

## **COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS**

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

**November 29, 2021**  
(Monday)

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

**Present:**

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

**E-911**

E-911 Coordinator Shepherd, along with Sheriff Wagner and Undersheriff Coronado, reviewed Fund #103 revenues and expenditures.

**Human Resources**

Human Resource Manager Perez provided updates on the following:

- Open enrollment – the PEBB annual open enrollment period ends November 30, 2021;
- PEBB long term disability benefits;
- State long term care program;
- Superior Court – the vacant administrative assistant/bailiff position has been filled; and,
- Various reporting requirements.

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

It being the time of 10:02 a.m. and the place set for the public hearing to consider the 2022-2027 Six Year Transportation Program, Chairman Blankenship convened the public hearing.

Engineer Yaeger reviewed each of the projects by priority.

No public comment was received.

Chairman Blankenship closed the public hearing at 10:12 a.m.

### **Public Works**

Public Works Director O'Brien provided updates on road maintenance; solid waste; and, facilities. Additionally, O'Brien noted snow plow routes are being developed. Engineer Yaeger reported on bridge inspections as well as miscellaneous road projects.

### **Annual Road Construction Program**

Engineer Yaeger reviewed the 2022 Annual Road Construction Program.

### **Executive Session**

Executive Session was held under RCW 42.30.110(1)(g) – "...to review the performance of a public employee." Employee evaluation was held from 11:00 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. Public Works Director O'Brien was present. Additionally present was Prosecutor Flyckt.

### **Broadband**

The Board discussed options for county matching funds in the submission of a Broadband grant through the Washington State Broadband Office (WSBO). A virtual meeting will be held at noon today for the purpose of obtaining additional information on WSBO guidelines.

### **Phoenix Protective Corporation**

Discussion was held regarding continuing screening services with Phoenix Protective Corporation in the courthouse. The Board provided **consensus authorization for the Clerk to write a letter to discontinue screening services at the Adams County Courthouse, effective December 31, 2021, with a request for continued screening services at the County Services Building in Othello for an undetermined time.**

### **Broadband**

The Board participated in a virtual work study session regarding Washington State Broadband Office funding.

**Recess @ 12:40 p.m.**

**Reconvene @ 1:25 p.m.**

### **Executive Session**

At 1:30 p.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...". Additionally present were Prosecutor Flyckt; Civil

Deputy Prosecutor Barden; and, Senior Deputy Prosecutor Lehman. No action anticipated.

At 2:30 p.m. the Board reconvened from Executive Session. No action taken.

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

Commissioner Weise moved, Thompson seconded, to *approve Resolution No. R-055-2021 In the Matter of Adopting the Adams County Six Year Transportation Improvement Program (2022-2027)*. Motion carried.

**Annual Road Construction Program**

Commissioner Thompson moved, Weise seconded, to *approve Resolution No. R-056-2021 In the Matter of Adopting the 2022 Annual Road Construction Program*. Motion carried.

**Consent Agenda**

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

Preliminary minutes of November 22, 2021

November 1 – 15, 2021 Payroll in the amount of \$465,524.04; and, Benefits in the amount of \$86,681.14 (Warrant # Series 532715-532726; Direct Deposit # Series 69751-69931; Benefit/Deduction # Series 1161350-1161358

**Permanent Minutes Signed**

November 8, 2021  
November 15, 2021

**Correspondence Received**

East Basin Irrigators Association, LLC re: Swinger Endorsement for ECBID Division 2 Board Position

North Central Educational Service District, Michelle Price, Ed.D., Superintendent re: 2022 levy certifications for Warden School District per RCW 84.52.0531

Dennis Swinger, Jr. re: request for consideration to fill the unexpired term of Bernie Erickson on the East Columbia Basin Irrigation Board of Directors

John C. Hyer re: Vacant Director Position for Division #3 on the East Columbia Basin Irrigation District Board

Educational Service District 123, Travis Belisle, Fiscal Services Administrator re: Certification of tax levies for calendar year 2022 collection for school districts as required by Chapter 84.52.020 RCW (North Franklin #051 and Othello #147)

Kiesz Farms, Inc.; Patty Kagele Farms, Inc.; Randy L. and Michele Kiesz Farms re: ECBID Board Division #3 Vacancy – Swinger Support

**Adjournment @ 3:08 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-055-2021**

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

**IN THE MATTER OF ADOPTING THE ADAMS COUNTY SIX YEAR  
TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (2022-2027)**

**WHEREAS**, the preliminary Six Year Transportation Improvement Program and the transportation project priority array were prepared and presented to the Board for their review and consideration on Monday, November 29, 2021, during a public meeting of the Board of Commissioners; and,

**WHEREAS**, the County Engineer submitted and made available to the Board and the public the 2020 Bridge Inspection Report on March 29, 2021 for consideration during the preparation of the Six Year Transportation Improvement Program; and,

**WHEREAS**, an environmental pre-assessment of the Six Year Transportation Improvement Program indicated that the social, economic and aesthetic values would not be disturbed; and,

**WHEREAS**, a public hearing was held on Monday, November 29, 2020, during which the final program and was presented and discussed; and,

**WHEREAS**, all public comments were heard and reviewed during the public hearing and no objections were heard;

**THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED** that the 2022-2027 Six-Year Transportation Improvement Program is hereby approved and adopted.

**DATED** this 29th day of November, 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

**RESOLUTION NO. R-056-2021**

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

**IN THE MATTER OF ADOPTING THE 2022 ANNUAL ROAD CONSTRUCTION PROGRAM**

**WHEREAS**, the County Road Administration Board Standards of Good Practice requires the adoption of the Annual Road Construction Program in accordance with WAC 136 Chapter 16;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Annual Road Construction Program for 2022 as presented by the Adams County Engineer and filed and attached hereto is adopted.

**DATED** this 29th day of November, 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