

## COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS

### Regular Meeting Adams County Courthouse Ritzville, Washington

**April 21, 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

#### **Building and Planning Department**

Assistant Building and Planning Director Lorenz reviewed quotes for an APX 4000 Portable radio; and, an APX 4500 Mobile radio. Lorenz requested and received **consensus authorization for the purchase of an APX 4000 Portable Radio in the amount of \$2133.06 from Day Wireless; and, an APX 4500 Mobile Radio in the amount of \$2440.76 from Day Wireless as the lowest responsive quotes.**

Additionally, Lorenz presented for consideration a desire to move PermitTrax from the county's internal server and hosting PermitTrax in the Cloud. No decision was made pending further discussion.

#### **Buildings and Construction**

Building and Planning Director Wiltse and Assistant Director Lorenz reviewed a *draft* ordinance that would repeal Chapters 15.04; 15.08; 15.12; and, 15.16 of Title 15 and adopt a new Title 15 "Buildings and Construction". A date for a public hearing on the proposed ordinance will be determined and advertised appropriately.

#### **Adams County Fire Prevention**

Building and Planning Director Wiltse and Assistant Director Lorenz reviewed a *draft* ordinance that would amend the Adams County Code adding a new Title 14, "Adams County Fire Prevention". A date for a

public hearing on the proposed ordinance will be determined and advertised appropriately.

Items presented for further discussion included drafts of ordinances relating to fireworks; and, code enforcement.

Additionally present was Civil Deputy Prosecutor Barden.

#### **Auditor Hunt/Assessor Brewer**

The scheduled meeting with Auditor Hunt and Assessor Brewer was cancelled.

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

Commissioner Weise moved, Thompson seconded, to *approve the Contract and Contract Bond for HLT Construction Inc., Usk, Washington, for Lind-Hatton Road Project #5 – CRP-185.* **Motion carried.**

#### **Maintenance Supplies**

**Board consensus authorized the Public Works Department to proceed with solicitation of quotations/bids from material suppliers for road maintenance materials for the 2021 maintenance season.**

Bid opening is set for May 17, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. in Room 202 of the Adams County Courthouse, Ritzville.

#### **Workshop – Public Works**

Public Works Director O'Brien and Engineer Yaeger provided an overview of the Adams County Local Road Safety Plan, developed in part for Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) eligibility. Items reviewed were as follows:

**Collision Data and Target Zero** on county roads – of the 280 fatal/injury collisions, 72% are categorized as vehicles leaving the roadway; the two highest individual contributing factors are distracted/inattentive drivers and excessive speed. Overall, the majority of all fatal/injury collisions occurred on straight roadways (74%), and on dry roadway pavement (74%) conditions. Of all the fatal/injury collisions, 56% occurred during daylight hours and 30% occurred in the dark.

**Creating a Minimum Criteria** for Adams County with analysis of ADT's; functional class; through-lane surfacing; lane width; shoulder width; and, clear zone.

**Prioritization**

- Priority Level One: lane departures (fixed object collisions and rollover collisions); and, Priority Level Two (intersection related collisions).
- Adams County High Risk Behavior – Priority Level One: distracted drivers; and, Priority Level Two: excessive speed.

**Countermeasure Review and Selection – how roads can be made safer:**

- Fixed object collisions – increase lateral clearance; enhanced delineation.
- Rollover collisions – slope modification; shoulder widening; guardrails.
- Intersection related collision – advance street name signs; flashing LED stop signs, rumble bars or stripes.
- Distracted drivers – shoulder treatments such as edge line rumble strips
- Excessive speed – feedback signage

**Priority Projects** – the object of the program is to select countermeasures that can, when possible, be applied systematically at locations identified by available data for the greatest impact. Adams County developed the Booker Road and SR26 Intersection Safety Project with consideration of the available data, initial and on-going costs, and effectiveness of the countermeasures. The project was funded for construction and will replace the existing surface 0.25 miles either side of SR26 to allow the placement of advance rumble bars prior to the upcoming intersection which will add an extra layer of driver awareness of the upcoming intersection. Additional priorities include:

- Priority #1 – Hatton Road Safety Project from McKinney Road to SR24
- Priority #2 – Herman Road Safety Project from SR17 to LeMaster Road
- Priority #3 – High-Volume Corridors Intersection Project
- Priority #4 – Run-Off-the-Road Safety Project Delineation Enhancement and Rumble Strips

**Partnership Projects** – these projects address areas where the county wishes to increase safety, but which involve the lengthy process of working alongside outside agencies and include:

- Booker Road and SR26 Intersection Improvements

- Lee Road – Columbia Basin Railroad Crossing

**Prior Local Road Safety Enhancements** – Adams County has utilized Federal Highway Improvement funding in the past to complete the following projects:

- McKinney/Thacker Road Safety Project from Bench Road North to SR26 (2019)
- GPS county Road Data Collection (2016)
- Run-Off-the-Road Safety Improvement Project (2016)
- Guardrail Safety (2013-2014)
- Safety Program Run-Off-Road Guide Post and Sign Project (2013)
- Run-Off-Road Rosenoff Guardrail (2012)
- Bench Road Intersection Project (2012)
- Intersection Sign Project (2011-2012)

Additional data was provided regarding fatal/injury collisions in Adams County; and, a Systemic Safety Project Selection Tool summary for years 2009-2019.

The Board provided **consensus approval of the Public Works Department's list of priority road projects.**

### **Emergency Management**

Commissioner Weise moved, Thompson seconded, to *update the Signature Authorization Form for Emergency Management Contract #E20-066 / GSEM-1911 between Washington State Military Department and Adams County.* **Motion carried.**

### **Adjournment @ 12:00**

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