

COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS

**Adams County Courthouse
Ritzville, Washington
Regular Meeting**

July 12, 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

Juvenile Department

Administrator Juan Garza provided updates on activities within the Juvenile Department.

Human Resource Department

Human Resource Manager Perez reviewed current Labor and Industries requirements related to COVID-19, noting modifications to the current policy are being drafted.

Public Works

Public Works Director O'Brien provided updates on maintenance activities; solid waste; and facilities.

Public Services Building

Public Works Director O'Brien reviewed a quote of \$12,933.76 for duress buttons for the Public Services Building in Othello. The Board provided consensus authorization for Director O'Brien to move forward with the project.

Engineering

Engineer Yaeger reported on the Lind-Hatton Road #5 project; the Booker Road Overlay project; and, the County Wide Crushing project.

Recess @ 12:00

Reconvene @ 1:00 p.m.

Interlocal Agreements for District Court Services

The Board reviewed the Interlocal Agreement Between the City of Ritzville and Adams County Regarding RCW 39.34.180; and, the Interlocal Agreement Between the City of Othello and Adams County Regarding RCW 39.34.180.

Resolution No. R-036-2021

Commissioner Weise moved, Thompson seconded, to *approve Resolution No. R-036-2021 In the Matter of Terminating the Local Emergency Declared in Response to the Covid 19 Pandemic; and, Rescinding Resolution No. R-018-2020 and any Subsequent Resolution or Emergency Policy Enacted Pursuant Thereto.* Motion carried.

Consent Agenda

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

Preliminary minutes of July 6, 2021

June 16 – 30, 2021 Payroll in the amount of \$506,209.98; and, Benefits in the amount of \$249,613.11 (Warrant # Series 532541-532562; Direct Deposit # Series 68077-68266; Benefit/Deduction # Series 1159016-1159025

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	21-1987 – 21-2018	\$102,245.10
001	Hand Pays	\$ 2,863.39
166	21-2019 – 21-2027	\$ 3,462.85
502	21-2028 – 21-2032	\$ 4,003.59
108	1025	\$ 2,109.60
115	1026 – 1035	\$ 3,385.28
401	1036 – 1046	\$ 25,508.27

501	1047 – 1049	\$ 2,586.49
590	1050 – 1062	\$123,166.70
	TOTAL	\$269,331.27

Adams County District Court

The Honorable Carolyn Benzel, Presiding District Court Judge, expressed concern that certain procedures within the personnel policy need to be modified to ensure that employees/elected officials are not being given access to the courthouse, or their offices, after leaving employment. Human Resource Manager Perez noted a check-out list is in place for when an employee leaves employment. Judge Benzel noted a concern with maintaining security when all avenues of access have not been forfeited upon an employee separating from the county. Judge Benzel requested and received authorization for the district court locks to be changed.

Permanent Minutes Signed

June 28, 2021

Correspondence Received

Brandon West, Attorney re: Public Defender Quarterly Report for 2nd Quarter, 2021

Kyle R. Smith, Attorney re: Public Defender Quarterly Report for 2nd Quarter, 2021

Adjournment @ 3:15 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-036-2021

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

**IN THE MATTER OF TERMINATING THE LOCAL EMERGENCY DECLARED IN
RESPONSE TO THE COVID 19 PANDEMIC; AND, RESCINDING RESOLUTION NO.
R-018-2020 AND ANY SUBSEQUENT RESOLUTION OR EMERGENCY POLICY
ENACTED PURSUANT THERETO**

WHEREAS, on February 29, 2020, Washington State Governor Jay Inslee issued a proclamation declaring a State of Emergency in all counties of the state of Washington in response to new cases of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, the Adams County Board of Commissioners, on March 16, 2020, activated the Adams County Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan and utilization of emergency powers granted pursuant to RCW 38.52 and Adams County Code 2.40; and

WHEREAS, as businesses reopen and increase their operational capacity, and as more people in Adams County are vaccinated, children return to school, public events re-commence, and as people travel again, it is apparent the local emergency declaration and emergency response posture in Adams County is no longer needed.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Adams County hereby terminates the state of emergency declared by the Adams County Commissioners on March 16, 2020.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Resolution No. R-018-2020 is hereby rescinded, and any subsequent resolution or emergency policy enacted pursuant thereto is hereby rescinded in its entirety.

DATED this 12th day of July, 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, Prosecuting Attorney
WSBA #29302