

## COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS

Regular Meeting  
Adams County Public Services Building  
Othello, Washington

September 25, 2019  
(Wednesday)

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

**Present:**

Vice-Chairman Roger L. Hartwig  
Commissioner Terrance J. Thompson

**Absent:**

Chairman John N. Marshall

[9:02:35 AM](#)

**Emergency Ordinance No. O-01-2019**

Green2GoTokio business owner Steve Lee, requested a comment period whereby he discussed recently adopted Emergency Ordinance No. O-01-2019. Lee reported that he consulted with Building and Planning Director Wiltse regarding an intent for him to purchase property outside of Othello to house a retail marijuana sale outlet. Lee stated that, pending the closing of a property he is scheduled to purchase, he was notified by Wiltse that an emergency ordinance had been passed and the proposed property site was not eligible for a marijuana retail sale outlet.

Director Wiltse advised that, after consulting with Adams County Planning Commission Chairman Bob Carlson; and, the Board of Commissioners, both parties affirmed that it was their intent for buffer zones to apply to sales also and was inadvertently omitted in Ordinance No. O-01-2018. RCW 36.70A.390 allows the Board to adopt an emergency moratorium in the interest of ensuring the public's health, safety, and general welfare regarding the siting of licensed recreational and medical marijuana sales and outlet retailers in unincorporated Adams County.

Commissioner Hartwig noted additional research will be conducted with hearings scheduled for public comment on the matter.

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### **Budget Workshop – Emergency Management**

Emergency Management Coordinator Weise reviewed the proposed 2020 budget for Fund #106 noting the ongoing purchase of radios identified as a capital expense purchase of \$4,622. Posse expenses were reviewed.

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### **Emergency Management**

Commissioner Thompson moved, Hartwig seconded, to *authorize the Vice-Chairman to sign Hazard Mitigation Grant Program Contract #FEMA-DR-4309-12-P, between Washington State Military Department and Adams County, in the amount of \$70,000 (\$52,000 FEMA portion; \$8,750 State Portion; \$8,750 County portion) for the period August 8, 2019 through April 21, 2021, for the purpose of hiring a contractor to produce a Hazard Mitigation Plan.* **Motion carried.**

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### **Building and Planning**

Building and Planning Director Wiltse requested and received Board **consensus authorization to move forward with obtaining necessary paperwork for the lease of a Canon plotter for use in his department.**

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### **Environmental Health**

Environmental Health Director Taff provided an update on departmental activities during the current transition period, noting Grant County's oversight will end this week with Dr. Brzezny working on an extension. Environmental Health is working with the Building and Planning Department to streamline the septic permitting process.

A letter was reviewed from Cobie Hansen, Grant County Septic, regarding the process when applying for a sewage permit in Grant County from a designer perspective. Contractor Rick Kamstra appeared as an industry designer reviewing the different systems and providing input on improving the process.

A proposed ordinance was reviewed that will implement clear communication; a speedier process; and, a better product. The ordinance will be sent to Prosecutor Flyckt for review and, in the interim, the Environmental Health Department will adopt the procedures as in internal policy.

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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

-absent-

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