

## COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS

### Regular Meeting Adams County Courthouse Ritzville, Washington

**May 5, 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

#### **Adams County Horticultural Pest and Disease Control Board**

Mark Rowley, Othello, reported the Adams County Horticultural Pest and Disease Control Board held a meeting and elected him to serve as Chairman. Rowley noted the Board set future meetings for the third Tuesday of each month through October, 2021, at 2:00 p.m. at the Public Services Building, Othello. Additionally, Rowley requested the county provide an address for correspondence; office space; a county email address; and, an employee of the county to serve as secretary for the monthly meetings. Rowley noted further there has been no progress regarding contracted inspector services.

Prosecutor Flyckt volunteered space in his office for a filing cabinet to retain Board documents. The Board of Commissioners expressed their willingness to assist and will evaluate the staffing issue.

#### **Central Services**

Central Services Director Boness advised the Board of an issue with the county email server not allowing broadcast unless connected to the county system, noting Office 365 is being considered to upgrade the current system. The Board requested additional information from Boness regarding the process; length of time involved; estimated cost of upgrading; and, the impact to his departmental budget. Boness advised he is expecting a quote and, if received prior to the Board adjourning, will provide any information he has received.

### **Executive Session**

At 9:55 a.m. Commissioner Blankenship announced the Board would recess into Executive Session for sixty (60) minutes under RCW 42.30.110(1)(i) – "...to discuss with legal counsel representing the agency litigation or potential litigation...". Additionally present were Prosecutor Flyckt and Senior Deputy Prosecutor Lehman.

At 10:55 a.m. the Board reconvened from Executive Session. No action taken.

At 10:56 a.m. Commissioner Blankenship announced the Board would recess back into Executive Session for fifteen (15) minutes under RCW 42.30.110(1)(i) – "...to discuss with legal counsel representing the agency litigation or potential litigation...". Additionally present were Prosecutor Flyckt and Senior Deputy Prosecutor Lehman.

At 11:11 a.m. the Board reconvened from Executive Session. No action taken.

At 11:13 a.m. Commissioner Blankenship announced the Board would recess back into Executive Session for fifteen (15) minutes under RCW 42.30.110(1)(g) – "To evaluate the qualifications of an applicant for public employment or to review the performance of a public employee." Additionally present was Prosecutor Flyckt.

At 11:28 a.m. the Board reconvened from Executive Session. No action taken.

### **Economic Development**

Discussion was held regarding a potential contract for services between Adams County and Adams County Development Council.

### **Industrial Wastewater Treatment Plant Project**

Commissioner Weise moved, Thompson seconded, to *authorize the Chairman to electronically sign Contract Number 18-96616-002, Amendment A, between Washington State Department of Commerce and Adams County to extend the grant period of the contract to June 30, 2023. There is no change to the contract amount.* **Motion carried.**

**Adjournment @ 12:16 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