

COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS

Regular Meeting
Adams County Courthouse
Ritzville, Washington

May 26, 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

Elections

Auditor Hunt reported she has received approval, through a Help America Vote Act (HAVA) grant, to purchase a vote tabulating system from Clear Ballot Group in the amount of \$87,858.15. The total price of the tabulating system is \$96,094 including sales tax and is off state bid. The cost of the annual license and fees is \$15,980. Auditor Hunt noted there is a possibility the current tabulator will be sold to recoup the cost difference between the total grant award and the price of the system. The Board provided **consensus authorization for Auditor Hunt to move forward in the process of expending funds for the purchase of the vote tabulating system.**

Quarterly Jail Inspection

The Board conducted the 2021 second quarter inspection with Jail Administrator Nick Williams.

Central Services

Central Services Director Boness reported on the current email issues, noting the department is working their way through employee computers to restore the email operations. Boness further reported the Courthouse is 90% complete; and, the Public Works Department is approximately 50% complete, noting additional effort is needed for certain emails.

Recess @ 11:54 a.m.

Reconvene @ 1:00 p.m.

Elected Official Forum

A forum with elected officials was held to discuss the following:

1. re-opening of the courthouse and other county buildings;
2. the budget process;
3. reminders for scheduled probationary reviews provided by the Human Resource Department; and,
4. proposed use of the county's American Rescue Plan funds.

Prosecutor Flyckt reviewed the duties of the prosecuting attorney pursuant to RCW 36.27.020. Additionally discussed was the Public Records Act.

Assessor Brewer reviewed the property evaluation process.

Auditor Hunt reviewed the functions of her office, noting election laws are becoming more cumbersome as well as unfunded legislative mandates.

Elected officials providing comment were Assessor Brewer; Auditor Hunt; Treasurer Meise; and, Prosecutor Flyckt.

Correspondence Received:

The Honorable Adalia A. Hille, District Court, Position 1 re:
Retirement

Adjournment @ 2:58 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