

COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS

**Regular Meeting
Adams County Courthouse
Ritzville, Washington**

January 13, 2021
(Wednesday)

The meeting was held virtually via GoToMeeting.

Call to Order @ 9:00 a.m.

Present:

Chairman Dan C. Blankenship
Vice-Chairman Terrance J. Thompson
Commissioner Jay R. Weise

Integrated Health Care Services

Dr. Brzezny, Adams County Health Officer, provided current updates regarding COVID-19. Dr. Brzezny provided information on the laws governing public health as Health Officer and for the Commissioners in their capacity as the Board of Health.

Dr. Brzezny's agenda included COVID-19 statistics relating to the current situation in the United States, Washington State, and Adams County; vaccine update in terms of trends and priorities; and, the regional Roadmap to Recovery plan dictated by Governor Inslee. Adams County is in the eastern region with the entire state now in Phase 1. To move forward to Phase 2, the following four metrics must be met:

- Decreasing trend in two-week rate of COVID-19 cases per 100,000 population (decrease >10%);
- Decreasing trend in two-week rate new COVID-19 hospital admission rates per 100,000 population (decrease >10%);
- ICU occupancy (total – COVID-19 and non-COVID-19) of less than 90%; and
- COVID-19 test positivity rate of <10%.

Dr. Brzezny requested the commissioners, acting as the Board of Health, consider passing a resolution supporting and recommending health care

workers and first responders in Adams County, hesitant to receive the COVID-19 vaccine, do so now.

Environmental Health Director Taff introduced newly hired Environmental Health Specialist, Francisco Flores.

Board Reorganization

Commissioner Weise moved, Thompson seconded, to *confirm Dan Blankenship to serve as 2021 Chairman; and, Terrance J. Thompson to serve as 2021 Vice-Chairman.* **Motion carried.**

Board Assignments

Based on the Boards' review of special assignments for 2021, Commissioner Thompson moved, Weise seconded, to *confirm the following County related commissioner meeting/group assignments:*

Thompson: Aging and Adult Care, LEOFF, P.A.I.D., Adams County Development Council (ACDC), Columbia Basin Development League, JTPA-PIC (SkillSource), Legislative Alternate

Weise: Martin Hall, Solid Waste Advisory Committee, Emergency Food and Shelter Board, Courthouse O&M, Emergency Services, Aging and Adult Care Alternate, Eastern Washington Council of Governments Alternate, Legislative Alternate

Blankenship: QuadCo RTPO, Legislative Steering Committee, Eastern Washington Council of Governments, Columbia River Policy Advisory Group, Spokane Regional Support Network, P.A.I.D. Alternate, Martin Hall Alternate. **Motion carried.**

Martin Hall

Commissioner Thompson moved, Weise seconded, to *appoint Jay R. Weise to the Martin Hall Consortium Board of Directors to fill the unexpired term of Roger L. Hartwig, effective January 4, 2021 through May 31, 2021.* **Motion carried.**

Canvassing Board

Dan C. Blankenship will serve on the Canvassing Board for the February 9, 2021 Special Election for the time frame of January 20, 2021 through February 19, 2021.

[11:00:15 AM](#)

Court Recording Presentation

Judge Benzel requested a meeting to discuss the need for an updated recording system in her court. Superior Court Administrator Catherine

Sloan was present and expressed concern for the system in Superior Court as well. All of the courts are currently using the FTR system. Central Services Director Boness noted it was best to have all systems on board, under the same umbrella. They are separate hardware but tie into the same server with all files located in one spot.

Commissioner Weise noted the first step is to prepare a checklist of what each court needs to compile information in order to submit for proposals. The courts will provide the information requested in order to move forward.

[11:29:30 AM](#)

Commissioner Meetings

Pursuant to RCW 36.32.080, commissioner regular meetings held at the County Services Building, Othello, will now be held once per quarter. A resolution will be prepared for adoption listing the meeting dates and published thereafter.

Voucher Approval

Commissioner Thompson moved, Weise seconded, to approve 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. Vouchers were listed as follows:

<u>Fund</u>	<u>Control Number</u>	<u>Amount</u>
001	4100	\$ 444.50
108	1857	\$ 2,492.50
115	1858	\$ 97,456.34
401	1859	\$ 44,276.00
590	1860	\$ 1,294.75
	TOTAL	\$145,964.09

Motion carried.

Adjournment @ 12:04 p.m.

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

Edited and Approved:

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
ADAMS COUNTY, WASHINGTON
S/Dan C. Blankenship, Chairman
S/Terrance J. Thompson, Vice-Chairman
S/Jay R. Weise, Commissioner