

COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS

Adams County Courthouse Ritzville, Washington Regular Meeting

March 15, 2021
(Monday)

The meeting was held virtually GoToMeeting.

Call to Order @ 8:30 a.m.

Present:

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

Meeting Cancellation

The regular meeting scheduled for Wednesday, March 31, 2021 is cancelled.

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

Chairman Blankenship convened the public hearing at 10:00 a.m. to consider the vacation of portions of streets and alleys within the Original Town of Ralston as follows:

A strip of land 66 feet in width, known as Adams Street, beginning at a point parallel to the south line of Lot 3, Block 16 thence in a northerly direction following the centerline of said street for approximately 915 feet and ending on the centerline of Second Ave.

A strip of land 66 feet in width, known as Second Avenue, beginning at the eastern R/W line of Adams Street and running easterly along the centerline for 140 feet to the west line of the alley in Blocks 7 & 8.

A strip of land 33 feet in width, known as Second Avenue, beginning at a point on the west line of the alley in Blocks 7 & 8, being the southerly 33 feet of Second Avenue and running easterly along the centerline for 226 feet to the eastern R/W line of Hood Street.

A strip of land 66 feet in width, known as Second Avenue, beginning at a point on the eastern R/W line of Hood Street and running easterly along the centerline for 140 feet to the west line of the alley in Blocks 6 & 9.

A strip of land 33 feet in width, known as Second Avenue, beginning at a point on the west line of the alley in Blocks 6 & 9, being the northerly 33 feet of Second Avenue and running easterly along for 160 feet to the western R/W line of Main Street.

A strip of land 66 feet in width, known as Third Avenue, beginning at a point on the eastern R/W line of Adams Street and running easterly along the centerline for 506 feet to the west line of the alley in Blocks 9 & 14.

A strip of land 66 feet in width, known as Fourth Avenue, beginning at a point on the eastern R/W line of Adams Street and running easterly along the centerline for 300 feet to the western R/W line of Hood Street.

A strip of land 66 feet in width, known as Hood Street, beginning at a point on the northern R/W line of Fourth Avenue and running northerly along the centerline for 666 feet to the southern R/W line of Second Avenue.

A 20 foot wide, 300 foot long alley in the center of Block 6.

A 20 foot wide, 300 foot long alley in the center of Block 8.

A 20 foot wide alley in the center of Block 9 beginning at a point on the northern R/W line of Third Avenue and running northerly for 175 feet to the south line of Lot 14.

A 20 foot wide alley in the center of Block 14 beginning at a point on the northern R/W line of Fourth Avenue and running northerly for 225 feet to the south line of Lot 16.

A 20 foot wide, 300 foot long alley in the center of Block 15.

A 20 foot wide alley in the center of Block 16 beginning at a point on the south line of Lots 1 & 12 and running northerly for 50 feet to the southern R/W line of Fourth Avenue.

Engineer Yaeger provided background information on the petition. Yaeger presented the Final Engineer's Report stating "the general condition of the described portion of the streets and alleys is an unopened right of way

with no improvements. This right of way is not needed for future county use. The vacation would benefit the public in general. It is the recommendation of the County Engineer that said portions of streets and alleys right of ways be vacated and file the cost bill for the vacation proceedings as follows: Publication costs of \$297.50 and recording costs of \$932.00 for total costs incurred of \$1,229.50.”

Requests for clarification of the alleys and streets proposed for vacation were received from Trina Galen, Ralston; and, John Peden, Ralston. No other public comment was received.

Chairman Blankenship closed the public hearing at 10:15 a.m.

Public Works

Public Works Director O’Brien provided the weekly update on the following:

- Road Maintenance – crews are brooming; quotes have been requested for crack seal material.
- ER&R – Director O’Brien scheduled a workshop with the Board for March 24, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. to discuss in-house rental rates.
- Public Services Building – a contractor performed a walk through to view the roof with O’Brien noting additional costs may be incurred.
- Solid Waste – materials over six (6) feet long are being dumped at the transfer station. Director O’Brien noted a desire to initiate an oversize load fee. A pamphlet will be prepared to provide to contractors detailing the new rates.
- Director O’Brien is consulting with Central Services Director Boness to research a viable storage system to provide off site storage service for Public Works software (CAMS).

Engineer Yaeger reported Lind-Hatton Road Project bid opening is scheduled for March 29, 2021; drainage structure inspections are on-going; and, data is being collected on Schoonover Road. Additionally, Yaeger reviewed infrastructure projects data to be submitted to Senator Patty Murray’s office.

Othello Fair Association

Becky Flint, Othello Fair Board President, reported the fair association does not have a desire to take over the fairgrounds on a long term lease, noting a thirty (30) day lease is requested, however, the association would like to contract with a beginning date of May, 2021 rather than September,

2021. Flint reported a contract is being prepared by the association's attorney.

Flint requested permission to take action regarding moles at the fairgrounds, using a non-poisonous solution. Additionally, Flint reported a 4-H group requested to paint a sign on the pig barn as a 4-H project. Chairman Blankenship reported the Public Works Director will need to be consulted prior to the association taking action on either project.

A follow up meeting will be scheduled in the future to further negotiate rental terms.

Recess @ 12:00

Reconvene @ 1:00 p.m.

The Board reviewed various county matters during the afternoon session.

Resolution No. R-014-2021

Commissioner Thompson moved, Weise seconded, to *approve Resolution No. R-014-2021 In the Matter of Transferring Funds from Current Expense Fund #001 to Adams County Building Department Fund #112. Motion carried.*

Resolution No. R-015-2021

Commissioner Thompson moved, Weise seconded, to *approve Resolution No. R-015-2021 In the Matter of Honoring Former Adams County Commissioner William "Bill" Wills. Motion carried.*

Citizens' Commission on Salaries for Elected Officials

Commissioner Thompson moved, Weise seconded, to *appoint Dennis C. Franklin, Ritzville, to fill an unexpired term, effective May 7, 2019 through May 6, 2023. Motion carried.*

Commissioner Thompson moved, Weise seconded, to *appoint Jay B. Wilson, Othello, to fill an unexpired term, effective May 7, 2019 through May 6, 2023. Motion carried.*

Consent Agenda

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

Preliminary minutes of March 8 and 10, 2021

February 16 – 28, 2021 Payroll in the amount of \$459,092.57; and, Benefits in the amount of \$240,472.49 (Warrant # Series 532414-532426; Direct Deposit # Series 66558-66746; Benefit/Deduction # Series 1156885-1156894

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	690 – 718	\$ 12,818.62
0013	719	\$114,164.68
103	720 – 725	\$ 15,141.40
104	726 – 742	\$ 21,798.28
112	743	\$ 207.94
122	744	\$ 47.54
123	745	\$ 657.00
131	746	\$ 4,851.36
166	747 – 755	\$ 2,440.93
115	314 – 322	\$ 3,679.64
401	323 – 330	\$ 12,246.19
501	331 – 341	\$ 7,499.33
590	342 – 364	\$ 30,729.68
	TOTAL	\$226,282.59

Permanent Minutes Signed

March 1 and 3, 2021

Correspondence Received

Adams County Noxious Weed Control Board re: Minutes of February 9, 2021, and Agenda for March 9, 2021

Adjournment @ 2:19 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-014-2021

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

**IN THE MATTER OF TRANSFERRING FUNDS FROM CURRENT EXPENSE FUND
#001 TO ADAMS COUNTY BUILDING DEPARTMENT FUND #112**

WHEREAS, Adams County Building Department Fund #112 was established by the Adams County Board of Commissioners by Resolution No. R-001-2021 on January 4, 2021; and

WHEREAS, the Revised Code of Washington (RCW) 82.02.020 restricts the use of building permit fees to processing of building permit applications, inspecting and reviewing plans and/or preparing detailed (environmental) statements; and

WHEREAS, building permit fees have historically been deposited to Current Expense Fund #001; and,

WHEREAS, building permit fees from prior years deposited to Current Expense Fund #001 remain unspent; and

WHEREAS, in order to account for revenues and expenditures separately, due to the restrictive nature of building permit fee revenue, the balance of unspent building permit revenue fees currently deposited in Current Expense Fund #001 shall be transferred to Adams County Building Department Fund #112; and

WHEREAS, the balance of building permit fees in Current Expense Fund #001, as of December 31, 2020, exceeds \$300,000; and

WHEREAS, the current Building and Planning Department within the Current Expense Fund will reconcile the 2020 year end expenditures of the department to the revenue and determine the balance of building permit fee revenue remaining in Current Expense Fund #001; and

WHEREAS, upon reconciliation of revenues and expenditures, building permit fee revenue remaining in Current Expense Fund #001 will be transferred to Adams County Building Fund #112; and

WHEREAS, revenues and expenditures for 2020 have been reconciled with building permit fee revenue in the amount of \$466,675.90.

THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that Four hundred sixty six thousand six hundred seventy five and 90/100 (\$466,675.90) is to be transferred from Current Expense Fund #001 to Adams County Building Fund #112.

DATED this 15th day of March, 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

RESOLUTION NO. R-015-2021

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

**IN THE MATTER OF HONORING FORMER ADAMS COUNTY COMMISSIONER
WILLIAM “BILL” WILLS**

WHEREAS, former Adams County Commissioner William “Bill” Wills passed on March 2, 2021; and

WHEREAS, the Adams County Commission does hereby declare its appreciation for a lifetime of service to the community of Lind, Adams County, and to the greater community of eastern Adams County, of William “Bill” Wills;

WHEREAS, Mr. Wills, of Lind, served as an Adams County Commissioner for three terms, serving from January, 1989 through December, 2000; and,

WHEREAS, Mr. Wills went on to serve on the Lind Town Council from 2002 through 2008; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Wills served his nation by serving in the United States Air Force; and

WHEREAS Mr. Wills served his community in more ways than can be counted, and his family as a husband, father, grandfather and great grandfather. He served Adams County selflessly and tirelessly. We hereby honor that service.

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by this Board of Adams County Commissioners that on behalf of Adams County, they honor Bill Wills for his significant contributions to all county citizens and mourn his passing.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED we offer our sincerest condolences to his family and friends.

DATED this 15th day of March, 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