

COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS

Regular Meeting Adams County Services Building, Othello

September 8, 1999

The regular meeting of the Adams County Board of Commissioners was called to order by Chairman W. L. Schlagel on Wednesday, September 8, 1999, at 9:00 a.m. in Othello. Commissioner Bill Wills and Commissioner Jeffrey W. Stevens were present.

Devon Michel, Othello, requested Board support for the landowners near the Intersection of 26/17 in their request to the State of Washington for an interchange and oiled frontage roads and Class D accesses for all the landowners which meet county standards. Discussion followed with the board as well as Engineer Lijek and Engineer Tech O'Brien. Dwayne Michel requested board research for "grant money" to put in roads, curbs, sidewalks, etc. in and around the county. The interchange/frontage road matter will be further discussed on September 13, 1999.

County staff from the Sheriff's Office, Public Works, and Building and Planning was present to discuss proposed changes to the County's E911 Addressing and Grid System Ordinance. Fire Chief Clyde Fought, Fire Chief VanBeek, and City of Othello Chief of Police McDonell were also present. Following discussion, it was agreed that changes to the ordinance would be drafted initially by Planner Anderson, with final draft compiled and reviewed by the Commissioners and the Prosecuting Attorney. Drafts will then be reviewed by county staff and by emergency services staff before public hearings are set.

Adams County Fair Board President Skip Hall along with Member Terry Thompson reviewed the proposed mower tractor purchase for the Fair. Financing of the purchase was discussed. No final decision was made at this time pending review of other options.

Community Counseling Director Kate Brueske discussed the recently approved Intensive Hospital Diversion Program that has recently received funding approval through the Regional Support Network (RSN). The program provides for a new position - Crisis Stabilization Specialist - as well as a Mental Health Technician. This program provides support for a mental ill individual in a non-hospital setting. Additional details will be available following the RSN meeting on September 9, 1999.

Commissioner Wills moved, Stevens seconded, to approve and authorize the Chairman to sign the Hold Harmless Agreement between Adams County (Community Counseling) and the Lind School District. Motion carried. This document holds the school district harmless while Community Counseling is providing services on the school premises during the 1999-2000 year.

Commissioner Stevens moved, Wills seconded, to approve and authorize the Chairman to sign the Othello School District and Community Counseling Services Temporary Services Agreement. Motion carried. This agreement contracts for twelve (12) hours per week of Counseling Services (6 per day on Tuesdays and Thursdays) during the 1999-

2000 school year at \$30.00/hour. If additional time is required, the School District may extend the hours to 20 per week upon mutual agreement.

Brueske updated the board on the progress of the "Methadone Clinic" development proposal.

The board recessed the meeting at 12:15 p.m..

Commissioner Wills and Stevens reconvened for a brief session at 1:15 p.m. to follow-up with Adams County Fair Board President Skip Hall regarding the tractor purchase. Consensus of the group was to delay any decision regarding purchase until the conclusion of the Adams County Fair and a determination is made as to the Fair's financial standing. Commissioner Stevens will contact Evergreen Equipment and other individuals who have been working on purchase of and financing options for the tractor.

There being no further business to come before the board the meeting adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

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/AAE
Clerk of the Board