

COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS

Regular Meeting Adams County Public Services Building Othello, Washington

July 22, 2020

(Wednesday)

Call to Order @ 9:00 a.m.

Present:

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

*The meeting was relocated to the conference room due to a court docket.
The meeting was not recorded.*

Economic Development

Economic Development Director McFadden reviewed the following:

- Avista Utilities has released a RFP for renewable energy projects with multiple projects to be selected in the categories of wind, solar, geothermal, hydro, and bio-mass;
- Rattlesnake Flat project, noting there has been a delay in shipping of construction components due to the COVID-19 pandemic;
- McCain's expansion project is delayed with a new completion date of November, 2021;
- CARES Act funding, McFadden reviewed a need for a portion of that funding be allocated to the support of small businesses as well as non-profit organizations, through Adams County Development Corporation, in Adams County;
- Washington State Department of Health has awarded a grant of \$15,000 for Adams County to develop public service announcements in English and Spanish languages, with corresponding materials, regarding social distancing and masking.

Liberty State Movement

Dani Bolyard met with the Board to bring forth her intent to bring a public petition, signed by residents in Adams County, in an effort to create a new state from Washington State based upon political and geographic lines. Informational materials were included with the petition. Ms. Bolyard requested the Board submit the advisory vote question to the Adams

County elections office by the August 4, 2020 deadline for inclusion on the November ballot. No action was taken pending further consideration.

Othello Community Fair

President Anthony Dailey, Othello Community Fair, notified the Board that the Othello Fair Association will decide on whether the 2020 fair will be held as scheduled, or cancelled, at their next Board meeting with an announcement of their decision to be made publicly on August 5, 2020.

Dailey discussed future improvements to the fairgrounds. Additionally, Dailey reviewed his prior request for the county to enter into a five year contract with the fair board with the following terms:

- \$15,000 annual rent for a period of five years;
- \$150,000 in improvements guaranteed to be made by the fair board over a five year period;
- A damage deposit to be submitted with the annual rental fee.

Mr. Dailey will review the above terms with the fair board and, if accepted, will notify the board to request the process of having a five year contract drawn up.

Adjournment @ 11:45 a.m.

Submitted:

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

Edited and Approved:

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