

## COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS

Adams County Courthouse  
Ritzville, Washington  
Regular Meeting

November 8, 2021  
(Monday)

**Call to Order @ 8:30 a.m.**

**Present:**

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

**Board of Health Update**

Dr. Brzezny reported on the following:

- The changed virus and its behavior
  - Delta “Infectiousness Profile”
  - Potential Implications of Altered Transmission
- Illustration of the summary toll on the world and the U.S. to date
  - Recent US trends (cases, deaths) among unvaccinated and vaccinated
  - Hospitalization trends
- Washington State and local disease statistics/workload
  - Critical staffing needs at hospitals in Washington
  - Adams County incidence rate
  - School district rates
  - Percentage of positive cases in Adams County communities
  - Cost of preventable COVID-19 hospitalizations
- Recognize the continued health system strain.

Environmental Health Director Taff provided an update of Environmental Health activities from October 13, 2021 through November 8, 2021. Gloria Ochoa and Amanda Zepeda provided Behavioral Health updates.

**East Columbia Basin Irrigation District**

The Board provided **consensus authorization for the Chairman to move forward, , upon receiving official notification of vacancy from ECBID, with publication of notice calling for qualified applicants wishing to be considered for appointment to the Board of Directors of East Columbia Basin Irrigation District, Division 3.**

### **Budget Workshop 2022**

The Board reviewed available dates for holding public hearings concerning the 2022 Budget as well as 2021 Budget Amendments.

**Recess @ 11:59 a.m.**

**Reconvene @ 1:00 p.m.**

### **Public Works**

Public Works Director O'Brien and Engineer Yaeger provided the weekly update noting current projects include bridge inspections; Schoonover Road shoulder project; maintenance shops are preparing for winter weather; gravel road maintenance; and facilities projects.

Director O'Brien reported that his department has met with the mayor of Hatton to discuss road work the town would like to contract with the county to complete. The Public Works Department will prepare an estimate for the proposed work and review it with the Town of Hatton for approval prior to moving forward.

### **McKinney Road #1 Project (CRP-192)**

Commissioner Weise moved, Thompson seconded, to *approve and sign the State of Washington – County Road Administration Board Rural Arterial Program Project Agreement for Construction Proposal, Amendment No. 2, for the McKinney Road #1 Project (CRP-192), RAP Project #0119-01. Amendment No. 2 increases the previous RATA Funding Amendment No. 1 from \$814,700 to \$1,067,400. Motion carried.*

### **Six Year Transportation Improvement Program (2022-2027)**

Engineer Yaeger provided a review of the Six Year Transportation Improvement Program (2022-2027). A public hearing to consider the Program was set for Monday, November 29, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. in Room 202 of the Adams County Courthouse, Ritzville.

### **Building and Planning Department**

Commissioner Weise moved, Thompson seconded, to *authorize the Chairman to sign Professional Services Agreement, Amendment No. 1, between Adams County and SAFEbuilt Washington, LLC, for the purpose of performing inspection services. Motion carried.*

### **Consent Agenda**

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

Preliminary minutes of November 1 and 3, 2021

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	21-3229 – 21-3299	\$196,815.75
103	21-3300 – 21-3302	\$ 8,442.83
104	21-3303 – 21-3313	\$ 34,465.82
106	21-3314 – 21-3316	\$ 3,118.63
112	21-3317 – 21-3326	\$ 2,393.07
114	21-3327 – 21-3328	\$ 300.24
116	21-3329	\$ 35.77
122	21-3330	\$ 892.33
123	21-3331 – 21-3332	\$ 2,175.00
130	21-3333	\$ 131.03
131	21-3334 – 21-3335	\$ 8,675.26
502	21-3336 – 21-3343	\$ 5,261.21
108	1695 – 1696	\$ 915.76
115	1697 – 1707	\$ 42,142.76
401	1708 – 1714	\$ 12,571.95
501	1715 – 1726	\$ 23,001.27
590	1727 – 1744	\$ 34,443.64
	TOTAL	\$375,782.32

**Permanent Minutes Signed**

October 25 and 27 2021

**Correspondence Received**

Bernard Erickson re: Retirement from ECBID Board of Directors  
(copy of letter addressed to ECBID Board of Directors)

Craig N. Simpson, P.E., Secretary – Manager, East Columbia Basin  
Irrigation District re: Vacant East Columbia Basin Irrigation District  
Director Position

**Adjournment @ 1:52 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