

## **COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS**

### **Adams County Courthouse, Ritzville August 16, 1999**

The regular meeting of the Adams County Board of Commissioners was called to order by Chairman W. L. Schlagel on Monday, August 16, 1999, at 8:30 a.m. in Ritzville. Commissioner Bill Wills and Commissioner Jeffrey W. Stevens were present.

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Scott Cave, S. C. Communications, requested board approval for the firm of Evans/McDonough, Seattle, to develop and conduct the "Public Opinion Survey" for the GWMA which will be used to assess the effectiveness of the GWMA's educational efforts. Following discussion, board consensus authorized proceeding with the firm, interfacing with the funding source - EPA, and developing the contract with the assistance of Mark Nielson.

Cave reviewed the "Public Service Announcement" which has been distributed to approximately 20 radio stations in the Columbia Basin area; and, noted that a GWMA and GWAC informational packet is being developed to distribute to interested community groups and individuals.

\*800-1695

Public Works Director Long reported on general road maintenance work; reviewed the specifications for a 24'x60' trailer to house the recycling coordinator office and discussed the location for the building; and, briefly updated the board on the Interlocal Agreement with Franklin County and on the GIS Agreement documents to be signed this date.

Board consensus authorized Long to notify the Washington Counties Risk Pool to proceed with insurance coverage that provides for 15M coverage for each occurrence.

\*1695-2167

Sheriff Mike Kline and Undersheriff Jay Weise requested board authorization to contract with the Summit Law Group, Seattle, for labor and employment services at a rate of \$400.00 per month effective August 16, 1999 through December 31, 1999. Following discussion, it was the consensus of the board to authorize the department to proceed with contract development. The contract is expected to be ready for execution on Monday, August 23, 1999. Following approval, Prosecutor Brueher will formally appoint the Group as Special Deputy Prosecutors. This contract provides for general advice with no limit on number of calls per month. Additional representation (defense of a lawsuit or arbitration) is available if requested as well as assistance with a departmental personnel manual.

\*2167-2241

It being the time of 11:00 a.m. and the place set for the public hearing to consider an amendment to Ordinance No. O-02-98, Chairman Schlagel opened the hearing.

There were no members of the public present. The board reviewed the letter received by Prosecutor Brueher dated July 9, 1999, from Special Counsel Thomas F. Kingen in which the recommended changes to the ordinance were noted. Hearing no comments the public hearing was closed at 11:04 a.m.

Commissioner Wills moved, Stevens seconded, to approve **ORDINANCE NO. O-02-99 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. O-02-98 REGARDING INDEMNIFICATION AND TORT REPRESENTATION WHICH WAS ORIGINALLY ESTABLISHED UNDER ORDINANCE NO. 98-88; AND, AMENDING ADAMS COUNTY CODE 2.76ET.SEQ.** Motion carried.

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

Treasurer Danekas filed per RCW 36.33.160 a list of lands owned by Adams County, including those subject to special assessments. Assessments will be billed in 2000 against all parcels with "W", "N", or "I".

The board held a workshop session with Building and Planning Department staff Caputo and Anderson to discuss Task Force issues scheduled to come before the board during the public session set for Tuesday, August 17, 1999, in Othello per legal notice.

Commissioner Wills moved, Stevens seconded, to approve the Consent Agenda:

Preliminary minutes of August 9 and 11, 1999

Vouchers audited and certified by the Adams County Auditor as required by RCW 42.23.080, 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	993788-993825	
	993805A, 993807A	\$ 12,067.17
102	993826-993832	\$ 4,921.31
105	993833-993833A	\$ 15,062.50
108	993834-993851	\$ 5,148.77
108A	993851A	\$ 400.00
117	993854-993854	\$ 76.12
126	993855-993856	\$ 966.25
133	993857-993857	\$ 417.69
135	993858-993858	\$ 600.00
166	993859-993879	\$ 2,595.30
101	1079-1079	\$ 2,543.50
115	1080-1085	\$ 23,909.51
401	1086	\$ 156.00
590	1087-1099	\$ 31,658.34
Total		\$100,522.46

Authorized the Chairman to sign the **Agreement between Franklin County and Adams County for Sweeping of Chip Seal at the cost of actual time plus overhead.** (Approximate cost \$538.58.)

Authorized the Chairman to sign the **Consulting Agreement between Marshall and Associates, Inc. and Adams County for Consulting Services for GIS Implementation for the amount of \$12,730.00**

Declared surplus computer equipment inventory #'s 12563, 12852, 12856, and 12870 as obsolete to be junked

Authorized the Chairman to sign the **Deferred Compensation Change Form for Alex Kaylor with Massachusetts Mutual Life Insurance Company**

Permanent minutes of August 2, 1999, were signed.

Correspondence was received from:

Patrick M. Pleas, Attorney at Law re: Heriberto Munoz, West Bench Road Community Association and formation of RID

Invitation to Agriculture Forum with Senator Slade Gorton on August 19, 1999, 9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. in Moses Lake

DNS Application for Conditional Use Permit to mine, store, screen and stockpile gravel on a 24.8 acre site (no crushing) by East Columbia Basin Irrigation District

Robert Breshears, P.E., Lincoln County re: Interlocal Agreement for Solid Waste Services dated May 20, 1996 required modifications

Gerard Sidorowicz, Assistant Secretary Juvenile Rehab Administration re: strategic plan for 1999-2005

Washington State Liquor Control Board re: Liquor License Violation by Country Travel Plaza, State Rd. 395 & State Rd. 26

There being no further business to come before the board the meeting recessed 4:15 p.m. to reconvene on Tuesday, August 17, 1999, at 7:00 p.m. in Othello at the City of Othello Council Chambers.

**City of Othello Council Chambers, Othello  
August 17, 1999  
Continuance of Regular August 16, 1999, Meeting**

Chairman Schlagel reconvened the regular August 16, 1999, meeting of the Adams County Board of Commissioners on Tuesday, August 17, 1999, at 7:00 p.m. in Othello. Commissioner Wills and Stevens were present.

Chairman Schlagel made opening remarks regarding the Task Force and the purpose of the session scheduled this date. The meeting was then turned over to Facilitator Shawn R. Logan.

Facilitator Logan set the rules for the session limiting opening remarks by City of Othello Council members, County and City Planning Commission members, City of Othello Mayor and County Commissioners, and Task Force members to one minute each.

Speaking were the following:

- Les Clemons, City Council
- Don Derifield, Task Force and Adams County Planning Commission
- Jeannie Ochoa, City Council
- Everett Cole, City Council
- E R Kelley, City of Othello Mayor
- Robert McCullough, Task Force and Adams County Planning Commission
- Alan Hanks, Task Force
- Cal Schafer, Task Force
- Maxine Taylor, Task Force
- W. L. Schlagel, Commissioner (response regarding allegation of dissolution of Task Force)
- Brad Risenmay, City Planning Commission
- Lolo Garza, City Planning Commission

Facilitator Logan reviewed the chronological background details of the Task Force and the interface between the County and City of Othello:

June 10, 1996	Resolution 96-05	City of Othello Interlocal Agreement
June 17, 1996	Resolution R-63-96	County Interlocal Agreement Resolution creates and supports an Interagency Task Force to produce and implement the policies and plans to effectively manage the growth around Othello)
May 11, 1997	County/City Agreement	Commit to jointly plan and implement long term land use strategies in the Panhandle
June 11, 1998	Task Force	Recommendations for the Panhandle outside the Planning Area
November 11, 1998	County Planning	Recommendations for the Panhandle outside the Planning Area
August 8, 1998	Tri-City Herald News Article	

Comments were heard from:

- Commissioner W. L. Schlagel
- Commissioner Bill Wills
- Commissioner Jeffrey W. Stevens

Discussion followed regarding usage of agricultural land for expansion efforts, setting of rules for development projects, State rules and regulations which supercede County/City rules and regulations, cost of providing services to new developments, and water availability.

Discussion then followed on specific detailed pieces of information needed on each of the items listed in the document dated November 17, 1998 titled Outside the Planning Area and Within the Panhandle the Task Force Recommends. Numbers 10, 1, 2, and 3 were reviewed.

Chairman Schlagel recessed the meeting for five (5) minutes at 8:15 p.m. and reconvened again at 8:20 p.m.

Chairman Schlagel opened the floor for general public comment.

Comments were heard from:

Jack Jelmberg  
Martha Morgan  
Ken Caylor

The above comments focused on "Rodeo Lake" and perceptions related to how the "Rodeo Lake Task Force" was operating and how it interfaced with the Adams County/City of Othello Joint Task Forces. Facilitator Logan clarified the goals, objectives and operation of each Task Force. Building and Planning Director Caputo clarified that the Adams County/City of Othello Joint Task Force was operating under the Open Public Meetings Act and therefore regular meeting dates were established with special meetings advertised in advance. All meetings of the Joint Task Force were open to the public.

Discussion followed on the need to rewrite the recommendations from the Task Force with greater detail in order to provide fully disclose and to clarify the recommendations in a language easily understood by the public.

Building and Planning Director Caputo requested clarification of her status (as chair/participant) on the Task Force as the result of action taken by the Board of Commissioners July 14, 1999. Board consensus was to allow the Adams County/City of Othello Joint Task Force members to establish rules governing chairmanship and voting rights for those members.

Commissioner Stevens moved, Commissioner Wills seconded, to "refer the November 17, 1998, Recommendations back to the Joint Task Force for modification which would fully disclose and clarify each aspect of those recommendations and then return the document to the Board for reconsideration". Motion carried.

Board consensus was that the Joint Task Force should complete these modifications and get approval of them prior to any work on additional area standards.

City of Othello Administrator spoke emphasizing the concern of the City with extending service to developments without prior establishment of standards. Standards were considered vital if development projects were to be annexed to the City of Othello.

Commissioner Wills moved, Stevens seconded, to adjourn the meeting at 8:56 p.m. Motion carried.

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