

COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS

Adams County Courthouse Ritzville, Washington Regular Meeting

July 31, 2017
(Monday)

Call to Order @ 8:30 a.m.

Present:

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

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Adams County Visitors' Guide

Katelin Davidson, *Ritzville Adams County Journal*, visited with the Board about the Adams County Visitors' Guide publication and how the distribution process is handled throughout the state. Discussion was held regarding tourism efforts throughout the county. Board consensus authorized continued support of the publication in the amount of \$6,000 in the 2018 budget.

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Public Works

Public Works Director O'Brien reported on the maintenance of roads for harvest. Updates were provided on fairgrounds; solid waste operations; and, miscellaneous projects at the public services building and courthouse.

Discussion was held regarding the process for a citizen to request a speed limit reduction on a county road.

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Levy Lid Lift

Prosecutor Flyckt, Assessor Brewer and Auditor Hunt met with the Board to review a *draft* resolution proposing a property tax levy lift for Adams County.

The proposal for an increase to the County Road regular property tax levy is to provide additional funding for the County Road Department for continued maintenance, repairs and improvement of the county roads in Adams County. The existing regular property tax levy of \$1.30 per \$1,000 of assessed value is below the statutory rate of \$2.25 per \$1,000 of assessed value. If voter approved, the proposition would authorize the District to levy regular property taxes in 2018 at the rate of \$2.25 per \$1,000 of assessed value. The maximum allowable levy under RCW 84.55 levied for collection in 2018 will be used for the purpose of computing the limitations on subsequent levies in subsequent years.

The Clerk was directed to property format the resolution and present to the Board for action.

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Recess @ 12:15

Reconvene @ 1:15 p.m.

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Building and Planning

Interim Director Unruh presented a contract between the Washington State Conservation Commission and Adams County regarding continued Planning and Implementation of the Voluntary Stewardship Program (VSP).

No action was taken pending further review of the contract.

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Othello District Court Agreement

A review of the Interlocal Agreement between the City of Othello and Adams County regarding RCW 39.34.180 was conducted on July 26, 2017 pursuant to Section 4.3 (D) of the Agreement, dated January 18, 2011.

Marijuana Moratorium Renewal

A public hearing is set for August 14, 2017 at 11:00 a.m. in Room 202 of the Adams County Courthouse, Ritzville, for consideration of renewing the moratorium currently in effect.

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Resolution No. R-038-2017

Commissioner Stevens moved, Marshall seconded to *approve Resolution No. R-038-2107 In the Matter of Authorizing a Proposition to Increase the Adams County Road Property Tax. Motion carried.*

Commissioner Hartwig noted the county has not been collecting the statutory maximum and, in doing so, will assist in providing required services to the county. Commissioner Stevens voiced his support stating that by increasing the levy, the County Road tax would be back to the maximum allowable that was collected for many years; and, due to an error that happened in a Department of Revenue ruling, the ability for growth was stopped and it has actually eroded backward over a number of years. Commissioner Marshall reflected on the severe damage to county roads this spring, noting this is an allowable percentage that we simply have not been collecting.

Public Health Program

Commissioner Marshall moved, Stevens seconded, to *authorize the Chairman to sign Contract No. K751, Amendment No. 3, between Washington State Health Care Authority (HCA) and Adams County Health Department for an increase of \$12,310 for a total contract award of \$100,750 for the period 7/1/2017 through 12/31/2017.* **Motion carried.**

(Represents a resigning and replacement of Contract No. K751, Amendment No. 2, signed on 7/12/2017; maximum consideration is increased from \$9,875 to \$12,310; continue to provide ABCD Access to Baby and Child Dentistry services in the County).

Consent Agenda

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

Preliminary minutes of July 24 and 26, 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	172684 – 172721	\$ 91,097.85
103	172722 – 172724	\$ 429.24
104	172725 – 172732	\$ 15,866.94
109	172733	\$ 689.61
116	172734	\$ 40.62
117	172735	\$ 450.45
123	172736	\$ 1,875.00
502	172737	\$ 118.42
108	001925 – 001926	\$ 65.75
115	001927 – 001936	\$219,058.97

401	001937 – 001942	\$ 5,479.82
501	001943 – 001944	\$ 104.48
590	001945 – 001974	\$ 34,744.68
	TOTAL	\$370,021.83

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Permanent Minutes Signed

July 17 and 19, 2017

Correspondence Received

Treasurer Danekas re: County owned properties subject to 2018 weed and irrigation assessments in compliance with RCW 36.33.160

Adjournment @ 4:00 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

RESOLUTION NO. R-038-2017

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

IN THE MATTER OF AUTHORIZING A PROPOSITION TO INCREASE THE ADAMS COUNTY ROAD PROPERTY TAX

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners has determined it is essential and necessary for the continued maintenance, repairs, and improvement of the Adams County roads that the County provide additional funds for the County Road Department; and,

WHEREAS, the Commission has determined the revenues that will be available to the County Road Department from its existing regular property tax levy will be insufficient to provide for the continued maintenance, repairs, and improvements of county roads, and therefore determined that it is in the interest of the County and its citizens to submit a levy lid lift proposition to the voters for their approval or rejection. This proposition, if

approved, would authorize the District to levy regular property taxes in 2018 at the rate of \$2.25 per \$1,000 of assessed value; and,

WHEREAS, the dollar amount of the maximum allowable levy under RCW 84.55 levied for collection in 2018 shall be used for the purpose of computing the limitations on subsequent levies, in subsequent years, under said Section; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Adams County Board of Commissioners does hereby authorize the Clerk of the Board to certify a copy of this resolution to the Adams County Auditor no later than August 1, 2017, and to perform such other duties as may be necessary or required by law to place the proposition described herein on the ballot at the election to be held on November 7, 2017; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Adams County Board of Commissioners does hereby request that the Auditor, as ex officio supervisor of all elections, call and conduct an election in the unincorporated precincts in the County, in the manner provided by law, to be held on the date identified herein, for the purpose of submitting to the voters of the County a proposition in substantially the following form:

Adams County
Proposition No. 1

Adams County Road
Property Tax Levy Lid Lift

The Adams County Board of Commissioners adopted Resolution No. R-038-2017 proposing an increase in the County Road regular property tax levy. If approved, this proposition would provide funding for the continued maintenance, repairs, and improvement of the county roads in Adams County. It authorizes a maximum regular property tax levy rate in 2018 of \$2.25 per \$1,000 of assessed value, and the use of the 2018 rate to calculate the levy limit in subsequent years.

Should this proposition be: _____ Approved

_____ Rejected

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Adams County Board of Commissioners does hereby direct the County Prosecuting Attorney to prepare a Ballot Title, as provided by law, in substantially the same format as set forth above.

DATED this 31st day of July, 2017.

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

ATTEST:
s/Patricia J. Phillips
Clerk of the Board