

## COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS

Adams County Courthouse  
Ritzville, Washington  
Regular Meeting

February 8, 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

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**Juvenile Department**

Administrator Garza, along with staff Priscilla Olascon and Larry Gonzalez, met to provide an overview of juvenile department activities including Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative (JDAI) and the percentage of youth that is served in Washington State; programs developed for youth and families offered through JDAI such as community service; aggression replacement training; strengthening families; electronic monitoring; boy's council and girl's circle; and community truancy boards. Additionally provided under JDAI is training for Adams County leaders; technical assistance, support and information from the JDAI National Network.

Garza noted that juvenile crime per capita is reduced due to the JDAI program with less recidivism. Administrative Assistant Olascon reviewed revenues for the JDAI program.

Garza noted that the pandemic has put certain activities on hold. Additionally noted was an influx of gang affiliation in Othello.

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**Public Works**

Public Works Director O'Brien reviewed a paint stewardship program, through PaintCare, promoted by the Department of Ecology (DOE) for the recycling of architectural latex and oil based paints. Currently, under the Adams County Solid Waste Comprehensive plan, the transfer stations

collect these items free of charge and dispose of them through a LWSFA grant under the Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) program. The stewardship program is available to Adams County. Should Adams County be identified as a drop site, PaintCare will pick up the materials from the county. Additional costs may be necessary to abide by their guidelines. O'Brien noted that if the county does not join when it is available, and choose to collect HHW, the disposal of the architectural latex and oil based paints is no longer eligible for the local solid waste financial assistance grant and the cost will be absorbed by the county.

Additionally, O'Brien reported on staffing at the transfer stations; recycling activities; and, road maintenance, noting snow is expected later in the week.

#### **Vacation of Portions of Streets and Alleys within the Original Town of Ralston**

Engineer Yaeger presented the Preliminary Engineer's Report on the requested vacation of portions of streets and alleys within the Original Town of Ralston, Adams County. The report noted the general condition of the described portion of the streets and alleys is an unopened right of way of various widths with no improvements. The vacation of these streets and alleys does not affect legal access to any of the existing property owners parcels. This right of way is not needed for future county use and the vacation would benefit the general public. A Notice of Hearing will be prepared and presented for approval next week.

#### **Booker Road/SR26 Intersection Safety Project**

Commissioner Weise moved, Thompson seconded, to *authorize the Chairman to sign Updated Supplemental Agreement #1 between Adams County and Century West Engineering for construction engineering services for the Booker Road/SR26 Intersection Safety Project HSIP-A013(007) for an increased amount of \$53,270.71 for a total maximum amount payable of \$100,302.72.* **Motion carried.**

#### **Lind Maintenance Bay and Office Addition**

Public Works Director O'Brien reviewed a proposal from The DOH Associates for preparation of construction documents; and, submittal of a building permit for a fee not to exceed \$7,900, for the Lind maintenance bay and office addition. Additional assistance will be provided on an hourly basis, plus reimbursable expenses. Director O'Brien requested and received **consensus authorization to move forward with the proposal from The DOH Associates, as presented.** Additionally reviewed was the budgeted project funding source.

### **445 Cedar Street**

Director O'Brien presented an analysis of the vacant office suites at 445 Cedar Street. O'Brien requested and received consensus authorization **to move forward with preparing the vacant offices for occupancy**. The Board is scheduled to tour the building on February 24, 2021.

### **Public Services Building**

Director O'Brien reported the Public Services Building was originally designed by The DOH Associates, noting DOH is in a position to prepare a plan for the vacant space in a relatively short period of time. O'Brien requested and received **consensus authorization to move forward with The DOH Associates to provide plans for the remodel of the vacated Public Services Building and Planning suites**.

The roof at the public services building was discussed. Director O'Brien reported he has received quotes for repairs that will be brought before the Board next week with the goal of having the roof repaired by spring.

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### **Jail Update**

Jail Administrator Williams, along with Sheriff Wagner, provided the quarterly jail update noting the number of inmates currently in custody is down due to COVID restrictions.

Additionally discussed was courthouse security precautions during certain hearings and upcoming trials due to the nature of the cases.

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**Recess @ 12:05 p.m.**

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

Commissioner Blankenship updated the Board on topics reviewed during the Legislative Steering Committee meeting held Friday, February 5, 2021.

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### **Consent Agenda**

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

Preliminary minutes of February 1 and 3, 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	231 – 271	\$ 50,015.58
103	272	\$ 600.00
103A	273	\$ 6,594.18
104	274 – 275	\$ 1,750.00
111	276 – 277	\$ 15,500.00
131	278 – 279	\$ 19,239.54
166	280	\$ 750.00
502	281 – 293	\$ 13,737.16
115	89 – 94	\$ 1,770.67
401	95 – 102	\$ 9,882.52
501	103 – 108	\$ 12,774.44
590	109 – 142	\$ 35,527.56
	TOTAL	\$168,141.65

#### **Permanent Minutes Signed**

January 4 and 6, 2021  
January 11 and 13, 2021  
January 19, 2021

#### **Adams County Mosquito Control Board**

Commissioner Weise moved, Thompson seconded, to *re-appoint the following to the Adams County Mosquito Control District:*

- *Dale Wyman, Othello; to a two (2) year term effective April 1, 2021 through March 31, 2023; and*
- *John Marshall, Ritzville; to a two (2) year term effective April 1, 2021 through March 31, 2023. **Motion carried.***

#### **Adams County Citizens' Commission on Salaries for Elected Officials**

Commissioner Weise moved, Thompson seconded, to *re-appoint the following citizens to the Adams County Citizens' Commission on Salaries for Elected Officials:*

- *Heather Clinesmith, Benge, to a four (4) year term effective May 7, 2020 through May 6, 2024;*
- *Michael Anderson, Othello, to a four (4) year term effective May 7, 2019 through May 6, 2023;*
- *Gina Bullis, Othello, to a four (4) year term effective May 7, 2020 through May 6, 2024; and*

- *Maria Quezada, Othello, to a four (4) year term effective May 7, 2020 through May 6, 2024. Motion carried.*

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**Correspondence Received**

Kyle R. Smith, Attorney re: Public Defender Quarterly Report for 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter, 2020

Mark Booker re: East Columbia Basin Irrigation District Director, Division 1, Candidate Interview (w/attachment)

**Adjournment @ 3:13 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