

COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS

Adams County Courthouse
Ritzville, Washington
Regular Meeting

August 1, 2011
(Monday)

Call to Order @ 8:30 a.m.

Present:

Chairman Jeffrey W. Stevens
Vice-Chairman Rudy Plager
Commissioner Roger L. Hartwig

[9:30:59 AM](#)

WSU Cooperative Extension

Tera Conrath, WSU Extension Administrative Assistant, requested on behalf of Aaron Esser, Director, to move \$6,000 from the operations line item to capital outlay to defray the additional cost for a replacement vehicle for the Department. Board **consensus authorized the purchase of the vehicle at the 2011 budgeted amount plus the additional cost for a total of \$24,000**. This departmental budget modification will be included in the scheduled amendment process later this year.

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Public Works

Engineer Yaeger reported on the following:

- Road maintenance projects
- Temporary help starts to leave August 11 and 18 to return to school
- Solid Waste
- Review of a proposed parking reconfiguration in front of the County Public Services Building at 425 E. Main
- Booker Road reconstruction progress

The Board referred the request received from a resident on Sage Rd. to utilize some of the grindings on the road. A traffic count will be done along with some long range planning for future usage of grindings on various roads.

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Recess @ 12:00

Reconvene @ 1:00 p.m.

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Ground Water Management Area (GWMA)

Paul Stoker, GWMA Administrator, requested the following:

- A. Approval of proposed project scope and budget to evaluate municipal groundwater supply issues; and, to evaluate the extent of modern recharge in large capacity irrigation wells near the East Low Canal. The work is referred to as the Groundwater Recharge and Supply Evaluation for GWMA Municipalities and Areas Near the East Low Canal Project or the Municipalities/Canal Project. This Project builds on the results of the recently completed GWMA Groundwater and Hydrologic Modeling Project. Total budget is anticipated at \$1,000,000 (\$600,000 for Task 1 Municipal Groundwater Supply Evaluation; and, \$400,000 Task 2 East Low Canal Groundwater Recharge Evaluation)

Commissioner Plager moved, Hartwig seconded, to *confirm the projected budget and confirm the scope of work for the Municipalities/Canal Project.* **Motion carried.**

- B. Approval of a letter to be sent to Governor Gregoire requesting support for \$1.6 million for the Columbia Basin Ground Water Management Area (GWMA) in the FY2012 Supplemental budget. This funding will allow four counties – Adams, Grant, Lincoln and Franklin – to complete critical ground water projects that accomplish important local, state and federal ground water objectives.

Commissioner Hartwig moved, Plager seconded, to *authorize the Chairman to sign a letter to Governor Gregoire requesting FY2012 Supplemental Budget funds for the Columbia Basin Ground Water Modeling Projects.* **Motion carried.**

Stoker identified the future role of the GWMA and noted that other funding tools would need to be available to provide service to the citizens and leaders of the area. A list of the identified roles for the GWMA was submitted. An estimate of \$500,000 per year was noted as the minimum

level of funding needed to deliver the basic needs of the area. County funding level was noted for Adams at 15% for \$75,000. This included some possible funding sources such as well head assessment, parcel assessment, property tax, fees, and general fund entity contributions. No decision was made on the funding for the future.

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Consent Agenda

Commissioner Plager moved, Hartwig seconded, to *approve the Consent Agenda*. ***Motion carried.***

Preliminary minutes of July 25 and 27, 2011

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	112844-112881	\$ 15,233.43
001	Hand Pay	\$ 344.00
103	112882-112886	\$ 34,814.07
104	112887-112898	\$ 17,330.21
105	112899	\$ 23,275.00
105	Hand Pay	\$ 10,500.00
106	112900-112903	\$ 38,889.48
109	112904	\$ 338.20
111	112905-112906	\$ 5,000.00
112	112907	\$ 585.00
117	112908-112910	\$ 370.83
121	112911-112915	\$ 4,134.27
123	112916	\$ 1,800.00
166	112917-112921	\$ 1,433.97
502	112922-112935	\$ 7,988.01
108	1437	\$ 132.00
115	1438-1450	\$ 2,283.99
122	1451	\$ 250.00
401	1452-1458	\$ 6,630.27
501	1459-1460	\$ 1,404.19
590	1461-1470	\$125,617.90
TOTAL		\$298,354.82

Permanent Minutes Signed

July 15, 18 and 20, 2011

Correspondence Received

United States Department of the Interior, Edward W. Shepard re: request for potential candidates for lands administered by the Bureau of Land Management that are ready for designation as wilderness by Congress

Copy of letter to Rise Wiggins from County Engineer Yaeger re: Booker Road and Providence Intersection

Department of Ecology 2010 Report to the Legislature: Water Conservancy Boards, July, 2011

David Leatherman, Adams County Farm Bureau re: request to schedule a hearing and consider opting in to the Voluntary Stewardship Program (VSP) created under ESHB 1886 during the 2011 Legislative session

Adjournment @ 4:15 p.m.

Submitted:
s/Linda Reimer, MMC
Clerk of the Board

Edited and Approved:

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
ADAMS COUNTY, WASHINGTON
s/Jeffrey W. Stevens, Chairman
s/Rudy Plager, Vice-Chairman
s/Roger L. Hartwig, Commissioner