

## COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS

**Regular Meeting**  
**Adams County Public Services Building, Othello**

**February 10, 2010**  
(Wednesday)

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

**Present:**

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

**Adams County Mosquito Control District**

Tom Haworth, Manager, for the Adams County Mosquito Control District, informed the Board that new regulations governing the spraying schedule for mosquitoes was, in his estimation, unrealistic for controlling potential illness. He noted that he would be responding in writing and would be copying the Health Department encouraging their intervention on the matter.

**Emergency Management**

Commissioner Stevens moved, Plager seconded, to *approve and sign Contract #SDEM-0911 between the Washington State Military Department and the Department of Homeland Security (Spokane County State Contract holder) and Adams County for the period September 1, 2009 through July 31, 2011 in the amount of \$17,432 for planning, exercises, and training functions.* **Motion carried.**

The Board also signed the 'Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility or Voluntary Exclusion Certification' form.

Commissioner Plager moved, Stevens seconded, to *approve and sign Contract #E10-211 between the Washington State Military Department and the Department of Homeland Security and Adams County for the period August 1, 2009 through February 28, 2011 in the amount of \$40,968 for equipment and infrastructure purposes (pagers, radios, upgrades).* **Motion carried.**

## **Integrated Health Care Services**

### **Developmental Disabilities**

The 2009 report of budgeted v. actual revenue and expenditures for the Developmental Disabilities Center was reviewed by the Board. Director Brueske noted that the department ended the year with a cash carry over balance; and, cited closure of the Lind Thrift Store site, e-cycling, and a better understanding by staff of how revenue/expenditures flowed as contributing factors. The training program utilizing qualifying students from Othello High School was reported as a positive aspect of the Developmental Disabilities Center.

### **Health Department**

Commissioner Stevens moved, Plager seconded, to *approve and sign Coordinated Prevention Grant Agreement #G1000446 between the Washington State Department of Ecology and the Adams County Health Department for the period January 1, 2010 through December 31, 2011 in the amount of \$66,950 (State share \$50,213, Local share \$16,737) to provide Solid Waste enforcement services.* **Motion carried.**

### **Community Counseling**

Director Brueske requested and **received by Board consensus** authorization to fill a recently vacated therapist position.

### **RSN Funding Levels**

Director Brueske reported that eastern Washington RSN's had been informed of major State funding reductions. Adams County's reduction would be approximately \$18,000/month. Brueske requested the Board to join with the eastern Washington RSN's to speak to the Legislators on Wednesday, February 24, 2010.

### **Emergency Aid for Homeless**

Kate Brueske along with Dan Leary identified emergency funding needs and requested authorization to utilize Low Income Housing reserve funds in the amount of \$6,000 immediately; and, then \$15,000 in October. Additional shortfalls in revenue along with over expenditures may require further requests.

**Board consensus authorized the additional funding of \$6,000 in February; and, \$15,000 in October from Low Income Housing Reserves.**

### **Adams County Fair Association/Livestock Committee**

Sixteen members of the Fair Association and the Livestock Committee met in a workshop session with the Commissioners and County staff O'Brien, Johns, Yaeger, and Krug, to the following:

#### ***Current Capital Improvement Projects***

- a) USDA Grant of \$40,000 with County equal match  
Installation of concrete sidewalks to all livestock barns along with pavement of bathroom areas to facilitate handicap accessibility to all areas to be completed prior to the 2010 Fair (Livestock Committee anticipates expansion which would affect paving/sidewalk; request for expansion of bathroom facilities in some areas)
- b) Feasibility Study on utilization of the farm ground located on the corner of Reynolds and Bench

#### ***Rentals***

- a) What is included in rentals, areas defined and labeled for specific rental requests, formulation of prices, Public Works will handle scheduling, bookings, and insurance
- b) Commercial Building ready by May 1 pending on-time completion of inside work
- c) Campgrounds (with a portion of the locations) ready by the end of March
- d) All areas anticipated ready by June 1 with all rules/regulations in place to facilitate rentals

#### ***2009 Fair Event***

Discussion of traffic congestion (Reynolds, Bench, SR26); rodeo access; options for placement of ticket sales booths; safety issues with pedestrians crossing on the county road; possible road changes; and other related issues

#### ***Future Short Term Capital Improvement Projects***

2010 Fund #321 budget includes \$10,000 for RV stalls; \$15,000 to address the Rodeo entrance; \$5,000 to address parking issues; and \$5,000 to address ticket booth issues;

Public Works Director O'Brien informed the group that priority in handling the fair grounds was 1) safety and 2) operations and maintenance. He noted that the Association and Livestock Committee may need to utilize their funds/labor to do some of the projects they wish to see completed. A prioritized list of projects/needs from the group was requested by March 1.

**Adjournment @ 12:00**

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