

COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS

Adams County Courthouse
Ritzville, Washington
Regular Meeting

August 22, 2011
(Monday)

Call to Order @ 8:30 a.m.

Present:

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

[9:08:53 AM](#)

Superior Court/District Court

Sandra Bauer, Superior Court, reported that some unexpected expenses have occurred lately including upgrade of the FTR system and microphone replacement (\$3,700); and, a bill from Courthouse Technologies for the jury program training including travel and lodging expenses (\$1,600). Bauer requested, and received **by consensus authorization to pay the invoices from the Trial Court Improvement Fund**. Auditor McBroom was present and noted that she would include these expenses in the next budget amendment.

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Public Works

Public Works Director Todd O'Brien reported on the continued maintenance of roads during harvest; noted that crack sealing will begin around September 6 and is expected to continue until the end of October; and, that some striping will be done in the parking lot of the County Services Building, Othello.

A sign noting that devices are available for the hearing impaired during court sessions will be posted in the County Public Services Building, Othello, during the week.

Todd O'Brien reported that a quote was received from Allied Security to facilitate the re-coring of the four exterior entry doors of the courthouse.

Once completed employees will have to use the card entry system as only a master key will work in the entry doors.

The Board was informed that the City of Ritzville has placed the courthouse front lawn on a once-a-week watering basis since that site is considered a large water user within the city limits.

The Assistant Public Works Director/County Engineer position vacancy was reported filled with the individual beginning work on September 6, 2011.

West Moon Street Sewer System Improvement Project

Director O'Brien discussed an application submitted by the City of Othello to begin a project that would connect the commercial/light businesses in the West Moon Street area of the community to the City of Othello's sanitary sewer system thereby eliminating the discharge of raw sewage to an open, unlined lagoon that is a public safety concern to the community. Commissioner Hartwig moved, Plager seconded, to *approve the West Moon Street Sewer System Improvement Project*. **Motion carried.**

A new assistant engineer has been hired and is currently going through the pre-employment check and should be begin work on Sept 6th.

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Sheriff's Department

Sheriff Barger along with Undersheriff Hunt requested authorization to purchase thirty (30) *Smith and Wesson* guns from Gunarama Wholesale Law Enforcement, Spokane, Washington. The cost of each gun is \$382 with Smith and Wesson crediting \$345 for each old gun/holster turned in to them. New holsters and required magazines are extra with the total cost quoted at \$4,127.25. The board **by consensus authorized the Sheriff's Department to proceed with the purchase under the stated terms.**

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Recess @ 12:00

Reconvene @ 1:00 p.m.

Consent Agenda

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

Preliminary minutes of August 15 and 17, 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	113211-113244	\$ 17,142.27
001	Hand Pay	\$ 55.00
103	113245-113246	\$ 122.02
105	113247-113250	\$ 31,913.20
106	113251-113253	\$ 3,524.08
107	113254-113255	\$ 1,415.40
109	113256	\$ 333.00
112	113257	\$ 337.75
502	113258-113260	\$ 810.11
001	1571	\$ 62.43
108	1572	\$ 9.70
115	1573-1582	\$163,178.96
401	1583-1587	\$ 28,898.64
501	1588-1589	\$ 334.52
590	1590-1605	\$ 52,134.08
TOTAL		\$300,271.16

Permanent Minutes Signed

August 8 and 10, 2011

Correspondence Received

Department of Revenue, David M. Saavedra, Property Tax Division
re: personal property appraisals for the 2012 ratio study

AVISTA, Ken Sweigart, Project Manager for Northwest
Transmission Study re: notification that sponsors of Northwest
Transmission Study (Avista, PG&E, BC Hydro) have decided to allow the
study agreement to expire due to evolving need for renewable energy and
changing industry landscape

Adams County Treasurer Danekas re: county-owned properties
subject to 2012 weed and irrigation assessments

Adjournment @ 2:50 p.m.

Submitted:
s/Nancy Burt
Deputy 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