

COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS

Adams County Courthouse
Ritzville, Washington
Regular Meeting

May 10, 2021
(Monday)

The meeting was held virtually via 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, along with Undersheriff Coronado, provided updates on their research regarding the potential purchase of body worn cameras, tasers, and in-car cameras. The Board requested Sheriff Wagner articulate what process they have followed to classify the vendor as a sole source provider, therefore, not subject to the competitive bidding process. A follow-up meeting is scheduled for May 24, 2021 for the Sheriff's Department to bring forth information necessary to demonstrate due diligence in researching vendors for the project.

Additionally discussed was potential funding for the project.

Public Works

Public Works Director O'Brien provided the weekly report on road maintenance; solid waste; and, facilities. Additionally, O'Brien reported a contract hauler, carrying cardboard, caught fire on SR17. The cardboard, valued at approximately \$3,000, was considered a total loss as well as the truck and trailer.

Crack Sealing Services Contract

Commissioner Thompson moved, Weise seconded, to *approve a Contract between Adams County and BCV, Inc., Wenatchee, Washington, to provide crack sealing services, using County supplied material, to*

approximately 30.66 miles of paved roadways at the locations specified throughout Adams County at a price of \$0.94 per pound. Motion carried.

Solid Waste Long Haul Contract

Commissioner Weise moved, Thompson seconded, to *approve the Solid Waste Long Haul Contract between Adams County and Yancey, LLC, Othello, Washington, to provide solid waste long haul services. Motion carried.*

Booker Road/SR26 Intersection Safety Project (CRP-193)

Commissioner Thompson moved, Weise seconded, to *approve the Contract and Contract Bond for Central Washington Asphalt, Inc., Moses Lake, Washington, for Booker Road/SR26 Intersection Safety Project (CRP-193). Motion carried.*

Public Works Personnel

Director O'Brien reported a vacant Mechanic Assistant position in his department noting he is moving forward in the process of filling that position.

Paid Leave Policies

Human Resource Manager Perez, along with Payroll Deputy Bowman and Public Works Director O'Brien, met to continue the discussion of county leave policies.

Currently, the county sick leave policy is more generous than the Washington State paid sick leave policy. Guidance has been received from the Department of Labor and Industries that the county cannot mandate the use of state paid sick leave. Therefore, two "buckets" of sick leave will need to be part of the payroll system to separate county leave from state leave.

The Board stated the time sheets need to be accurately completed prior to payroll receiving them. In drafting the proposed leave policy, as part of the policy change, time sheets turned into payroll with incorrect leave noted will be returned to the appropriate department head or elected official until such time the error is corrected.

Recess @ 12:06 p.m.

Reconvene @ 1:00 p.m.

Adams County Courts

The Board requested input from the courts regarding concerns they may have with less restrictions on the number of citizens allowed to enter the courthouse or the Othello Public Services Building.

Judge Benzel, District Court Judge Position 2, stated that all Othello court proceedings are streamed for the public with limitations on the number of people physically allowed in the courtroom in order to practice social distancing. Phoenix Protective Services monitors the number of people allowed in the courtroom at any time.

Catherine Sloan, Superior Court Administrator, expressed her appreciation for the screeners at the courthouse entrance. Sloan noted at this time streaming is not being utilized for Superior Court proceedings, however, too many people in the courtroom at once is not a continual issue.

Paulette Teske, County Clerk, noted there is currently not a large number of public transacting business in her office with a majority of business being completed via mail. Teske noted further that Tuesday, May 18, 2021 the Clerk's office will again be accepting passport applications, which will increase the foot traffic, however will be manageable through the use of scheduled appointments.

Martin Hall

Commissioner Thompson moved, Weise seconded, to *re-appoint Jay R. Weise to the Martin Hall Consortium Board of Directors for a one (1) year term, effective June 1, 2021 through May 31, 2022.* **Motion carried.**

Commissioner Thompson moved, Weise seconded, to *re-appoint Juan Garza, Adams County Juvenile Administrator, to the Martin Hall Consortium TAC for a two (2) year term, effective June 1, 2021 through May 31, 2023.* **Motion carried.**

Adams County Horticultural Pest and Disease Control Board

Commissioner Thompson moved, Weise seconded, to *appoint Erika Rattray, Othello, to the Adams County Horticultural Pest and Disease Control Board for the remainder of a two (2) year term, effective May 10, 2021 through April 30, 2022.* **Motion carried.**

Adams County Board of Equalization

Commissioner Thompson moved, Weise seconded, to *appoint Steve Ross, Othello, to the Adams County Board of Equalization for a three (3) year term, effective May 10, 2021 through December 31, 2023.* **Motion carried.**

Consent Agenda

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

Preliminary Minutes of April 26 and 28, 2021

Preliminary Minutes of May 3 and 5, 2021

April 16 – 30, 2021 Payroll in the amount of \$481,589.40; and, Benefits in the amount of \$245,319.61 (Warrant # Series 532470-532482; Direct Deposit # Series 67317-67507; Benefit/Deduction # Series 1157952-1157961

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	1285 – 1326	\$ 35,997.83
104	1327 – 1338	\$ 23,799.67
114	1339	\$ 114.24
116	1340	\$ 219.16
122	1341	\$ 27.88
123	1342 – 1347	\$ 29,777.00
166	1348 – 1358	\$ 2,830.73
502	1359 – 1367	\$ 12,191.12
115	653 – 658	\$ 1,167.47
321	659 – 660	\$ 426.74
401	661 – 669	\$ 12,020.00
501	670 – 674	\$ 10,198.92
590	675 – 697	\$ 22,273.60
	TOTAL	\$151,044.36

Correspondence Sent:

The Honorable Patty Murray re: Support of Benton County's funding request for the Three Rivers Behavioral Health Recovery Center in the Tri-Cities, Washington

The Honorable Patty Murray re: Support for the Congressionally directed funding request submitted by the Columbia Basin Development League

Adjournment @ 2:04 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