

COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS

**Regular Meeting
Adams County Courthouse, Ritzville**

February 3, 2010
(Wednesday)

Call to Order @ 9:00 a.m.

Present:

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

Victim Witness Position

Prosecutor Flyckt reported that he had hired a temporary employee to fill the new Victim Witness position until the position could be filled permanently. Informational brochures were shared and it was noted that the program is running well with positive feedback from the legal community.

Indigent Burials

Prosecutor Flyckt requested clarification on the payment processing procedure for the funeral homes providing burial services for indigent individuals. Following discussion, it was agreed that authorization to approve the applications and process payment will return to the venue of the Commissioners. Auditor McBroom will make the necessary accounting changes for these expenses to be paid from 001/099 rather than 001/090.

The Board anticipates arranging a meeting between themselves and the funeral home directors to discuss uniformity of costs associated with indigent burials.

Law and Justice Council

The formation and meeting schedule of the Law and Justice Council was reviewed by Prosecutor Flyckt. Lack of attendance by appointees was cited as a major issue since it is difficult to ensure a quorum to conduct business. Flyckt asked the Board to consider amending the establishing resolution to reflect the following: a) set five (5) as minimum to establish

quorum; b) provide for meetings to be held at a location mutually agreed upon by the membership. The Board concurred with the recommendation and an amendment will be prepared for official action at a future date.

LEOFF Board

Inquiry via letter from the City of Othello Administrator Sheldon regarding the governing board membership of the LEOFF Board prompted discussion of the legal requirements of RCW 41.26.110. The Board of Commissioner representative is validated at the beginning of each year during the Board's reorganization process. Law Enforcement, Firefighters, and City Legislative Authority, will be contacted to take formal action appointing a current representative. These four appointees will then choose the final member chosen from the public whom who will serve at large.

The group then will need to consider a location for their records as well as to develop in written format the procedure for review and payment of medical expenses.

District Courts

Prosecutor Flyckt encouraged the Board to consider restructuring the compensation level/percentage of the District Court Judges prior to the open filing period for those two positions within the County. Consideration for establishing an "adult probation services" office/position was heard. Commissioner Plager recommended that this matter be discussed during the next Law & Justice Council meeting.

Adjournment @ 12:11 p.m.

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

Edited and Approved:

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