

COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS

Regular Meeting Adams County Courthouse, Ritzville

July 1, 2009
(Wednesday)

Call to Order @ 9:00 a.m.

Present:

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

Absent:

Chairman Rudy Plager

9:02 a.m.

Fiber Optic

Central Services Director Boness reported the recent quotes received from DIS Telecommunications Services Division to provide new Ethernet Service generating either at Ritzville or at Othello. Quotes received from CenturyTel were also presented. It was agreed that service originating in Othello (\$640) would realize a monthly financial savings for the county over that originating in Ritzville (\$1,645). Construction cost estimates were noted by Boness. Additional information will be forthcoming from Central Services following a meeting on July 6, 2009, between Boness and Reliable Network Solutions (the firm retained to assist with the change).

9:18 a.m.

9:34 a.m.

Ramon Torres, R&C Fencing, requested county assistance to resolve payment issues connected with his contract with the Adams County Conservation District – Ritzville. After Torres left, a phone call was placed to the District to ascertain the particulars involved with the contract. Jack Willis and Joyce McNeil met with the Board and reviewed their file on the matter. The Board of Commissioners, while noting that they had no authority on the matter, encouraged the District staff to review the entire matter with a goal to resolve the issue(s) rather than have Torres seek resolution in a court. Willis and McNeil agreed to review the file with District Manager Gary DeVore on July 6, 2009. Mr. Torres was contacted

by telephone by the Commissioners' office staff and told of the Conservation District action to be taken; encouraged to pick up that portion of his payment that had been issued by the District; and to then follow through with a phone call to the District Office on Tuesday (July 7th) to learn of the final decision in the matter. Torres can then determine any future action that may be needed.

Guardian ad Litem

The Board relayed to Prosecutor Flyckt the details of their June 29 discussion with Judge Miller and Sharon Hamm concerning the court's request to have the county enter into a contractual arrangement for *Guardian ad Litem* services and provide for professional liability coverage. It was noted that the GAL appointment was an inherent function of the court and the State not the county and therefore the GAL did not fall within county jurisdiction. Various contractual options were discussed. The Board by **consensus agreed that there would be no private contracts for GAL services nor would professional liability insurance be purchased for a private GAL.**

11:09 a.m.

Developmental Disabilities Advisory Board

Commissioner Stevens moved, Hartwig seconded, to *re-appoint Sue Allen to the Developmental Disabilities Advisory Board for a three (3) year term effective July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2012.* **Motion carried.**

Adjournment @ 12:00

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

Edited and Approved:

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
ADAMS COUNTY, WASHINGTON

-ABSENT-

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