

COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS

Regular Meeting Adams County Courthouse Ritzville, Washington

April 14, 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

Board of Health Update

Dr. Brzezny, Adams County Health Officer, reviewed the following data related to COVID-19:

- Virus activity has established itself at a higher baseline.
- More than 90% of all cases of COVID in Washington State are variants of the virus.
- Eligibility of the vaccine has been expanded to residents of Washington that are sixteen (16) years of age and above.
- Adams County is currently in Phase 3 with a review date of May 1, 2021 set by Governor Inslee.
- Due to testing being down, the percentage of positive tests in Adams County is elevated.
- COVID rates per school districts within Adams County were reviewed.
- Twenty-three percent (23%) of Adams County residents have initiated vaccination with seventeen percent (17%) fully vaccinated.
- Thirty-five percent (35%) of Washington residents have been vaccinated.
- General fatigue, exhaustion, and feeling overwhelmed are common experiences as a result of the pandemic.
- Depression in youth has escalated significantly during the pandemic.

Additionally, Dr. Brzezny reported on the following:

- currently, there is one (1) active Tuberculosis case in the county;
- continued support with vaccination of H2A workers;
- a cluster of Lind, Hatton, and Ritzville area students were diagnosed with COVID in April;
- a recent surge of gastrointestinal illness patients occurred in Othello sites; and,
- the approximate number of total vaccines administered by Columbia Basin Health Association, Othello Community Hospital, and East Adams Rural Hospital.

Adams County Horticulture and Pest Control Board

Prosecutor Flyckt reviewed the process necessary for enforcement actions against a landowner neglecting a property with a potentially negative affect on neighboring properties.

Othello Fair Association

Prosecutor Flyckt reviewed the terms of an agreement received from Attorney Toni Meacham, representing the Othello Fair Association, regarding the use of the Adams County Fairgrounds to conduct a community fair. No action was taken pending further discussion.

Executive Session

At 12:17 p.m. Chairman Blankenship announced the Board would recess into Executive Session for ten (10) minutes under RCW 42.30.110(1)(i) – "...to discuss with legal counsel representing the agency litigation or potential litigation...". Additionally present was Prosecutor Flyckt.

At 12:27 p.m. the Board reconvened from Executive Session. No action taken.

Emergency Management

Commissioner Weise moved, Thompson seconded, to *authorize the Chairman to sign Contract Amendment A, SCEM-1911 / E20-066 between Spokane County Emergency Management and Adams County.* **Motion carried.** (Changes the end date from 6/30/2021 to 2/28/2022.)

Adjournment @ 1:25 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