

COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS

Regular Meeting
Adams County Public Services Building
Othello, Washington

May 19, 2020
(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

Coulee Corridor

Ken Caylor, Othello, reviewed the Coulee Corridor project. Signage has been procured, however Mr. Caylor requested county public works assistance in placing the signs along county roads. Consensus authorization was provided for the Public Works Department to set the signs where appropriate.

Junk Cars

David Sperl, Othello, provided pictures of an unsightly property at 875 South Taylor Road. There are numerous junk cars on the property, designated as a residential area. The Board noted the Adams County Code is being revised and, when completed, will address the issue more broadly.

Resolution No. R-025-2021

Commissioner Thompson moved, Weise seconded, to *approve Resolution No. R-025-2021 In the Matter of Rescinding Resolution No. R-010-2020*. Motion carried.

Resolution No. R-026-2021

Commissioner Thompson moved, Weise seconded, to *approve Resolution No. R-026-2021 In the Matter of Rescinding Resolution No. R-025-2018 That Diverted Certain Future Current Expense Revenues; Created Economic Development Infrastructure Reserve*

Fund #001J; and, Created Economic Development Operations Reserve Fund #325. Motion carried.

Resolution No. R-027-2021

Commissioner Blankenship moved, Thompson seconded, to *approve Resolution No. R-027-2021 In the Matter of Creating a New Special Revenue Fund No. 001J (American Rescue Plan Act “ARPA” Fund).* **Motion carried.**

Resolution No. R-028-2021

Commissioner Weise moved, Thompson seconded, to *approve Resolution No. R-028-2021 In the Matter of Rescinding Certain Portions of Resolution No. R-047-2020 Ordering the Closing of County Facilities.* **Motion carried.**

Integrated Health Care Services

Commissioner Weise moved, Thompson seconded, to *authorize the Chairman to sign Agreement 21ASO2483, Amendment No. 2 with Spokane County, a political subdivision of the State of Washington, by and between the Spokane Regional Behavioral Health (SCRBH), a division of Spokane County Community Services, Housing, and Community Development Department (CSHCD), (hereinafter “CSHCD SCRBH”) and Contractor identified as Adams County Integrated Health Care Services for an additional \$15,000 for a total contract award of \$126,957 for the period July 1, 2021 through December 31 2021.* **Motion carried.**
(Additional CJTA funding.)

Washington State Office of Public Defense

Commissioner Thompson moved, Weise seconded, to *authorize the Chairman to sign Agreement No. GRT21018 between Washington State Office of Public Defense and Adams County for a distribution of funds in the amount of \$8,401 for the purpose of providing indigent defense representation for eligible persons seeking to vacate felony convictions and/or to be re-sentenced pursuant to State v. Blake for the period June 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021.* **Motion carried.**

Executive Session

At 11:14 a.m. Commissioner 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 11:24 a.m. the Board reconvened from Executive Session. No action taken.

At 11:25 a.m. Commissioner Blankenship announced the Board would recess back into Executive Session for sixty (60) 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 12:13 p.m. the Board reconvened from Executive Session. No action taken.

Adjournment @ 12:13 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

RESOLUTION NO. R-025-2021

**ORDER OF BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
ADAMS COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

IN THE MATTER OF RESCINDING RESOLUTION NO. R-010-2020

WHEREAS, on February 12, 2020, the Board adopted Resolution No. R-010-2020 adopting Adams County Health Department’s policy regarding on-site sewage systems; and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. R-010-2020 was superseded by Resolution No. R-034-2020, adopted June 15, 2020; and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. R-010-2020 was rendered moot and inapplicable by Resolution No. R-034-2020 and should be rescinded.

THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that Resolution No. R-010-2020 is rescinded.

DATED this 19th day of May, 2021.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
ADAMS COUNTY, WASHINGTON
s/Dan C. Blankenship, Chairman
s/Terrance J. Thompson, Vice Chairman
s/Jay R. Weise, Commissioner

ATTEST:
s/Patricia J. Phillips, CMC
Clerk of the Board

RESOLUTON NO. R-026-2021

**ORDER OF BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
ADAMS COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

IN THE MATTER OF RESCINDING RESOLUTION NO. R-025-2018 THAT DIVERTED CERTAIN FUTURE CURRENT EXPENSE REVENUES; CREATED ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT INFRASTRUCTURE RESERVE FUND #001J; AND, CREATED ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OPERATIONS RESERVE FUND #325

WHEREAS, Fund #001J and Fund #325 were created under Resolution No. R-025-2018 to divert certain future current expense revenues relative to Economic Development infrastructure and operations; and,

WHEREAS, Resolution No. R-025-2018 authorized diversion of current expense revenues as identified by the Adams County Assessor and deposited by the Adams County Treasurer; and,

WHEREAS, Resolution No. R-025-2018 authorized the diversion to apply to new developments, expansion projects, installation of machinery, equipment, and personal property of private enterprise within Adams County, to include incorporated towns and cities; and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. R-025-2018 authorized five percent (5%) of all sales tax revenue associated with the construction of any developments, listed as commercial; industrial; renewable energy; and, standard utility be placed in Fund #325 Economic Development Operation Reserve, and reserved for such economic development appropriation as later determined appropriate by the Board; and,

WHEREAS, Resolution R-025-2018 authorized ten percent (10%) of all Real Property and Personal Property current expense tax revenue be deposited by the Adams County Treasurer in Fund #001J Economic Development Infrastructure Reserve Fund, commencing upon the date of assessment of the first tax levy of any new development, listed as commercial; industrial; renewable energy; and, standard utility, and continuing for a period of ten (10) years of collected tax revenue thereafter; and,

WHEREAS, Resolution No. R-025-2018 authorized all diverted funds pursuant to said resolution be transferred annually from County Current Expense Fund #001, based on reports submitted by the County Treasurer and County Assessor describing all revenue collected during the preceding year, subject to diversions set forth with funds reserved to facilitate future economic development through construction and/or enhancement to public facilities; and

WHEREAS, due to internal accounting and reporting restrictions within the county, tracking of sales tax revenue and personal property revenue within the parameters specified in Resolution No. R-025-2018, is not feasible.

THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that Resolution No. R-025-2018 is rescinded as well as all requirements contained therein.

DATED this 19th day of May, 2021.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
ADAMS COUNTY, WASHINGTON
s/Dan C. Blankenship, Chairman
s/Terrance J. Thompson, Vice Chairman
s/Jay R. Weise, Commissioner

ATTEST:
s/Patricia J. Phillips, CMC
Clerk of the Board

Approved as to form:
s/Randy J. Flyckt, Prosecutor
WSBA #29302

RESOLUTION NO. R-027-2021

**ORDER OF BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
ADAMS COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

**IN THE MATTER OF CREATING A NEW SPECIAL REVENUE FUND NO. 001J
(AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT “ARPA” FUND)**

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2021, the President of the United States signed into law the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA) which provides additional resources to states, counties, cities, and towns, as well as public utilities, libraries and transit agencies; and

WHEREAS, the Adams County Board of Commissioners submitted an application for the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) of 2021 grant funds from the United States Department of the Treasury; and,

WHEREAS, Adams County will begin to receive an allotted portion of these funds in the near future; and

WHEREAS, Adams County intends to use its ARPA funds in accordance with the guidance set forth by the United States Department of the Treasury; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners has determined that a new Special Revenue Fund, created for the sole purpose of managing ARPA funds, will allow for maximum accountability and transparency related to the usage of Adams County's ARPA monies.

THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Adams County Auditor and Adams County Treasurer are hereby authorized to create Special Revenue Fund No. 001J (American Rescue Plan Act "ARPA" Fund).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any revenue Adams County receives in accordance with the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 shall be deposited in Special Revenue Fund No. 001J.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any interest accumulated in relation to revenues received as part of Adams County's allotment of ARPA monies shall remain in Special Revenue Fund No. 001J.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the only allowable expenditures from Special Revenue Fund No. 001J shall be those expenses that satisfy the necessary criteria set forth in the United States Department of the Treasury's published guidance regarding the allowable usage of ARPA funds.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in the event that the United States Department of the Treasury modifies its guidance regarding the allowable usage of ARPA funds, Adams County shall adapt its usage of ARPA monies within Special Revenue Fund No. 001J accordingly.

DATED this 19th day of May, 2021.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
ADAMS COUNTY, WASHINGTON
s/Dan C. Blankenship, Chairman
s/Terrance J. Thompson, Vice-Chairman
s/Jay R. Weise, Commissioner

ATTEST:
s/Patricia J. Phillips, CMC
Clerk of the Board

Approved as to form:
s/Randy J. Flyckt, Prosecutor
WSBA #29302

RESOLUTION NO. R-028-2021

**ORDER OF BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
ADAMS COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

IN THE MATTER OF RESCINDING CERTAIN PORTIONS OF RESOLUTION NO. R-047-2020 ORDERING THE CLOSING OF COUNTY FACILITIES

WHEREAS, the Adams County Board of Commissioners adopted Resolution No. R-018-2020 declaring an emergency for the COVID-19 pandemic response; and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. R-019-2020 was adopted March 16, 2020 ordering the closure of county facilities for a minimum of fourteen (14) days for all non-emergent business and visits, directing the county department heads under the administration of the Board of County Commissioners reduce staff to essential operation positions and consider options such as telecommuting and working from home so as to limit individual exposure and making similar recommendations to the elected officials of Adams County and to the Courts of Adams County; and

WHEREAS, subsequent resolutions were adopted extending the closure of county facilities through the close of business on August 31, 2020; and

WHEREAS, on August 31, 2020, the Board adopted Resolution No. R-047-2020, directing county department heads to no longer allow non-essential employees remain at home, perform work from home, or operate on reduced hours with a recommendation that elected officials and the courts of Adams County employ similar measures, effective September 14, 2020; and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. R-047-2020 did not rescind the closing of county facilities which was originally ordered by Resolution No. R-019-2021; and

WHEREAS, the Board has deemed it is no longer necessary to continue with the closure of county facilities.

THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that Resolution No. R-047-2020 is hereby rescinded to reflect the reopening of county facilities with employee return to work directives remaining.

DATED this 19th day of May, 2021.

ATTEST:
s/Patricia J. Phillips, CMC
Clerk of the Board

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
ADAMS COUNTY, WASHINGTON
s/Dan C. Blankenship, Chairman
s/Terrance J. Thompson, Vice Chairman
s/Jay R. Weise, Commissioner

Approved as to form:
s/Randy J. Flyckt, Prosecutor
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