

COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS

Regular Meeting Adams County Public Services Building, Othello

October 22, 2008
(Wednesday)

Call to Order @ 9:00 a.m.

Present:

Chairman Jeffrey W. Stevens
Vice-Chairman Rudy Plager
Commissioner Roger L. Hartwig

Budget Workshop - Othello District Court

Judge Brueher addressed his current pay rate citing State percentage projections, factors not considered in the State figure, and his willingness to not have a private practice so as to eliminate conflicts.

Brueher noted that retention of staff was critical as cost to retrain was high. Othello District Court does not have a trust fund since they will only take payment if it can be matched with the 'original' ticket.

Budget Workshop - Integrated Health Care Services (IHCS)

Low Income Housing

- Additional revenue for 2009
- Three (3) houses available now
- Funds have been placed in reserve

Developmental Disabilities

- Balanced budget reflects no funding from Current Expense; revenue sources reflect tax collections, grants, retail sales, and janitorial services contracts
- An explanation of how consumers are paid for services was provided
- Heard a proposal for modifying the current operations so all facets are operating with a profit margin – Board agreed to further review and discussions

Environmental and Public Health

- Preliminary submittal will be modified to reflect anticipated revenue based on the recently approved new fee schedule
- Blue Ribbon Commissioned Funds require legislative action to reauthorize for 2009
- Noted that most Health Department budgets statewide were experiencing and/or anticipating revenue shortfalls

Chemical Dependency and Mental Health

- Current staff are at maximum capacity for chemical dependency clients allowed by RCW – Brueske explained that certain classifications have priority over general referrals, that most clients generally remain in the program for 1+ years, and that the department is not keeping a waiting list
- No major changes in the mental health preliminary budget

Savings Options

Two options were presented that potentially will save current expense funds. The Board agreed to consider both options and have further discussion before a final decision is made.

Commissioner Hartwig left the meeting at 10:35 a.m. due to another obligation.

Building and Planning

Director Wiltse presented for Board consideration and approval the following Planned Residential Development proposals:

1. O.H.A. LUGAR SEGURO FARM LABOR HOUSING PROJECT
PLANNED RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT – a proposal for a new Subdivision and Binding Site Plan to create two (2) new lots. One at 3.85 acres +/- that will include eight new structures to house up to ninety-six migrant farm workers and an on-site manager; and, one at 2.40 acres +/- for possible future development.
2. DORSING FARMS PLANNED RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT
FARM UNITY 209 – a proposal for a Binding Site Plan to create four new lots in the General Agriculture Zone in accordance with Adams County Zoning Code 17.58. Lot 1 will continue to be used for agricultural purposes; Lot 2, 3, and 4 will continue to be used for residential purposes.

Wiltse responded to questions regarding Conditions of Approval noted for the developments. The Board will take action on both proposals during regular proceedings on Monday, October 27.

Adjournment @ 12:00

Submitted:
s/Linda Reimer, MMC
Clerk of the Board

Edited and Approved:

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
ADAMS COUNTY, WASHINGTON
s/Jeffrey W. Stevens, Chairman
s/Rudy Plager, Vice-Chairman
s/Roger L. Hartwig, Commissioner