

## COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS

Regular Meeting  
Adams County Courthouse  
Ritzville, Washington

January 19, 2022  
(Wednesday)

**Call to Order @ 9:00 a.m.**

**Present:**

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

**Public Works**

Engineer Yaeger and Public Works Director O'Brien reported on the following:

Road Maintenance – the Sutton Road bridge decking project has commenced; salt brine is being applied as necessary; crews are conducting water and erosion control with rain expected.

Engineering – reviewed upcoming 2022 projects – Deal Road Project #2, McKinney Road project, and Cunningham Road project.

Evidence Building (Othello) – modifications of the consultant agreement requested by the prosecutor were reviewed. The Board provided **consensus authorization for Public Works Director O'Brien to forward a draft of the modifications from county legal counsel for consultant consideration.**

Apprentice Program – the Public Works Department will begin advertising open positions that require a CDL. Director O'Brien will review qualified applicants and, if necessary, will request Board approval to move forward with an apprentice program in the Public Works Department.

Solid Waste – proposed legislation at the state level for solid waste management was reviewed.

**Warden Hutterian Brethren Franchise Agreement**

The Board provided consensus authorization to set Tuesday, February 15, 2022, at 10:00 a.m., in Room 202 of the Adams County Courthouse, 210 W. Broadway, Ritzville, Washington, as the date and time for a public hearing to consider a grant of Franchise to Warden Hutterian Brethren to

construct, operate, and maintain an existing and additional irrigation and process water transmission pipeline upon, under, over, across, and along the rights-of-ways of the county roads of Adams County, Washington.

## **Workshop**

### **Board of Health Composition**

Commissioner Blankenship distributed information on E2SHB 1152, supporting measures to create comprehensive public health districts.

Discussion items included:

- Advertising for additional board of health members.
- Categories from which to select additional board of health members.
- At a minimum, three additional members to the local Board of Health are required. Board **consensus was to not expand past three new members.**
- Term of office. Board **consensus was for three-year terms to be staggered.**
- Compensation. Board **consensus authorized reimbursement of training expenses and mileage expenses for new members.**
- Establishment of quorum – will be discussed with full Board once appointments have been made.

Additionally present were Prosecutor Flyckt and staff from Ritzville Journal.

**Recess @ 11:54 a.m.**

**Reconvene @ 1:02 p.m.**

## **Workshop**

### **Code Enforcement:**

Prosecutor Flyckt reviewed the history of code enforcement in Adams County as well as the processes when dealing with code enforcement issues. Flyckt noted a general provision of the county code says violations are subject to a standard misdemeanor with the current code being enforceable. Creation of an alternate penalty phase to the code was discussed with Prosecutor Flyckt noting that he feels the current code has the necessary elements to charge a violation that will be admissible in court.

Additional discussion included the following:

- The point at which the violation is turned over to an enforcement agency.
- The agency responsible of addressing code violations.
- Refining the current process is necessary, not the creation of a new process.

Present were Bob Carlson, Adams County Planning Commission; and Prosecutor Flyckt. Building and Planning Director Wiltse attended virtually.

### **Broadband**

Those present for the meeting included Commissioners Blankenship, Thompson and Weise; Auditor Hunt; Treasurer Meise; Public Works Director O'Brien; Bob Carlson, Adams County Planning Commission; Ritzville City Clerk Julie Flyckt; Rod Larse, Ritzville Journal; Kara Riebold and Joe Poire, Petrichor. Consultant Jody Opheim attended virtually.

Commissioner Blankenship reviewed the Broadband application process, and the funding Adams County was awarded. Ms. Riebold reviewed the technical duties of the application. Items for discussion included startup money and reimbursements with the consensus being that once the grant agreement is received and reviewed by the county, additional information will become available to continue the planning process for the administration of the grant.

### **Adjournment @ 3:46 p.m.**

Submitted:  
s/Patricia J. Phillips, CMC  
Clerk of the Board

Edited and Approved:

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
ADAMS COUNTY, WASHINGTON  
s/Jay R. Weise, Chairman  
s/Terrance J. Thompson, Vice-Chairman  
s/Dan C. Blankenship, Commissioner