

COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS

Adams County Courthouse
Ritzville, Washington
Regular Meeting

August 24, 2020
(Monday)

Call to Order @ 8:30 a.m.

Present:

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

The meeting was held virtually via GoToMeeting.

Meeting Cancellation

The regular meeting scheduled for Wednesday, August 26, 2020 is cancelled. Press will be notified.

[9:00:01 AM](#)

Economic Development

Economic Development Director McFadden reviewed the impact of COVID-19 on small businesses in Adams County and avenues the county may potentially assist businesses that have suffered as a result of the pandemic. McFadden noted a written plan on how small business and non-profits are to be serviced with the amount of monies that will be assigned will be forthcoming. McFadden provided an update on the current COVID-19 video messaging project.

Additionally, Director McFadden reported that he was selected to participate in a training to become a peer facilitator for small business groups. Training was completed on-line with an exam this evening to allow McFadden to be endorsed as a certified peer facilitator for a program called Peerspectives, which is trademarked by the Edward Lowe foundation and the state Department of Commerce.

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Public Works

Public Works Director O'Brien provided updates on routine gravel road maintenance; solid waste; facilities; and, fairgrounds.

County Road Administration Board – Rural Arterial Program

Commissioner Marshall moved, Thompson seconded, to *approve and authorize the Chairman to sign the following documents:*

- *State of Washington – County Road Administration Board Rural Arterial Program Final Prospectus for Schoonover Road Project for the 2021-2023 Biennium; and,*
- *State of Washington – County Road Administration Board Rural Arterial Program Final Prospectus for Herman Road #2 Project for the 2021-2023 Biennium.*

Motion carried.

Engineering

Assistant Public Works Director Reynolds reported on the progress of Atkinson Road; Booker Road; and, Cunningham Road projects.

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Recess @ 11:25 a.m.

Reconvene @ 1:00 p.m.

[1:21:39 PM](#)

COVID-19 Outbreak Emergency Housing

Commissioner Marshall moved, Thompson seconded, to *authorize the Chairman to sign Contract No 316-46108-94, Amendment A, between Washington State Department of Commerce, Community Services and Housing Division, Housing Assistance Unit, and Adams County to extend the grant date to provide funding to Adams County to respond to the COVID-19 outbreak related to public health needs of people experiencing homelessness or otherwise in need of quarantine or isolation housing due to the COVID-19 outbreak, for the period October 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020. Motion carried.* (No changes to original agreement other than extending the end date.)

Othello Solar Energy Project

The Board reviewed a letter to Avista Corporation encouraging Avista to select the 100 MW Othello Solar Energy Project for the new phase of renewable energy development. The Board provided consensus authorization for said letter to be forwarded to Avista Corporation.

Consent Agenda

Commissioner Thompson moved, Marshall seconded, to *approve the Consent Agenda. Motion carried.*

Preliminary minutes of August 17, 2020

Vouchers audited and certified by the Adams County Auditor as required by RCW 42.24.080, and those expense reimbursement claims certified as required by RCW 42.24.090 and recorded on a listing, which was made available to the Board. These vouchers were listed as follows:

<u>Fund</u>	<u>Control Number</u>	<u>Amount</u>
001	2513 – 2552	\$ 16,346.09
0013	2553 – 2557	\$ 1,221.05
103	2558 – 2562	\$ 989.05
130	2563	\$ 222.00
131	2564	\$ 4,200.81
166	2565	\$ 16,000.00
502	2566 – 2567	\$ 971.28
108	1151	\$ 1,220.82
115	1152 – 1156	\$ 53,098.19
321	1157	\$ 3,408.73
401	1158 – 1162	\$ 96,541.99
501	1163 – 1165	\$ 369.33
590	1166 – 1182	\$ 47,535.45
	TOTAL	\$242,124.79

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Executive Session

At 1:30 p.m. the Board entered in to Executive Session to last forty-five (45) minutes under RCW 42.30.110(1)(g) – “To evaluate the qualifications of an applicant for public employment or to review the performance of a public employee.” Present were Prosecutor Flyckt; Deputy Civil Attorney Barden; and, Human Resource Manager Perez.

At 1:52 p.m. the Board reconvened from Executive Session. No action taken.

Executive Session

At 2:00 p.m. the Board called for an Executive Session to last fifteen (15) minutes under RCW 42.30.110(1)(i) – “...to discuss with legal counsel representing the agency litigation or potential litigation...”. Present were Prosecutor Flyckt; Deputy Civil Attorney Barden; and, Human Resource Manager Perez.

At 2:15 p.m. the Board reconvened from Executive Session. No action taken.

Columbia Basin Development League

The Board, by consensus, authorized affixing their signatures to a letter from the Columbia Basin Development League (CBDL) to the Honorable Richard Shelby; and the Honorable Patrick Leahy, members of the

Appropriations Committee, requesting funding for the Odessa Ground Water Replacement Program (OGWRP).

Permanent Minutes Signed

August 10 and 12, 2020

Correspondence Sent

Dennis Vermillion, President and CEO, Avista Corporation re:
Letter of Support for Othello Solar Energy Project

Adjournment @ 2:30 p.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