

The regular meeting of the Adams County Board of Commissioners was called to order by Chairman W. L. Schlagel on Wednesday, May 12, 1999, at 9:00 a.m. in Othello. Commissioner Bill Wills and Commissioner Jeffrey W. Stevens were present.

Inez Freeman, North Regional Manager of Mid-Columbia Library District, provided the board with a copy of the 1997 Annual Report; information on the Othello Public Library's circulation, service, and programs; and, talked about the future of public libraries throughout the State.

Building Inspector John White reported that progress on the Lind Rodeo grounds bleacher project was going well, but he was not qualified to inspect "welding" and the Lind Rodeo Association would need to contact a qualified inspector to sign off on the project. Commissioner Wills agreed to take care of the matter.

Community Counseling Director Brueske updated the board on the new software program that should be functioning by August 1 with plans to be totally utilizing electronic files by the end of the year. Central Services will be providing additional technical assistance with Counseling anticipating an additional professional service charge from the department. Brueske also informed the board that State funding allocations are changing with new definitions for direct v. indirect services with a 25% cap on funding indirect services.

Les Clemons, Othello, was authorized by board consensus to represent the county on meetings related to upgrading transportation corridors throughout the county.

Building and Planning Department staff Caputo and Anderson discussed growth issues in the county, on-going studies, and work on the Comprehensive Plan. The board asked questions related to recommendations from the Task Force and Planning Commission submitted earlier this year for "Outside the Planning Area and Within the Panhandle". No decision was made on the recommendations.

Caputo provided the board with draft minutes and a mitigation agreement related to the Olympic Pipeline Project. Adams County Prosecutor Brueher will be asked to meet with the board regarding formal withdrawal of testimony and letters previously submitted by the county on the project.

Adams County Fair Board president discussed budget issues especially state funding v. county funding. A proposal for a long-term solution to handling the fair's budget and revenue v. expenditure was discussed with no decisions made.

Juvenile Probation Counselor Oscar Garza, in the absence of Administrator Gowan, requested and received details of the specific "no expenditure" limits imposed on the department by the board on Monday, May 10.

There being no further business to come before the board the meeting adjourned at 12:00 noon.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
ADAMS COUNTY, WASHINGTON  
s/W. L. Schlagel, Chairman  
s/Bill Wills, Commissioner  
s/Jeffrey W. Stevens, Commissioner

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