

COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS

Regular Meeting
Adams County Courthouse
Ritzville, Washington

March 10, 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

The Board relocated to the Public Works Conference Room.

Board of Health Update

Dr. Brzezny provided updates on the COVID-19 virus. Additionally, Dr. Brzezny reported hospitalizations and deaths in Washington State are both declining; hospitalizations in eastern Washington are declining; and, Adams County incidence rates are declining.

Dr. Brzezny reviewed the following:

- the B117 variant of the Covid-19 virus has gained a foothold in the United States;
- effectiveness of vaccines;
- total number of Covid-19 vaccine doses distributed as well as vaccine doses administered;
- Adams County population is approximately 12 to 13 percent vaccinated with 8 to 9 percent fully vaccinated;
- CDC recommendations for fully vaccinated people to include less restrictive measures as far as masking and physical distancing;
- Washington State Department of Health is adopting CDC guidance;
- prevention methods for vaccinated vs. non-vaccinated populations; and,
- preliminary guidance for graduations and prom.

Dr. Brzezny reported the emphasis should be on vaccinating as many people as possible, as soon as possible, with additional emphasis on

COVID-proofing our actions and communities within the context of the pandemic; noting it is no longer possible to eradicate COVID-19.

Integrated Health Care Services

Integrated Health Care Services Director Guse requested and received **consensus approval to begin the process to fill the position of Client Care and Housing Coordinator.**

Director Guse reported a resignation letter has been received from Karen Potts, RN, announcing a retirement date of July 31, 2021. The Board provided **consensus authorization to begin the process of filling the position of Public Health Nurse.** Director Guse was urged to work with the Human Resource department when preparing documents to begin the process of replacing positions.

The Board thanked Karen Potts, RN, for her service to Adams County.

The Board relocated back to chambers at 11:03 a.m.

Adjournment @ 11:41 a.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