

COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS

Regular Meeting
Adams County Public Services Building
Othello, Washington

March 11, 2020
(Wednesday)

Call to Order @ 9:00 a.m.

Present:

Vice-Chairman Terrance J. Thompson
Commissioner John N. Marshall

Absent:

Chairman Roger L. Hartwig

[9:00:15: AM](#)

Integrated Health Care Services

Adams County Health Officer Dr. Alexander Brzezny provided updates on the Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19). Areas of discussion included:

- Symptoms of Coronavirus
- Total number of cases globally
- Global cases of Coronavirus per day
- Daily cases in United States and worldwide
- Situation in Washington State (267 cases as of 3/10/2020)
- Preventing a spike in the disease
- Risk assessment – no longer considered low risk
- High risk and priority populations
- Recommendations for the public
- Pandemic Severity Index
- Community Strategies by Pandemic Flu Severity
- Legal authority of health officer to respond to a communicable disease outbreak
- Isolation and quarantine
- Healthcare change in routine
- Healthcare prep assumptions
- Options for community focused information
- School intervention if not significant in children

- School intervention if widespread
- School closures
- Options for community information – recommended mitigation strategies
- Use or non-use of a face mask
- Issues/consideration for implementation
- Community-wide mobilization.

Dr. Brzezny was available to answer questions from those attending the meeting. Emergency Management Director Weise noted the purpose of the presentation is for representatives to return to entities and make decisions based on good information.

Dr. Brzezny issued a recommendation to cancel the Sandhill Crane Festival planned for March 20, 21 and 22, 2020 in Othello, noting the decision is up to the Festival Board, however, he would be willing to sign an order of cancellation, if needed.

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Emergency Management

Public Works Director O'Brien reported that the commercial building at the Adams County Fairgrounds is being rented March 14, 2020 and requested guidance on cancellation of the event. The Board noted the event should proceed as planned with future events being considered for cancellation based on additional information.

Director Weise recommended essential travel only for county personnel.

Precautions were discussed with ideas on how to effectively communicate with the public.

Emergency Management HSGP17 Grant

Commissioner Marshall moved, Thompson seconded, to *authorize the Vice-Chairman to sign Contract #E18-163, Homeland Security Grant, Amendment B, between Spokane County and Adams County extending the contract date to June 15, 2020.* **Motion carried.**

Commissioner Vice-Chairman Thompson signed Director Weise's payroll certifications.

[11:51:22 AM](#)

Adjournment @ 12:00

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

Edited and Approved:

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
ADAMS COUNTY, WASHINGTON

-absent-

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