

## COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS

### Adams County Courthouse Ritzville, Washington Regular Meeting

February 1, 2021  
(Monday)

*The meeting was held virtually via GoToMeeting.*

#### **Call to Order @ 8:30 a.m.**

#### **Present:**

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

#### **Emergency Management**

Commissioner Weise reviewed Contract SCEM-2011/E21-086 between Spokane County Emergency Management and Adams County to fund emergency management salaries, travel and projects.

Commissioner Thompson moved, Weise seconded, to *authorize the Chairman to sign Contract SCEM-2011/E21-086, in the amount of \$24,134.00 between Spokane County Emergency Management and Adams County in Conjunction with FY2020 Homeland Security Grant Program for the contract period ending December 31, 2022 plus additional related documents – Debarment Form; and, Signature Authorization Form (full Board).* **Motion carried.**

#### **Uncollectable Personal Property Taxes per RCW 84.56.240**

Treasurer Meise filed per RCW 84.56.240 a list of personal property taxes which are uncollectible by distress or otherwise.

#### **Refunds per RCW 84.69.020**

Treasurer Meise filed, pursuant to RCW 94.69.020, a report to the county legislative authority a list of all refunds made under this section.

#### **Public Works**

Public Works Director O'Brien provided the weekly maintenance update, noting with the mild weather crews are clearing ditches and culverts; and, rock raking gravel roads. Scheduling for the maintenance program is

underway with O'Brien providing a review of problem weeds and the measures taken to control the same. Additionally, O'Brien reviewed the criteria for maintenance of primitive roads.

Engineer Yaeger provided updates on the Lind-Hatton No. 5 project; the Booker Road/SR26 Intersection Safety project; and, miscellaneous upcoming projects.

The Board reported receiving a letter from Kathy Oswalt with a request to move Griffith Road. Engineer Yaeger provided background information on the request and will forward related documents to the Board from his file.

### **Integrated Health Care Services**

Integrated Health Care Services Director Guse requested authorization to fill an Administrative Assistant position and a Mental Health Professional (WISe program) position in her department, noting both positions were vacated by staff filling additional open positions. Additionally, Guse requested a reclassification of the WISe program position salary placement prior to recruiting. Guse will forward both job descriptions for the above positions, outlining job description modifications.

Director Guse reported that Dr. Peterson has expressed his desire to retire this year. Guse is researching options for a replacement.

A discussion was held regarding the idea of imposing regional health authorities under a governor appointed director. If time allows, the proposal will be discussed during the session with Dr. Brzezny on Wednesday.

### **Executive Session**

At 11:27 a.m. Chairman Blankenship announced the Board would recess into Executive Session for twenty (20) minutes under RCW 42.30.110(1)(i) – "...to discuss with legal counsel representing the agency litigation or potential litigation...". Present were Prosecuting Attorney Flyckt and Civil Deputy Prosecuting Attorney Barden.

At 11:47 a.m. the Board reconvened from Executive Session. No action taken.

**Recess @ 12:00**

**Reconvene @ 1:00 p.m.**

### **Public Hearing**

It being the time of 1:30 p.m. and the place set for the public hearing to consider the recommendation of approval of the Adams County Planning Commission regarding an application to rezone County Parcel No. 252909210002, Chairman Blankenship convened the public hearing.

Building and Planning Director Wiltse presented the application received from Pintail Properties, LLC, Othello, requesting a zone change to County Parcel No. 252909210002 from Rural Residential (RR) to Residential (R-1). The rezone, if approved, will change approximately 14.5 acres of existing multifamily dwellings from legal non-conforming to conforming status consistent with the Adams County Comprehensive Plan and Zoning.

The Adams County Planning Commission heard the matter during a public hearing on December 10, 2020.

No public comment was provided during today's proceeding.

Chairman Blankenship closed the hearing at 1:43 p.m.

Commissioner Weise moved, Thompson seconded, to *accept the recommendation of the Adams County Planning Commission to rezone County Parcel No. 252909210002 from Rural Residential (RR) to Residential (R-1)*. **Motion carried.**

An Ordinance will be prepared to amend Exhibit B (Zoning Map) and a hearing date set when the paperwork is completed.

### **2021 Addendum to the 2021-2025 Adams County Indigent Defense Contract**

Prosecutor Flyckt reviewed the 2021 Addendum to the 2021-2025 Adams County Indigent Defense Contract. The purpose of the addendum is to amend paragraph 3.A of the contract to correct an error reflecting the agreed upon compensation for the years 2021 through 2025. The paragraph will be amended as follows:

“In consideration for the indigent defense services to be rendered and as set forth in the 2021-2025 Adams County Indigent Defense Contract, Attorneys shall be paid the total sum of four hundred ninety-seven thousand five hundred (\$497,500) dollars for 2021; five hundred ten thousand (\$510,000) dollars for 2022; five hundred twenty-two thousand five hundred (\$522,500) dollars for 2023; five

hundred thirty five thousand (\$535,000) dollars for 2024; and, five hundred forty seven thousand five hundred (\$547,500) dollars for 2025 paid in equal monthly payments at or near the end of each month.”

Commissioner Weise moved, Thompson seconded, to *approve the 2021 Addendum to the 2021-2025 Adams County Indigent Defense Contract.*

**Motion carried.**

### **Sheriff's Department**

Sheriff Wagner and Undersheriff Coronado participated in a presentation with Kyle Hunt and Claudia Mendiola from Axon Enterprise, Inc. Sheriff Wagner reported the department currently does not have bodycams and the Tasers are no longer being supported. The estimated cost of the Tasers, including all-inclusive deployment (cartridges, batteries), over a five (5) year period is approximately \$304,349.00. Included in the price quote are body cams.

The five year fleet cameras are priced at \$202,176.00 over a five year period.

Additionally discussed was evidence storage. Sheriff Wagner noted the impound yard at the Sheriff's substation in Othello is complete and is working well. However, there is a need for additional evidence storage and Wagner would like to begin the process of planning for a building, presenting materials for a rented building as well as the purchase price. None of the items were budgeted for in the 2021 budget.

Sheriff Wagner was asked to prioritize projects and report back to the Board. No action was taken pending additional discussion.

### **Consent Agenda**

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

Preliminary minutes of January 25 and 27, 2021

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	172 – 210	\$ 25,977.98
104	211 – 219	\$ 5,164.58
107	220	\$ 750.00
114	221	\$ 500.00
122	222	\$ 2,627.62
123	223	\$ 1,120.00
166	224	\$ 44.05
108	65	\$ 4,425.34
115	66 – 74	\$ 9,999.12
401	75 – 79	\$ 7,195.34
501	80	\$ 727.03
590	81 – 88	\$ 56,828.87
	TOTAL	\$115,359.93

**Uncollectable Personal Property Taxes per RCW 84.56.240**

Commissioner Weise moved, Thompson seconded, to *approve Resolution No. 010-2021 In the Matter of Cancelling Taxes Assessed Upon Personal Property Pursuant to RCW 84.56.240. Motion carried.*

**Correspondence Received**

Representative Mary Dye re: Support of Mark Booker for ECBID Board Director, Division 1  
Wendy Lange re: Support of Don Osborne for ECBID Board Director, Division 1  
Alice Parker re: Support of Don Osborne for ECBID Board Director, Division 1  
Othello Senior Center Board re: Request for 2021 Adams County Funding Allocation  
Adams County Historical Society re: Request for 2021 Adams County Funding Allocation  
Brandon West, Attorney re: Public Defender Quarterly Report for 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter, 2020  
Kathy Oswalt re: Request to move county road  
John Rylaarsdam, Quincy Columbia Basin Irrigation Board re: Support of Don Osborne for ECBID Board Director, Division 1  
Michele Kiesz re: ECBID Division 1 Board Position

**Adjournment @ 4:30 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

**RESOLUTION NO. R-010-2021**

**ORDER OF BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
ADAMS COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

**IN THE MATTER OF CANCELLING TAXES ASSESSED UPON PERSONAL  
PROPERTY PURSUANT TO RCW 84.56.240**

**WHEREAS**, RCW 84.56.240 directs the County Treasurer to seek cancellation of Personal Property taxes that are uncollectable; and,

**WHEREAS**, after diligent search and inquiry if the County Treasurer is unable to collect the personal taxes, for want of goods or chattels whereupon to levy, the County Treasurer is directed to file with the County legislative authority a list of said taxes and an Affidavit stating the inability to collect them, asking the County legislative authority to cancel said taxes from the County tax rolls as uncollectable; and,

**WHEREAS**, taxes were duly assessed upon the Personal Property shown on the schedule of property appended hereto as **Exhibit A**, which Personal Property taxes are more than four years delinquent, and which assessments were duly extended on the tax rolls of Adams County; and,

**WHEREAS**, attesting to the same and recommending cancellation, in addition to the list hereto as **Exhibit A**, also attached is the Affidavit of the County Treasurer, **Exhibit B**, attesting that the Treasurer has made diligent search to collect said taxes.

**THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED** that the taxes assessed upon the personal property listed on **Exhibit A**, attached hereto, attested by the County Treasurer in **Exhibit B** as uncollectable, are hereby determined to be uncollectable, and such taxes are hereby cancelled from the tax rolls of Adams County pursuant to RCW 84.56.240.

**DATED** this 1st day of February, 2021.

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

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