

## COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS

Regular Meeting  
Adams County Courthouse, Ritzville

April 15, 2009  
(Wednesday)

**Call to Order @ 9:00 a.m.**

**Present:**

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

9:02 a.m.

**Fiber Optics**

Central Services Director Boness provided an update on the fiber installation for Ritzville and Othello based on discussions with CenturyTel, Noel Communications, and the State Department of Information Services. The Board approved Boness moving forward with the requesting a detailed quote, design and implementation timeline from DIS in order to then proceed with the other vendors. Boness will discuss with the Courts and State Patrol the service they require and their cost contributions.

9:28 a.m.

9:32 a.m.

**Justice Program Recovery Act Grant**

Undersheriff Hunt confirmed that the "Buy American" stipulation on some of the grants under the Justice Program did not apply to the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant; and, confirmed that the county needed only to note that due to the recession and the impact to the local budget funds were not available to purchase some needed equipment.

Equipment to be purchased using grant funds of \$15,105.02 include: 3 Digital Ally in car video camera systems @ \$4,025 each; 1 Tactical Body Armor for Tactical Response Team member @ \$1,410.12; and, 2 X-26 Tasers @ \$809.95. Discussion was held on the use of 'Tasers' by County law enforcement personnel.

A public hearing on the Office of Justice Programs Recovery Act Grant was scheduled for Monday, May 4, 2009, at 11:00 a.m. in Room 202 of the Adams County Courthouse, Ritzville.

**Law Enforcement Agreement**

Commissioner Stevens moved, Hartwig seconded, to *approve the Law Enforcement Agreement between Adams County and the Town of Hatton for the County to provide law enforcement services for the period April 7, 2009 through March 31, 2010 for a total compensation of \$4,000 payable on a quarterly basis (April, August, December, and March).* **Motion carried.**

9:39 a.m.

11:07 a.m.

**Dispatch Personnel**

Gary and Valerie Hunt, along with Sheriff Barger and Undersheriff Hunt, discussed the complaint filed by Dispatch regarding the lack of adequate breaks during regular work hours. Current and future staffing levels were reviewed. Sheriff Barger explained how the breaks are managed at this time recognizing that 911 calls require immediate response and noting that the work load had increased since they began dispatching for Othello. Short term immediate solutions were discussed with a date set to discuss long term solutions.

11:37 a.m.

11:38 a.m.

**Courthouse and Corrections/Dispatch Union**

Gary Hunt, Human Resources, reported that contract renewal with the Courthouse and Corrections/Dispatch Unions remains unsettled. Hunt noted that unless he received information from the Board of Commissioners that the financial status of the County had improved positively there were few settlement options available since additional employee compensation remains on the negotiating table.

11:43 a.m.

**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