

## COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS

Adams County Courthouse  
Ritzville, Washington  
Regular Meeting

February 8, 2022 – 9:00 a.m.  
(Tuesday)

### Call to Order

Chairman Weise called the meeting to order.

### Present:

Chairman Jay R. Weise  
Vice-Chairman Terrance J. Thompson  
Commissioner Dan C. Blankenship (*virtually*)

### Pledge of Allegiance

Chairman Weise led the Pledge of Allegiance.

### Approval/Addition of Agenda

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

### Consent Agenda

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

### **Minutes**

Approve Preliminary Minutes of January 25 and 26, 2022

### **Vouchers**

Approve 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	22-0171 – 22-0208	\$ 76,383.71
001	Hand Pays	\$ 600.00
104	22-0209 – 22-0222	\$ 27,477.53



the frequency of county legislative meetings at alternate locations; HB 1918, reducing emissions from outdoor power equipment; and, HB 1812, modernizing the energy facility site evaluation council to meet the state's clean energy goals. Commissioner Blankenship noted HB 1918 and HB 1812 are facing opposition.

Commissioner Thompson – reviewed meetings he will be attending.

Commissioner Weise – provided an update on Martin Hall, noting staffing is close to normal and wait times for transport should subside; a stakeholder group is researching the movement of juveniles to an older age. Additionally, Commissioner Weise attended a webinar regarding ARPA funds, noting additional research is required on lost revenue rules; and, a facilities audit was completed for the Courthouse and the County Services Building. A report will be forthcoming and, when received, necessary projects will be prioritized within the county relating to security upgrades throughout.

### **Board Discussion/Decision Items**

**Department Update**                      **Amalia Perez**                      **Human Resources**  
Human Resource Manager Perez reported on scheduled trainings she will be attending and current departmental tasks including identification badges and policies that are in process. Additionally, Perez noted certain bargaining unit contracts expire at the end of 2022 and would like to begin preparing for negotiations.

**Department Update**                      **Dale Wagner**                      **Sheriff's Department**  
Sheriff Wagner, along with Undersheriff Coronado, reported a need to access funding to assist in an investigation due to an unforeseen circumstance. The Board provided **consensus authorization for the Sheriff's Department to conduct the necessary investigation with funding from Criminal Justice Fund #105.**

Additional discussion included:

- Sheriff Wagner requested Resolution No. R-024-2019, In the Matter of Establishing Fund #130A Seized Property Litigation Reserve, be rescinded with the monies being held in that fund distributed back to his department. Prosecutor Flyckt reviewed RCW 69.50.505 relating to seizure and forfeiture rules, noting the Resolution No. R-024-2019 was adopted to provide a process should the Sheriff's office be held accountable and ordered to pay attorney fees for failing to prove their

burden of proof relating to seizures and forfeitures. In that event, property may be returned to the claimant and attorney fees and costs may be awarded to claimant. The court would make their own determination of what the fees may be. No action was taken pending additional discussion.

- Sheriff Wagner requested salary clarification on a potential hire of a lateral dispatcher, not addressed in current policy. Wagner was cautioned that the dispatchers are part of a bargaining unit and any action taken cannot conflict with the collective bargaining agreement.

- The “Moses Lake Regional TRT Interlocal Agreement” was reviewed with Board signature requested. Commissioner Weise noted that he is not comfortable signing the agreement as the Board has no control over an elected official’s department other than fiscal matters. Sheriff Wagner will request the signature line be changed to Chief Law Enforcement individual.

- Sheriff Wagner reviewed a proposal for a firing range on county owned property. The Board requested the Sheriff develop a plan to present for Board consideration.

### **Other Business**

Chief Deputy Prosecutor Palubicki and Prosecutor Flyckt reviewed a resume from a well-qualified attorney that is currently employed in Grant County and has expressed an interest in working for Adams County. Prosecutor Flyckt requested and received **consensus authorization to offer the applicant a salary placement of Range 7, Step 5, of the Adams County Exempt Level Salary Schedule.**

### **Executive Session – None**

### **Adjournment @ 11:12 a.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