

## COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS

Regular Meeting  
Adams County Public Services Building  
Othello, Washington

August 28, 2019  
(Wednesday)

**Call to Order @ 9:00 a.m.**

**Present:**

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

**Economic Development**

Director Stephen McFadden cancelled his scheduled appointment.

**Building and Planning**

Director Wiltse and Assistant Director Lorenz reported on activities in the Building and Planning Department.

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**Citizen Request to Move County Seat to Othello**

Hank Rivard met with the Board to request consideration to relocate the county seat, along with all county offices, from Ritzville to Othello, Washington. Additionally, Rivard proposed a change of the current three member county commission form of government to a home rule charter county form of government. No action was taken on either request.

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**Environmental Health**

Environmental Health Director Timm Taff provided an update on the environmental health program. Grant County has agreed to assist Adams County in coverage for on-site septic system inspections for five (5) hours per week for a period of thirty (30) days. Additionally, Taff presented a proposed policy for food inspection services.

**Integrated Health Care Services**

Integrated Health Care Services Director Guse reported Developmental Disabilities Fund #117 is currently in the negative and needs to be brought current prior to month end. **Guse requested and received consensus authorization for funds to be transferred from Mental Health Fund**

**#104 in the amount of \$5,000 to Developmental Disabilities Fund #117, effective August 28, 2019.** A resolution will be prepared for adoption on Tuesday, September 3, 2019.

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### **Public Works**

Public Works Director O'Brien provided additional information regarding three graders purchased in 2012, all being eligible for a guaranteed buy-back from Pape Machinery through August 30, 2019. O'Brien noted the graders are completely paid for and it was his department's intention to continue their use. Recently, the graders have experienced issues and O'Brien now feels it is in the best interest of the county to utilize the buy-back program offered through Pape Machinery. O'Brien further noted the bid process utilized in April, 2019 is still in effect.

Based on the recommendation of the Public Works Department Commissioner Hartwig moved, Thompson seconded, to *authorize Public Works Director O'Brien to exercise the buy-back option on three (3) 2012 Motor Graders, Model John Deer 770GP, originally purchased from Rowan Machinery Company, now Pape Machinery, in the amount of \$165,000 for each machine.* **Motion carried.**

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### **Adjournment @ 12:00**

Submitted:  
s/Patricia J. Phillips, CMC  
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