

## COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS

### Regular Meeting Adams County Courthouse Ritzville, Washington

April 13, 2022 – 9:00 a.m.  
(Wednesday)

#### **Call to Order**

Chairman Weise called the meeting to order.

#### **Present:**

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

#### **Pledge of Allegiance**

Chairman Weise led the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### **Approval/Addition of Agenda**

Commissioner Blankenship moved, Thompson seconded, to approve the agenda as presented. **Motion carried.**

#### **Board of Health**

Dr. Brzezny reported last week was National Public Health Week, expressing his appreciation for public health workers in Adams County. Additionally, Dr. Brzezny provided updates on the following:

- Global events vs. the improved U.S. COVID-19 outlook
  - Chinese situation tenuous
  - post-Omicron “surge” approaching in the U.S.
  - Europe: post-Omicron surge largely abated
  - war on Ukraine
- WA/U.S. wastewater surveillance and local data
  - wastewater-based epidemiology
- Medical countermeasures update
  - 4<sup>th</sup> COVID vaccine dose recommended for immunocompromised and 65 and older, also for those 50 and older
  - COVID tests can be ordered at <https://sayyescovidhometest.com>

- Recent increase in other respiratory viruses
- Extraordinarily active TB case load in Adams County, four (4) active cases currently
- Childhood vaccines
- Drug abuse and overdoses – Adams County did not have any reported overdose deaths in 2020 or 2021

### **Integrated Health Care Services**

Opioid Abatement Strategies – Commissioner Weise briefly reviewed a proposal from Washington Association of Counties (WSAC) regarding opioid abatement strategies. Commissioner Weise will forward information to Dr. Brzezny, Health Officer, and IHCS Director Guse for consideration.

Agency Updates – Integrated Health Care Services Director Guse provided agency updates for the month of March, 2022.

Recovery Navigator Program – Proposed job descriptions for RNP Case Manager and RNP Outreach Navigator were reviewed by Director Guse. The positions will be within the SUD/Recovery Navigator Program. Documents have been forwarded to Civil Attorney Barden for review.

Memorandum of Understanding (COVID-19 Quarantine) – Director Guse reported that motels in Ritzville under contract for COVID-19 quarantine cases are no longer a necessity and recommends ending the Memorandum of Understanding as of June 30, 2022. Guse received Board concurrence.

### **Behavioral Health – Qualifacts Systems, Inc**

Commissioner Blankenship moved, Thompson seconded, to authorize the Chairman to sign Electron Medical Records (EMR) Service Change Form between Qualifacts Systems, Inc. and Adams County Integrated Health Care Services to modify the agreement to add “Client Appointment Reminder Feature” that will automatically remind clients of scheduled appointments for a one-time charge of \$2,500 and a monthly fee of \$345 for the period May 1, 2022 through May 31, 2024. **Motion carried.**

### **Public Health – Consolidated Contract CLH31001, Amendment #3**

Commissioner Blankenship moved, Thompson seconded, to authorize the Chairman to sign Consolidated Contract CLH31001, Amendment #3, between the State of Washington Department of Health and Adams

County Integrated Health Care Services for increased funding of \$1,726 for a total contract award of \$1,876,022 for the period January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2024. **Motion carried.** *(Adds 2022 allocation dollars for promotion of immunizations for January-June, 2022.)*

Enforcement – Director Guse requested and received direction on a recent enforcement order that was issued by her department and sent certified, return receipt mail. Guse reported the letter was returned as unclaimed and unable to forward. The next steps were reviewed with Prosecutor Flyckt stating personal service is the next step in the progression of enforcement and to contact the sheriff's office to advance the process.

#### **Precinct Boundaries**

A draft resolution in the matter of adoption voter precincts within Adams County was reviewed. Action is anticipated April 20, 2022.

**Recess @ 11:38 a.m.**

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

#### **Board Workshop**

##### Public Works

Public Works Director O'Brien provided updates on road maintenance noting special projects in all three districts. O'Brien reported the Ritzville transfer station roof was damaged during high winds and estimates are being sought for repair; and, Facilities Manager Sackmann is receiving quotes from tree trimming services for additional trees at the fairgrounds.

##### Adams County Farm Ground Lease

Commissioner Blankenship moved, Thompson seconded, to approve the Farm Lease between Cody Horst, Othello, and Adams County, for a term of four (4) crop years commencing on the date of execution and terminating on November 30, 2025 with rent payable in the amount of \$3,500 per lease year. **Motion carried.**

##### Engineering

Assistant Public Works Director Reynolds provided updates on the Booker Road Overlay #2 project and the Cunningham Road project.

### Sheriff's Department Evidence Building

The Public Works Department has solicited Requests for Qualifications from various firms to complete the soils investigation survey and land/topographical survey for the Sheriff's Department Evidence Building Project. The Public Works Department received one (1) Statement of Qualifications from Budinger and Associates, teaming with TO-Engineers, and have determined them to be qualified to perform the work. Based on the recommendation of the Public Works Department, the Board provided **consensus authorization to begin negotiations on a Scope of Work and pricing with Budinger & Associates (geotechnical), teaming with TO-Engineers (land survey), for the work necessary to complete the project.**

### Executive Session

At 1:59 p.m. Chairman Weise announced the Board would recess into Executive Session for fifteen (15) minutes under RCW 42.30.110(1)(i) – “to discuss with legal counsel representing the agency litigation or potential litigation...”. No action is anticipated. Prosecutor Flyckt and Public Works Director O'Brien were present.

At 2:14 p.m. the Board reconvened from Executive Session. No action taken.

### Adjournment @ 2:16 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