

COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS

Regular Meeting
Adams County Public Services Building, Othello

April 8, 2009
(Wednesday)

Call to Order @ 9:00 a.m.

Present:

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

Agenda Additions:

Adams County Fair Association
Juvenile Services

Alcohol Awareness Month

Students Amy Clay and Renee Jones, Othello students and members of the Coalition to Reduce Underage Drinking, read a prepared Proclamation detailing statistics on drinking by 8th through 12th grade students. Following the reading, Commissioner Hartwig moved, Stevens seconded, to ***proclaim April as "Alcohol Awareness Month"***. **Motion carried.**

Chairman Plager then officially declared April as Alcohol Awareness Month.

An Othello Town Hall Meeting to Reduce Underage Drinking will be held April 14, 2009, at 6:00 p.m. at the Gathering Place.

Adult Probation Officer Program

Chairman Plager reported that he had been contacted by a local citizen regarding the emerging need for an Adult Probation Officer Program. Commissioner Stevens noted that the issue had been discussed at the Law and Justice Council meeting and cited a number of issues involved with implementing the program including funding, supervision, and coordination with other departments/staff. The matter will be added to the next Law & Justice Council meeting for further discussion.

Adams County Fair Association

Association President Roy Dodge requested clarification on the following:

- Management Agreement with County – the Fair Association approved the changes to the document October 14 but did not receive a final copy from Attorney Strohmaier – the County will finalize the document, send to the Association for signature, and then execute following return receipt;
- State premium funds have been receipted by the County but cannot be remitted to the Fair Association until execution of the Management Agreement – when the document is executed and recorded the transfer of funds will occur
- The water system needs to be up and operating by April 26 to facilitate the Rodeo Association schedule and by May 16 for a rental – Public Works Director O'Brien will be contacted for status on the project and for verification that the county has signed up for water from the Irrigation District and the turn-on service payment has been made;
- The Rodeo Association indicated interest to the Fair Association that they would like to erect a new sign and this may affect the county road in the area – Director O'Brien will be contacted for review and approval on this project;
- Requested and received assurance that the grounds will be in good condition by fair time.

Cemetery Road

Roy Dodge inquired about assurances that the final 300 feet +/- of Cemetery Road would be repaired in time for Memorial Day events. The Board will contact Public Works Director O'Brien regarding this work request.

Dispatch Staff

Sheriff Barger requested and **received by consensus authorization to proceed with filling a dispatcher vacancy so the Department has adequate time to provide training prior to the late May/early June departure of a current dispatcher.** Sheriff Barger reported they were temporarily down one dispatcher due to extended sick leave.

Economic Stimulus Package

Sheriff Barger reported that the following Office of Justice Programs Recovery Act Grants were options for the County to make application:

Rural Competitive Grant (Adams County does not qualify)
JAG Competitive Grant (Adams County does not have means to handle this Grant)

COPS Rehire Grant (Adams County would receive base wages/benefits only for the individual for the first three years with the County responsible for any additional expenses; on the 4th year the County would be required to guarantee the continuance of the position to receive the base amount)

Local Grant (Adams County could qualify for \$15,172 for Criminal Justice focused use – some of the requirements include identifying how the usage of the funds would stimulate the economy, quarterly reporting, equipment purchased must be made in the US, and a public hearing must be held prior to application submittal)

Sheriff Barger will do further research on all the pertinent requirements with a draft public hearing announcement to be prepared by the Commissioners' staff. Application deadline is May 18.

Juvenile Services

Director Gowan gave a brief update on caseload and responded to questions from the Board regarding an Adult Probation Officer Program.

Adjournment @ 12:00

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

Edited and Approved:

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