

COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS

Adams County Courthouse
Ritzville, Washington
Regular Meeting

June 5, 2017
(Monday)

Call to Order @ 8:30 a.m.

Present:

Chairman Roger L. Hartwig
Vice-Chairman Jeffrey W. Stevens
Commissioner John N. Marshall

Session Closed to Public

The Board held a session closed to the public pursuant to RCW 42.30.140(4)(b) "that portion of a meeting during which the governing body is planning or adopting the strategy or position to be taken by the governing body during the course of any collective bargaining,..." Session was held from 9:00 a.m. until 10:00 a.m. Gary and Valerie Hunt, Human Resources were present. Additionally present was Thaddeus O'Sullivan, Special Deputy Prosecuting Attorney, pursuant to RCW 36.27.040.

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Public Works

Public Works Director O'Brien provided updated reports as follows:

- General Maintenance – intersections and maintenance of the same on state right-of-ways were discussed
- Solid Waste – transfer stations will be closed on the July 4th holiday; procedures for insuring waste is not being accepted from inside the apple maggot quarantined area were reviewed; SWAC will meet on June 19 to review the proposed Solid Waste Comprehensive Plan
- Adams County Fairgrounds – the farm lease and incorporating potential pasture rental into the lease was discussed; Farmers' Electric will commence work on the underground power upgrade this week

Engineer Yaeger reported on the McManamon Road Bridge project, noting paperwork was submitted to USBR; several requests for information have been received from FEMA regarding damaged road sites from the February flooding; and, solicitations have been requested for pavement repair to the Lind-Warden Road.

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Recess @ 12:00

Reconvene @ 1:00 p.m.

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Central Services

A telephone conference was held with Computer Systems Analyst Michael Perra to review current immigration issues. Also present were Prosecutor Flyckt and Central Services Director Boness.

Analyst Perra provided information on his attempt to renew his TN1 Visa and subsequent denial at the US border. A second attempt was made to cross the border and Mr. Perra was again denied entry. Mr. Perra affirmed his desire to continue to work for Adams County, however, he is not in a position to hire an attorney to represent him in immigration matters to allow him to re-enter the United State for work purposes.

The Board will evaluate the matter further to provide direction moving forward regarding the status of Mr. Perra's employment with Adams County.

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East Low Canal

Tom Tebb, Director, Office of Columbia River, Department of Ecology, requested a meeting with the Board to discuss the Odessa Groundwater Replacement Program. Melissa Downes, Department of Ecology, provided a synopsis of the East Low Canal improvements and the work completed thus far on the project, providing a map of the bridges along the canal discussing the East Low Canal Expansion and County bridge modifications. Christina Davis-Kernan, US Bureau of Reclamation, was also present.

Mr. Tebb stated a willingness to partner with Adams County in obtaining solutions to fund the rebuilding of bridges necessitated with the widening of the East Low Canal and the increased amount of water delivered to

customers. As part of the process, the canal needs to be widened up to forty feet in places. Two bridges have been replaced in Adams County, seven additional bridge modifications are needed. A request to vacate the Sackman Road bridge as part of the project was reviewed.

Further research is necessary by the Bureau in determining the ownership of the bridges in question. The Department of Ecology is working with the Bureau to research the history of the bridges in order to determine ownership and legal setting of each.

Mr. Tebb requested the Board consider a Memorandum of Understanding agreement between the Department of Ecology and Adams County to partner in pursuing funding to rebuild the bridges affected by the East Low Canal expansion. The MOU would detail the rights and responsibilities of each party moving forward.

No decision was made in this matter pending further review.

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Executive Session

The Board called for a thirty (30) minute Executive Session under RCW 42.30.110(1)(g) – “to evaluate the qualifications of an applicant for public employment or to review the performance of a public employee.” Session was held from 3:15 p.m. until 3:41 p.m. Prosecutor Flyckt and Central Services Director Boness were present.

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Central Services

The Board determined the county’s inability to expend county funds toward attorney fees or retain an attorney to represent Computer Systems Analyst Perra with personal immigration related issues. The Board by **consensus determined Mr. Perra will be allowed, at the discretion of Central Services Director Boness, to continue to work from home on a telecommuting basis until June 15, 2017. Mr. Perra will be given leave, at the discretion of Director Boness until June 30, 2017, of which he can either take as vacation leave or unpaid leave. If Mr. Perra is not able to return to work on his own accord by Monday, July 3, 2017, the county will deem his position as vacant, as of June 30, 2017, and he will be terminated, effective at the end of the day on June 30, 2017.**

Director Boness received authorization to proceed to advertise for the position of Computer Systems Analyst in a timely manner. Boness received further authorization to review resources for temporary employment to assist his department in daily duties.

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Integrated Health Care Services Personnel

The Board by **consensus authorized IHCS Director Guse to begin the process to fill the vacant position of Peer Support Specialist.**

Consent Agenda

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

Preliminary minutes of May 30, 2017

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	171898 – 171913	\$ 16,281.75
104	171914 – 171922	\$ 6,912.04
122	171923 – 171925	\$ 3,107.48
123	171926	\$ 54.00
502	171927 – 171931	\$ 11,455.53
108	001569 – 001570	\$ 924.28
115	001571 – 001583	\$ 90,745.45
401	001584 – 001587	\$ 285.26
501	001588 – 001592	\$ 9,855.83
590	001593 – 001603	\$ 77,888.08
	TOTAL	\$217,509.70

Permanent Minutes Signed

May 22 and 24, 2017

Correspondence Received

Craig N. Simpson, P.E., Secretary – Manager, East Columbia Basin Irrigation District re: Vacant East Columbia Basin Irrigation District Director Division 4 Position

Adjournment @ 4: p.m.

Submitted:

s/Patricia J. Phillips

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/John N. Marshall, Commissioner