

COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS

Regular Meeting Adams County Courthouse, Ritzville

September 16, 2009
(Wednesday)

Call to Order @ 9:00 a.m.

Present:

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

9:01 a.m.

WSAC Courthouse Visit

WSAC Executive Director Eric Johnson along with WSAC Vice-President Merrill Ott, Stevens County Commissioner met with the Board to dialogue on the following subjects:

- Legislative Issues (State budget shortfall, Weekly Legislative Bulletin, Bills passed in 2009, Jail issues, WSAC budget)
- Local Issues
 - a. Water – Columbia Basin Project, local cities growth issues contingent on water supply, cattle/dairy issues and needs;
 - b. Public Defense – rising costs and the need for more State participation; court interpreter costs; extraordinary court costs;
 - c. County Government Finances – unfunded mandates; ability of State to use certain revenues that counties may not; sales tax revenue based on 'zip code' of citizen; direction of union negotiations in today's climate

The WSAC November Conference will handle some by-law changes for the organization including how the voting for officers will change; and, how technology will be focusing on reducing time/travel expenses for the various counties in order to connect with WSAC. The County Training Institute will be focusing on additional on-line training especially in the areas of OPM and PRA.

10:59 a.m.

11:04 a.m.

Bruce Transfer Station

Public Works Director O'Brien informed the Board that quotes were requested from the Small Works Roster for paving to be done at the Bruce Transfer Station. Quotes are due Public Works on September 28 by 5:00 p.m. with opening the morning of September 29. Board concurrence of the bid award will be requested during the meeting on October 5.

WSDA Grant

A Washington State Department of Agriculture grant application requesting funding for capital improvements at the Adams County Fairgrounds is being prepared and should be ready for Board approval on September 28. This grant requests funds to install additional sidewalks in the barns and surrounding livestock areas to make the grounds more fully ADA compliant. Required matching funds will be budgeted from the Capital Improvement Fund #321. Board ***consensus authorized proceeding with the application and submitting it for formal Board approval.*** **Motion carried.** This project is scheduled for 2010 pending grant approval.

Coordinated Prevention Grant

Public Works Director O'Brien reviewed the scope of work changes being proposed in the CPG Application - MRW Collection and Disposal, Recycling Program, and Green Waste Diversion. Each of the Activity Tasks was detailed and a timeline noted. Application is for a total of \$179,800 (State Funds of \$134,402, Local Match \$45,398).

Commissioner Hartwig moved, Stevens seconded, to *authorize the Chairman to sign the Washington State Department of Ecology Coordinated Prevention Grant Application.* **Motion carried.**

Adjournment @ 12:15 p.m.

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