

COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS

Regular Meeting
Adams County Public Services Building
Othello, Washington

August 8, 2018
(Wednesday)

Call to Order @ 9:00 a.m.

Present:

Chairman John N. Marshall
Vice-Chairman Roger L. Hartwig
Commissioner Terrance J. Thompson

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Integrated Health Care Services

Dr. Alex Brzezny, Adams County Health Officer, presented 2018 County Health Rankings for Washington counties. The report compares counties in indicators of public health. Dr. Brzezny also updated the Board on public health issues currently affecting Adams County.

Environmental Health Director Timm Taff provided a brief update on current departmental activities.

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Emergency Management

Director Jay Weise provided a report on the recent Saddle Mountain fire, noting the origin of the fire appeared to be a truck with mechanical issues. The fire burned approximately 1800 acres with no structures lost.

In other business, Weise noted the cooling units at the Othello tower site are not working properly. A quote of \$1,500 for replacing the monitor was received from Day Wireless. Weise will conduct additional research prior to taking action.

The console project was discussed with Weise clarifying several issues regarding the suggested equipment, noting Motorola equipment is compatible with current equipment as well as an approved vendor in the area to service any equipment issues. Weise will forward finalized paperwork for Board review.

Weise reported on a training offered on September 26, 2018 in the Tri-Cities regarding radiological recovery training. The Board was invited to attend.

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Sheriff's Department

Sheriff Wagner met to discuss the civil deputy and administrative assistant position reclassification.

Commissioner Marshall moved, Thompson seconded, to *approve the reclassification of the Civil Deputy position from the Adams County 8-hour non-union salary schedule to EE1 on Adams County Exempt Employee Salary Schedule, and authorize the new hire be placed at EE1, Step 1, on the Adams County Exempt Employee Salary Schedule, effective immediately.* **Motion carried.**

Commissioner Marshall moved, Thompson seconded, to *reclassify the Administrative Assistant position from the Adams County 8-hour non-union salary schedule to EE1, Step 2, on the Adams County Exempt Employee Salary Schedule. Vote was 2-1 against.* **Motion failed.**

Sheriff Wagner requested the ability to allow the Public Works Department to use a backhoe acquired by the Sheriff's Department through the property seizure process of a drug bust. Commissioner Marshall will discuss the matter with the Public Works Department prior to taking action.

In other business, Sheriff Wagner requested and received by **consensus authorization to purchase the following items for the sheriff command vehicle: two (2) 10 X 20 collapsible canopies @ \$2,000; decals @ \$2,000; emergency light @ \$5,000; three (3) monitors and mounts @ \$2,000; IP communication equipment @ \$4,000; office equipment @ \$2,000 for a total of \$17,000 to be paid from Drug Fund #130.**

Sheriff Wagner requested a live scan for fingerprints be purchased to be utilized at the jail at a cost of \$13,000. The Board will review a funding source on Monday prior to approving the expense.

Sheriff Wagner requested the installation of bathrooms in the holding cells at the Sheriff's substation in Othello be researched. The Board will discuss the matter with the Public Works Department.

Bruce Transfer Station Fire

Sheriff Wagner reported the initial investigation into the Bruce Transfer Station fire has determined that arson was not the cause.

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Correspondence Sent:

Letter to Avista Corp. re: Avista RFP for 50 Average Megawatts of Renewable Energy

Adjournment @ 12:00

Submitted:

s/Patricia J. Phillips

Clerk of the Board

Edited and Approved:

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
ADAMS COUNTY, WASHINGTON
s/John N. Marshall, Chairman
s/Roger L. Hartwig, Vice-Chairman
s/Terrance J. Thompson, Commissioner