

COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS

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

January 24, 2018
(Wednesday)

Call to Order @ 9:00 a.m.

Present:

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

Portions of today's meeting were relocated to the conference room due to a conflicting schedule with Adams County District Court, Position 2.

Building and Planning

The Board met with Interim Building and Planning Director Tim Unruh to discuss the hiring of a permanent Director. Loren Wiltse was hired to the position and will assume those duties February 5, 2018. The Board expressed appreciation to Mr. Unruh while serving in the capacity of Interim Director.

Economic Development

Economic Development Director McFadden cancelled his scheduled appointment.

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Integrated Health Care Services

Integrated Health Care Services Director Vicki Guse and Environmental Health Director Timm Taff met with the Board to discuss citizen concerns with the permitting process and resolution of the matter.

Additionally present were Gary and Valerie Hunt, Human Resources; and Prosecutor Flyckt.

In following up with citizen complaints, Director Taff stated the issue seems to be more of frustration of not knowing how the process works.

Informational materials for permittees was suggested as well as an initial meeting between all parties in the process.

Director Taff will prepare a plan for the department to following during the permitting process for presentation to the Board for review.

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New Hope – Domestic Violence Services

New Hope Director Suzi Fode, and advocate Becky Garcia; along with Grant County Commissioner Cindy Carter met with the Board to discuss Domestic Violence issues in Adams County.

In meeting with the Board, the group requested the following:

- Consortium meeting representation, noting the goal of bringing agencies together to discuss struggles;
- Office space in Ritzville, noting dedicated office space is necessary in Adams County, specifically in Ritzville. The group currently has office space available in Othello, however, a dedicated location is favorable. Because this is crisis work, there is no set schedule.
- Video conference ability with Superior Court Judge, noting the process of appearing before a judge in Adams County is very different than in other counties. The ability to video conference for protection hearings is beneficial to the parties involved.

Fode reported there were over 1,000 after hour domestic violence calls in Adams County in 2017.

The Board will consider attending consortium meetings as their schedules allow as well as looking at various locations for office space. Video conferencing will be at the discretion of the judge.

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Union Negotiations

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 began at 12:00 p.m. to last thirty (30) minutes. Fifteen (15) additional minutes was called at 12:30 p.m. Fifteen (15) additional minutes was called at 12:45 p.m. Session ended at 1:00 p.m.

Present were Prosecutor Flyckt; Gary and Valerie Hunt, Human Resources; and Thaddeus O'Sullivan, Special Deputy Prosecuting Attorney, pursuant to RCW 36.27.040. Additionally present telephonically was Attorney Brian Werst.

Adjournment @ 1:15 p.m.

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

Edited and Approved:

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