

COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS

Regular Meeting
Adams County Courthouse
Ritzville, Washington

June 8, 2022 – 9:03 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 Workshop

Board of Health – Dr. Brzezny, Adams County Health Officer, reported the following:

- U.S. Covid Trends – cases increasing in more than half of all states; hospitalizations are rising nationally but have begun to decline in the Northeast.
- Washington Trends – hospitalizations are rising in Washington state.
- Adams County incidence rate – 6.4% of tests are positive
- Booster “new” Vaccines – CDC has strengthened recommendations and expanded eligibility for COVID-19 booster shots. Pfizer (and soon Moderna) applying for vaccine approval for <5-year-olds. Novavax’s COVID-19 vaccine would be the first authorized in the U.S. with a traditional protein-based platform. One in five parents of children under five want to vaccinate their child for COVID-19

right away when authorized, however, four in ten want to wait and see. COVID home tests remain available.

- Avian Influenza – no human cases in Washington with no individuals being quarantined at this time. Four dead snow geese in Grant County were positive for Avian Influenza. This remains a disease of animals with a significant agricultural impact.
- Monkeypox – first known human infection in 1970 in Zaire, Africa; in 2003 U.S. recorded 81 cases associated with pet rodents (no human-to-human transmission). Largest outbreak to date: Nigeria, Africa in 2017 – 146 suspected, 42 confirmed. The Monkeypox is generally a 2 to 4-week progression and contagious during that time. The spread of Monkeypox is not well understood, however, direct contact with sick people (including objects like clothes, linen, etc.) or contact with dead or live infected animals or products prepared from infected animals (lotions, creams) are known causes. There are currently over 1000 cases globally.
- Tuberculosis – currently there are three individuals with active Tuberculosis in Adams County. One individual has absconded and has not been found. Local healthcare facilities are aware, contact investigation follow ups are ongoing.
- Naloxone – Naloxone is being considered for high schools for possible student opioid overdoses. Emergency Medical Services report opioid responses on the rise. Board **consensus was provided for Dr. Brzezny to sign a formal agreement to make Narcan Nasal Spray available for high schools, colleges, universities, and public libraries.**

Integrated Health Care Services – Integrated Health Care Services Director Guse provided written agency updates.

Public Works – Assistant Public Works Director Reynolds provided a maintenance update for all three districts; the drainage structure on Snowden Road is progressing; and, the Bruce transfer station building roof is repaired.

Lind Maintenance Building

The Public Works Shop and Storage Addition project was reviewed with proposed Resolution No. R-019-2022. The project is for improvement to the Lind shop area and described as a shop and storage addition

constructed with a 30' X 70' post frame style with three (3) open bays (gravel floor) and two (2) full enclosed bays (concrete floor). Action is anticipated June 14, 2022.

Executive Session

At 11:23 a.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 matters relating to agency enforcement actions, or to discuss with legal counsel representing the agency litigation or potential litigation to which the agency, the governing body, or a member acting in an official capacity is, or is likely to become, a party, when public knowledge regarding the discussion is likely to result in an adverse legal or financial consequence to the agency.” Additionally present was Prosecutor Flyckt. No action anticipated.

At 11:38 a.m. the Board reconvened from Executive Session. No action taken.

Recess @ 11:40 a.m.
Reconvene @ 1:00 p.m.

Board Workshops

Central Services

Central Services Director Boness reported the following: a server to provide additional space has been purchased and is scheduled to arrive in July; the Washington State Patrol access audit has been completed; a memo was sent out to staff regarding KnowBe4 training; and, there are licensing issues with Office 365 that are being addressed. Additionally discussed was cost allocation; a method to digitally store documents; Adobe Pro licensing; and, a need for in-depth conversations on budgeting and the use of equipment in the Central Services Department.

Geographic Information Systems

GIS Manager Stolsig reviewed meetings and trainings he has scheduled and/or completed. Additionally, Stolsig reported activities in process in conjunction with other county departments.

Emergency Management

Emergency Management Director Duffey provided updates on departmental activities and future training opportunities.

Building and Planning

Building and Planning Director Wiltse reported a notice of burn ban has been published with notice provided to fire departments and the sheriff.

Additionally, Wiltse provided updates on the following:

- OB-3 Conditional Use Permit (CUP) compliance measures
- Shoreline Master Program review
- Short Range projects under review
- Enforcement actions

Adjournment @ 3:25 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