

## COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS

Regular Meeting  
Adams County Public Services Building  
Othello, Washington

October 14, 2020  
(Wednesday)

*The meeting was held virtually via GoToMeeting.*

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

**Present:**

Chairman Roger L. Hartwig  
Commissioner John N. Marshall

**Absent:**

Vice-Chairman Terrance J. Thompson

[9:04:43 AM](#)

**Integrated Health Care Services**

Dr. Brzezny, Adams County Health Officer, provided an update of COVID-19 statistics noting Adams County health care systems are not overwhelmed at this time.

Dr. Brzezny reported the Department of Labor and Industries has developed protocols for schools in order to operate noting with the reopening of schools and outbreaks linked to schools, there is a possibility that schools will again be closed.

Additionally, Dr. Brzezny noted COVID-19 cases will increase going in to the winter months with very little distinction between flu symptoms and COVID-19 symptoms. As such, testing will continue to be important.

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**Budget Workshop – Adams County District Court, Position No. 2**

Judge Benzel, along with Administrative Assistant Melo and Probation Officer/Manager Martinez, reviewed Fund #001/016 and #001/017. An entry level clerk position was requested for District Court; no capital outlay expenses were identified.

Judge Benzel noted no major changes in the probation department budget. A capital outlay item was identified (desk) in the amount of \$1,000.

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**Adams County District Court, Position No. 2**

Judge Benzel reviewed the security needs of the court presenting a proposed Court Security Officer job description. Public Works Director O'Brien reported he will check on CAMTEK's schedule for installation of cameras and duress buttons.

The recording system was discussed. Quotes are being obtained with another vendor providing a demonstration next week.

A courtroom security committee will be formed with meetings to be held quarterly to review security needs of the courts in Adams County.

[11:39:00 AM](#)

**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  
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Terrance J. Thompson, Vice-Chairman  
s/John N. Marshall, Commissioner