

COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS

Regular Meeting
Adams County Courthouse
Ritzville, Washington

September 15, 2021
(Wednesday)

Call to Order @ 9:00 a.m.

Present:

Chairman Dan C. Blankenship
Vice-Chairman Terrance J. Thompson
Commissioner Jay R. Weise

Treasurer's Office

Treasurer Weise provided updates on property tax collections, sales tax distributions; and, investments. Additionally, Weise noted the next finance committee meeting will be held Monday, November 15, 2021 at 11:00 a.m.

Resolution No. R-040-2021

Commissioner Thompson moved, Weise seconded, to *approve Resolution No. R-040-2021 In the Matter of Adopting a Strategy to Manage and Reduce Energy and Fuel Consumption and Greenhouse Gas Emissions. Motion carried.*

Executive Session

At 10:50 a.m. Chairman 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...". No action anticipated.

At 11:50 a.m. the Board reconvened from Executive Session. No action taken.

Adjournment @ 11:53 a.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-040-2021

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

**IN THE MATTER OF ADOPTING A STRATEGY TO MANAGE AND REDUCE
ENERGY AND FUEL CONSUMPTION AND GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS**

WHEREAS, Adams County desires to promote the welfare of the citizens of Adams County, and recognizes that increasing energy consumption and Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Emissions could be harmful to community health, economic vitality, and the environment; and

WHEREAS, Adams County recognizes that improvement in the energy efficiency of its operations and its purchasing policies, the County can realize significant savings both monetarily and in energy consumption; and

WHEREAS, many local governments, large and small, are reducing the production of pollutants through programs that provide economic benefits, improvement of quality of life, reduced energy bills, preservation of green space, air quality improvements, economic development and job creation through energy conservation and the development of new energy sources; and

WHEREAS, escalating energy consumption and increased emissions could pose a threat to the region's economy, water supplies, air quality and related human health issues, and agriculture; and

WHEREAS, Adams County will continue its efforts to reduce GHG emissions through policies and actions as technology and budget constraints will allow.

NOW, THEREFORE, Adams County hereby adopts the following policies and procedures that will benefit the people of Adams County, its natural resources and reduce the emissions of greenhouse gases:

1. All new publicly funded buildings and structures should be models of cost-effective, energy-efficient design.
2. Adams County will encourage Department Heads and Elected Officials to utilize online training options and make work assignments which will lead to reduced requirements for employee travel.
3. Reduce GHG by utilizing, to the extent possible, conservation and alternative energy sources in County-owned facilities.

4. Consider ways to reduce pollutants from transportation activities and maintenance practices.
5. Manage future lighting needs, to promote safe and effective illumination, at minimum cost and energy usage.
6. Consider projects that contribute to a reduction in vehicle miles traveled.
7. Conserve natural resources, water, and open space to minimize energy use.
8. Make use of water-efficient landscaping choices and methods to minimize the need for irrigation.
9. Encourage education for citizens regarding energy efficiency.

The foregoing resolution of Adams County was duly adopted by the Board of Commissioners at its regular meeting on September 15, 2021.

DATED this 15th day of September, 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
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