

COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS

Regular Meeting Adams County Public Services Building, Othello

April 28, 2010
(Wednesday)

Call to Order @ 9:00 a.m.

Present:

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

Juvenile Department

Juan Garza, Juvenile Administrator, reported that 'graffiti' was a big issue in the Othello area with efforts underway to eradicate as soon as possible. Staff is being pro-active in the Ritzville and Othello elementary schools to prevent gang activity; and, intervention continues on a regular basis with the junior high students.

The Department is working with Emergency Management to restore/renew the radio frequency license for the Juvenile Department.

State funding reductions will be finalized in June but the reduction and impact is expected to be minimal at this time.

Juvenile counselors are now required to be certified following recent legislation and efforts are underway to meet the compliance deadline of July 1, 2010.

Garza reported that he has made an effort to re-establish communication with county and city law enforcement agencies as well as community counseling to facilitate the effective operation of the Juvenile Department. Policies and procedures are being reviewed and redefined.

Health Department 2009 Annual Report

Kate Brueske, Administrator, along with Callie Moore, Brent Stenson, and Vicki Guse presented the 2009 Adams County Health Department Annual Report to the Adams County Board of Health.

Brueske noted that public health was moving into an era where 'results in specific areas were required to be shown and documented. Revenue by fund source was reviewed. Programs and statistics were reviewed for the following:

- Maternal/Child Health Programs - Immunizations, Children with Special Health Care Needs, Oral Health, and WIC Programs - including changes with some previous programs provided by the Department; and, new programming under the Health Communities Initiative
- Communicable Disease/Notifiable Conditions, Sexually Transmitted Disease Prevention/Education, H1N1 Influenza, and Access to Care Programs
- Environmental Health Programs – Food Protection, Onsite Sewage Disposal/Land Development, Drinking Water; Living Environment, School Inspections, Solid Waste, Vector Control

Future goals and plans and results of client surveys were discussed.

Public Health Nurse

Kate Brueske notified the Board that Ginger Becker has submitted her resignation due to retirement effective June 30, 2010. Authorization to fill the vacancy was requested; and, the **Board by consensus approved filling the position.**

Environmental Health

Brent Stenson reported on his site visit to property located in Washtucna (Lot 1 & N. 40' of Lot 2, Block 2, Bassetts 3rd Addition) and reported to have snakes. This was a residence destroyed by fire in 2002 and it has not been cleaned up to date. Stenson noted that the residence is located in the city limits and the City would need to take the lead on any clean up.

Stenson submitted a copy of the letter sent to Gary and Vernetta Templin relating to the wastewater lagoon and pending compliance deadlines. Adams County Health Department conditional approval terms were detailed; and, satisfactory compliance with the conditions will allow the ACHD to continue to issue a food establishment permit for the restaurant.

Adjournment @ 12:00

Submitted:

s/Linda Reimer, MMC
Clerk of the Board

Edited and Approved:

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ADAMS COUNTY, WASHINGTON
s/Roger L. Hartwig, Chairman
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