

COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS

Regular Meeting Adams County Courthouse Ritzville, Washington

April 28, 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

Human Resources

Human Resource Manager Perez reported 2SHB 1087 Long-term Services and Supports Trust Program has passed and payroll taxes in the amount of 0.58% of gross wages will be withheld from county employee's paychecks beginning January 1, 2022. Perez will notify employees of the program.

Additionally discussed was guidance issued by Labor and Industries in ES.B.1 Paid Sick Leave, noting that employers cannot require employees to use their accrued Washington State paid sick leave prior to other leave. The county currently does not separate paid sick leave provided under Washington State law and sick leave provided by the County into two separate leave buckets.

Perez noted the current Adams County policy does not provide for the employee to use any leave other than sick leave first when family leave is taken. The county has not divided sick leave due to a more generous sick leave policy than what the state currently requires. However, Perez noted the Public Works Collective Bargaining Agreement specifically states that prior leave balances need to be exhausted prior to being placed on FMLA.

Additional discussion will take place prior to drafting a revised policy.

Integrated Health Care Services

Integrated Health Care Services Director Guse reported an employee, currently at retirement age, would like to continue employment at IHCS on a part time basis. The Board requested Guse provide, in written form, a plan for the position moving forward should the request be granted. No action was taken pending further discussion.

Memorandum of Understanding

Commissioner Weise moved, Thompson seconded, to *approve the Memorandum of Understanding and Agreement for Professional Services between Opheim Consulting, LLC, Garfield, Washington, and Adams County to provide expertise and service regarding grants to Adams County for the period April 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021.* **Motion carried.**

Courthouse Hours

Beginning Friday, April 30, 2021, the Board provided **consensus** authorization to continue with courthouse procedures currently utilized within the COVID-19 Operation Plan with the Courthouse and Public Services buildings open Monday through Friday with Phoenix Security Services available to screen the public entering county facilities.

Auditor/Treasurer

The Board requested a meeting with Treasurer Meise and Auditor Hunt to discuss the certification process for a direct payment from the U.S. Treasury under the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal funds authorized by the American Rescue Plan Act. Auditor Hunt reviewed the reporting process and what is necessary for her department for reporting purposes.

Cooperative Purchasing Agreement

Commissioner Weise moved, Thompson seconded, to *authorize the Chairman to sign, pursuant to RCW 39.34, a Cooperative Purchasing Agreement between King County and Adams County for the purchase of various equipment and supplies using King County's competitively awarded contracts.* **Motion carried.**

Recess @ 12:00

Reconvene @ 1:00 p.m.

The Board discussed various county matters during the afternoon session.
No action was taken on any matter.

Adjournment @ 2:00 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