

COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS

Adams County Courthouse
Ritzville, Washington
Regular Meeting

March 29, 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

Sheriff's Department

Sheriff Wagner reviewed a cost breakdown to purchase a new canine as well as costs to pick up the dog, currently located in Iowa, at around \$20,000. Wagner noted a desire to complete the purchase by mid-April. **Consensus authorization was provided for Sheriff Wagner to move forward with the purchase of the canine unit.** Additionally, Wagner reported on verbal commitments for donations toward the purchase of the dog with additional fund raisers possibly scheduled in the future. Wagner stressed that the commitments are verbal with no funds received at this time.

Committee Reports

Commissioner Weise provided reports on committee meetings from his attendance at the Washington Counties Risk Pool Spring Conference; and, the Martin Hall Executive Board Meeting.

Commissioner Blankenship reported on topics discussed at the Legislative Steering Committee (LSC) meeting; and, the Eastern Washington Council of Governments (EWCOG) meeting.

Additional items discussed included the Adams County Development Council (ACDC); the Fair Board Association; and, an orchard in Othello not being cared for, thus impacting neighbors.

Integrated Health Care Services

Integrated Health Care Services Director Guse, via email, reported a recently hired Mental Health Administrative Assistant has decided not to accept the position. The Board provided **consensus authorization for Guse to begin the process to fill the position of Mental Health Administrative Assistant.**

Lind-Hatton Road Project #5 (CRP-185)

Bids were opened from:

James Dean Construction, Inc. 579 Highway 141 White Salmon, WA 98672	\$762,107.50
Wheeler Excavation, LLC 2007 E. Highland Ext. Benton City, WA 99320	\$444,016.00
Granite Construction Company 80 Pond Road Yakima, WA 98901	\$680,680.00
J7 Contracting, Inc. 97 Pinkerton Road Bonners Ferry, ID 83805	\$476,062.75
HLT Construction, Inc. 7752 Westside Calispel Road Usk, WA 99180	\$426,794.49

Engineer's Estimate: \$481,497.48

Public Works

Public Works Director O'Brien provided the weekly maintenance update noting signs were reported down and roads closed due to high winds during the weekend. Director O'Brien reviewed the road stabilization program, noting the program is used for soil stabilization during the summer months, not dust control. The product used is sold commercially for dust control, however, that is not the intent of the Public Works Department.

Solid Waste:

Director O'Brien reported household hazardous waste cleanup is being scheduled to be removed from the transfer stations. Additionally, O'Brien noted summer hours at the Bruce Transfer Station will be in effect as of March 30, 2021. O'Brien noted blowing litter continues to be an issue at the transfer station and he will be obtaining quotes from farm labor contractors for clean-up.

Operations & Maintenance

Director O'Brien reported contact was made with Garland and a pre-conference is scheduled this week to obtain a schedule for the roof repairs to the Public Services Building in Othello. Additionally, O'Brien reported work is continuing on the central services desk remodel; as well as courthouse landscaping. The Lind shop three bay expansion and maintenance area was reviewed with O'Brien noting the parcels may need to be combined prior to moving forward with the project.

Adams County Fairgrounds

The Adams County Fairgrounds property was reviewed with Director O'Brien presenting a map of the property as well as a timeline of the property ownership history.

CRABoard Certification

Commissioner Weise moved, Thompson seconded, to *authorize the Chairman to sign the CRABoard 2020 Reports which include the Traffic Law Enforcement Certification; Fish Passage Barrier Removal Certification; Annual Certification; Annual Construction Report; County Arterial Preservation Report; and, Maintenance Management Annual Certification.* **Motion carried.**

2020 Bridge Inspection Report

County Engineer Yaeger filed the 2020 Bridge Inspection Report as required under WAC 136-20-060 noting inspections; accomplishments; maintenance and repairs; changes due to COVID guidelines; and, future plans and recommendations.

Miscellaneous Updates

The Board was provided the following updates:

- Civil Deputy Prosecuting Attorney Barden reviewed a *draft* employee evaluation form with modifications being noted.

- The Emergency Management Director job description was reviewed.
- Prosecutor Flyckt advised his prosecutorial association recommended waiting until the end of the legislative session to determine a path of action regarding the uniformed control substance act.
- The felony voting rights bill was discussed.

Executive Session

At 11:30 a.m. the Board recessed into Executive Session for thirty (30) 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 12:00 the Board reconvened from Executive Session. No action taken.

Recess @ 12:00

Reconvene @ 1:00 p.m.

Adams County Noxious Weed Control Board

Commissioner Thompson moved, Weise seconded, to *re-appoint Erik Hille, Ritzville, to the Adams County Noxious Weed Control Board of Directors for Section #2 for a four (4) year term effective April 1, 2021 through March 1, 2025.* **Motion carried.**

Adams County Planning Commission

Commissioner Weise moved, Thompson seconded, to *re-appoint Bruce Lynch, Othello, to the Adams County Planning Commission for a four (4) year term effective April 1, 2021 through March 31, 2025.* **Motion carried.**

Commissioner Weise moved, Thompson seconded, to *re-appoint Bob Carlson, Othello, to the Adams County Planning Commission for a four (4) year term effective April 1, 2021 through March 31, 2025.* **Motion carried.**

Consent Agenda

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

March 1 – 15, 2021 Payroll in the amount of \$477,649.63; and, Benefits in the amount of \$101,346.06 (Warrant # Series 532427-532441;

Direct Deposit # Series 66747-66934; Benefit/Deduction # Series 1157201-1157209

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	863 – 882	\$17,998.55
103	883	\$ 600.00
104	884 – 889	\$ 785.49
123	890 – 891	\$13,516.00
108	422	\$ 693.30
115	423 – 428	\$ 1,387.34
401	429 – 433	\$ 9,642.37
501	434 – 436	\$ 2,597.45
590	437 – 450	\$34,047.29
	TOTAL	\$81,267.79

Permanent Minutes Signed

March 15 and 17, 2021

Correspondence Received

Adams County Superior Court Judge Steve Dixon re:
Reclassification for Juvenile Court Administrative Assistant
Sherri L. Duff, Clerk of the Board, Adams County Noxious Weed
Control Board re: Director Appointment for Section #2

Adjournment @ 1:45 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