

COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS

Regular Meeting Adams County Courthouse, Ritzville

May 24, 2010
(Monday)

Call to Order @ 8:30 a.m.

Present:

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

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Jail

Sheriff Barger, along with Jail Administrator Stark, Ritzville Police Chief McCormick, Othello Police Chief Dunnagan, Prosecutor Flyckt, and Superior Court Clerk Kirkendall, addressed the Board regarding the expediency of planning for handling the jail inmate population.

Barger noted that employee safety was a primary concern given the current inmate population and the current number of correction officers. Barger informed the Board that he was immediately authorizing overtime for the Correction Officers and those Deputies willing to handle extra shifts.

Barger pointed out that restraints imposed by an old facility that made separation of gang members and female/male inmates a challenge when population count exceeded the authorized numbers. Staff safety, ability to provide security in court, ability to accommodate bookings due to room issues; and community safety and perception were cited as issues of concern.

Barger proposed the following short term solutions:

- Requested authorization to fill a 'Correction Officer' vacancy;
- Place the 1/10 of 1% juvenile funding issue on the ballot for voter approval and thereby free up some current expense funds now

used in that program (a goal of 'better public education efforts' was proposed for this ballot issue);

- Hire a Consultant to study and evaluate the current facility and provide recommendations for short and long term solutions;
- Construction of a new local facility and contracting with other entities to mitigate some of cost; and/or
- Construction of a regional facility recognizing the extensive time needed for planning, construction, and so forth;

Comments were made by all present. Chairman Hartwig requested Sheriff Barger to prepare an estimate of costs to cover additional staffing, over time, and security while prisoners are in court.

A Project Quotation from Allied Fire & Security to upgrade and add cctv system in the courthouse building and jail was given to the Board for review and consideration. The total proposed recommended package cost was estimated at \$44,786.28.

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Public Works

A report on general road work was heard with a note that weather conditions are delaying sealcoat and weed spraying operations. The reclamation machine finished the demonstration portion of Danekas Road.

Fair Grounds

Public Works staff will attend the June 1 Rodeo Association/Fair Association joint meeting to discuss the sidewalk project as well as future plans for the rest of the grounds.

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Elections

Auditor McBroom presented the Draft Review Report of the elections review recently conducted in Adams County by the Secretary of State's Office. The Canvassing Board is required to submit a response to recommendations and noted suggestions within 10 days of the issuance of the report.

Chairman Hartwig signed the response.

Salary Commission

The following citizens were drawn to serve on the Adams County Citizens Commission on Salaries for Elected Officials; and, subsequently agreed to accept the appointment:

Theodore J. Brodahl, Jr.
Robert (Bob) W. Fuller
Luis Alocer

Elections Software

Auditor McBroom informed the Board that the HAVA Grant application for the 'Unity Suite' software that will allow the county to format their own ballots had been approved. A breakdown of charges and costs past and forthcoming was reviewed reflecting a bottom line savings.

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Recess @ 12:00

Reconvene @ 1:00 p.m.

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Columbia Basin Development Project

Mike Schwisow, Lobbyist, updated the Board on the Columbia Basin Development Project:

Odessa Subarea Special Study/Odessa Ground Water Management Subarea

Objective is investigating replacing groundwater currently used for irrigation in the Study area with surface water as part of the authorized continued phased development of the Columbia Basin Project;

Potholes Supplemental Feed Route

Consists of modifying existing facilities to allow water to be routed from Pinto Dam to Potholes Reservoir - In April 2009 the Route was named an American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA) project and received \$5 million in funding. These funds will complete much of the construction phase of the project – Road 16 crossing of Crab Creek; Energy dissipater on the Pinto Dam Outlet; Outlet weir on Brook Lane; and, modify the 4x4 gate on Pinto Dam;

Lake Roosevelt Incremental Storage Release

Weber Siphon Complex was named an American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA) project, and received \$50 million in funding. With designs complete and NEPA underway, a construction

contract was awarded in September 2009, and construction will begin soon.

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Vice-Chairman Stevens left the Chambers at 1:30 p.m. to attend the Adams County Medical Benefits Committee meeting.

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Washington Counties Risk Pool

Executive Director Vyrle Hill and Member Services David Goldsmith of the Washington Counties Risk Pool reviewed the formation, mission, and operation of the Pool.

Hill filed a copy of the “Audit of the Washington Counties Risk Pool – Financial Statements Audit and Accountability Audit” for the period October 1, 2008 through September 20, 2009.

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Vice-Chairman Stevens returned to Chambers and the proceedings at 2:30 p.m.

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Corrections Officer

Commissioner Stevens moved, Plager seconded, to *authorize the Sheriff to immediately fill a vacant Correction Officer position in the Department.*

Motion carried.

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Indigent Burial

Commissioner Stevens moved, Plager seconded, to *authorize the Chairman to sign the Application for Payment for Cremation of Unclaimed Remains of Indigent Person (Donna M. Townsend) to Danekas Funeral Home, Ritzville, in the amount of \$1,859.00. Motion carried.*

Adams County Library District #1 - Othello

Commissioner Plager moved, Stevens seconded, to confirm Adams County Library District #1’s *appointment of Audre Goeke, Othello, to fill the unexpired term of Patricia Erickson on the Adams County Library District #1 – Othello Board effective May 24, 2010 through September 21, 2012.*

Motion carried.

Martin Hall Consortium

Commissioner Plager moved, Stevens seconded, to *reappoint Jeffrey W. Stevens to the Martin Hall Consortium Board of Directors for a one (1) year term effective June 1, 2010 through May 31, 2011.* **Motion carried.**

Consent Agenda:

Commissioner Stevens moved, Plager seconded, to *approve the Consent Agenda.* **Motion carried.**

Preliminary minutes of May 17 and 19, 2010

Vouchers audited and certified by the Adams County Auditor as required by RCW 42.24.080, and those expense reimbursement claims certified as required by RCW 42.24.090 and recorded on a listing, which was made available to the Board. These vouchers were listed as follows:

<u>Fund</u>	<u>Control Number</u>	<u>Amount</u>
001	102083-102118	\$ 17,408.43
103	102119-102123	\$ 60,823.05
105	102124-102126	\$ 25,416.67
106	102127	\$ 220.97
109	102128-102129	\$ 1,179.24
112	102130	\$ 261.75
116	102131	\$ 262.52
502	102132-102134	\$ 656.99
001	1480	\$ 14,037.53
108	1481-1485	\$ 39,145.06
115	1486-1499	\$131,672.58
122	1500-1501	\$ 5,965.95
401	1502-1512	\$ 59,262.95
501	1513-1514	\$ 12,575.17
590	1515-1536	\$ 92,965.24
TOTAL		\$461,591.58

Approved **Resolution No. R-15-2010 In the Matter of Transferring Funds from the Adams County Community Network Fund #121 to the Adams County Community Network Vacation Reserve Fund #121B**

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Permanent Minutes Signed

May 10 and 12, 2010

Correspondence Received

Adams County Library District #1 – Othello re: request to confirm appointment of Audre Goeke to the Library District Board

Adjournment @ 4:30 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

RESOLUTION NO. R-15-2010

**ORDER OF BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
ADAMS COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

**IN THE MATTER OF TRANSFERRING FUNDS FROM THE ADAMS COUNTY
COMMUNITY NETWORK FUND #121 TO THE ADAMS COUNTY COMMUNITY
NETWORK VACATION RESERVE FUND #121B**

WHEREAS, monies have been budgeted in the Adams County Community Network Fund #121 for a transfer into the Adams County Community Network Vacation Reserve Fund #121B; and,

WHEREAS, there are now sufficient monies to allow for the transfer;

THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Adams County Treasurer is authorized to transfer two thousand and no/100 dollars (\$2,000) from the Adams County Community Network Fund #121, BARS 597.85.20.00 to the Adams County Community Network Vacation Reserve Fund #121B BARS 397.85.00.00.

DATED this 24th day of May, 2010.

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

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