

COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS

Regular Meeting
Adams County Courthouse
Ritzville, Washington

August 5, 2020
(Wednesday)

Call to Order @ 9:00 a.m.

Present:

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

There were no scheduled appointments. The Board discussed various county matters while in session.

[11:16:23 AM](#)

Resolution No. R-046-2020

Commissioner Marshall moved, Thompson seconded, to *approve Resolution No. R-046-2020 In the Matter of Extending the Closing of County Facilities for All Non-Emergent Business and Visits, Directing That County Department Heads Under the Administration of the Board of County Commissioners Reduce Staff to Essential Operating Positions and Consider Such Options as Telecommuting and Working From Home so as to Limit Individual Exposure; Making Similar Recommendations to the Elected Officials of Adams County and to the Courts of Adams County; and, Rescinding Resolution No. R-044-2020.* Motion carried.

[11:19:52 AM](#)

Adjournment @ 12:00

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

RESOLUTION NO. R-046-2020

IN THE MATTER OF EXTENDING THE CLOSING OF COUNTY FACILITIES FOR ALL NON-EMERGENT BUSINESS AND VISITS, DIRECTING THAT COUNTY DEPARTMENT HEADS UNDER THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS REDUCE STAFF TO ESSENTIAL OPERATING POSITIONS AND CONSIDER OPTIONS SUCH AS TELECOMMUTING AND WORKING FROM HOME SO AS TO LIMIT INDIVIDUAL EXPOSURE; MAKING SIMILAR RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE ELECTED OFFICIALS OF ADAMS COUNTY AND TO THE COURTS OF ADAMS COUNTY; AND, RESCINDING RESOLUTION NO. R-044-2020

WHEREAS, the Adams County Board of Commissioners have adopted a resolution declaring an emergency for the COVID-19 pandemic response; and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. R-019-2020 was adopted March 16, 2020 ordering the closure of county facilities, for a minimum of fourteen (14) days, for all non-emergent business and visits, directing the county department heads under the Administration of the Board of County Commissioners reduce staff to essential operating positions and consider options such as telecommuting and working from home so as to limit individual exposure and making similar recommendations to the elected officials of Adams County and to the Courts of Adams County; and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. R-020-2020 was adopted March 30, 2020 extending the closing of county facilities; and Resolution No. R-027-2020 was adopted April 27, 2020 further extending the closing of county facilities; and, Resolution No. R-029-2020 was adopted May 15, 2020 further extending the closing of county facilities; and, Resolution No. R-031-2020 was adopted May 26, 2020 further extending the closing of county facilities; and Resolution No. R-033 was adopted June 15, 2020 further extending the closing of county facilities; and Resolution No. R-039-2020 further extending the closing of county facilities; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the recommendations of the Adams County Health Officer and having considered the comments and concerns of elected officials and department heads, the Adams County Commissioners, in an effort to protect the health and safety of the public and reduce the possible exposure to COVID-19, deem it necessary to extend the closure through the close of business on August 31, 2020.

THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Adams County Board of Commissioners:

1. All department heads under the administration of the Board of County Commissioners are directed to have all non-essential employees to remain at home, or perform work from home, and to operate on reduced hours.
2. Recommends that all Adams County elected officials, including courts, employ measures similar to those directed of department heads.
3. This order shall be deemed effective August 5, 2020, and shall remain in effect through August 31, 2020, or until further order of the BOCC.
4. All employees affected by this emergency resolution will continue to be paid in accordance with their existing salary classifications.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Resolution No. R-044-2020 is hereby rescinded.

DATED this 5th day of August, 2020.

ATTEST:

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

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

Approved as to form:
s/Randy J. Flyckt, Prosecutor
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