

COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS

Adams County Courthouse Ritzville, Washington Regular Meeting

September 6, 2011

(Tuesday due to Labor Day Holiday on Monday)

Call to Order @ 8:30 a.m.

Present:

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

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Public Works

Assistant Public Works Director/Engineer Brandi Collier was introduced.

Updates were provided on road maintenance tasks; the fairgrounds; work being done at the Bruce Transfer Station; and, on progress completing a portion of Booker Road that enabled a two mile stretch to open on September 2.

Hills Road #87061

Engineer Yaeger presented his recommendation on the request to increase the speed limit from 50 mph to 55 mph on Hills Road #87061 (Danekas Rd. – MP 6.13 north to Adams/Lincoln County Line – MP 9.49). The recommendation was to increase the speed limit from 50 mph to 55 mph from MP 6.13 to MP 6.49 and to reduce the speed limit at night to 45 mph from MP 8.53 to MP 9.06 to allow the correct headlight sight distance during the dark hours.

Commissioner Hartwig moved, Plager seconded, to *accept the recommendation of the County Engineer and to approve **Resolution No. R-33-2011 In the Matter of Establishing the Speed Limit on a Portion of Hills Road #87061.*** Motion carried.

Irrigation Easement

Commissioner Plager moved, Hartwig seconded, to *authorize the Chairman to sign the Irrigation Easement between Adams County and*

William Paul and Joleen Barker. **Motion carried.** This easement will facilitate the proposed construction of a new Pet Rescue facility in the Othello area.

Solid Waste

Director O'Brien reported that Hydrometrics will compile a report for the Department of Ecology and the Health Department addressing the continued need and level of monitoring of the former Bruce Landfill. Future action will be taken based on the results of the report.

Board **consensus authorized the department to proceed with securing a firm quote on a backhoe to be used at the transfer station.** Authorization to proceed with the purchase will be discussed with the Board following receipt of the quote.

Departmental Position Vacancies

Board **consensus authorized hiring for the following position vacancies:**

- **One (1) Maintenance I position based in Othello**
- **One (1) Mechanic position based in Ritzville**
- **Three (3) Solid Waste Attendant/Truck Driver positions.**

Discussions will be held during 2012 budget sessions to hire additional solid waste staff.

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State Auditor Exit Conference

Audit Manager Kent Zirker along with Audit Lead Brian Giles reviewed draft reports for the 2010 audit; and, discussed other related audit details including the report publication, audit cost analysis, and the next scheduled audit that is anticipated for May, 2012. There were no audit findings or recommendations for the 2010 financial year. The Board delivered the Representation Letter.

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Recess @ 12:00

Reconvene @ 1:00 p.m.

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Adams County Community Network

Adams County Community Network Chairman Dunnagan inquired if the county would be willing to remain as “fiscal agent” for the Network until the end of the year. Local and State changes are still being handled within the Network and the group believed that the county continuing to serve as fiscal agent would facilitate the end of year closings required. The Board by **consensus agreed to retain “fiscal agent” status for the Adams County Community Network until December 31, 2011.**

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Ritzville District Court

Judge Hille reviewed details regarding her request for a bailiff position in the District Court. Hille noted that she had proceeded with hiring an individual and did realize that some procedural details needed to be finalized. A job description will be written and adopted by the Board; and, a classification level will be established for the position. These documents will be in place prior to the end of the month to facilitate payroll. The position will again be discussed and reviewed during the 2012 budget workshop session. Vice-Chairman Plager reported that he continues to work on resolution of various security matters.

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SkillSource

Commissioner Hartwig moved, Plager seconded, to *approve Addendum No. 1 to the Lease Agreement between Adams County and SkillSource.* **Motion carried.** The Addendum extends the terms of the lease for an additional five (5) years commencing on September 11, 2011 through August 31, 2016. Tenant retains the right to extend the terms for one (1) additional successive period of five years. Rent is set at \$0 per month.

Consent Agenda

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

Preliminary minutes of August 22, 24, and 29, 2011

August, 2011 Payroll in the amount of \$6772667.36; and, Benefits in the amount of \$218,322.95 (Warrant # Series 518564-518740; Direct Deposit # Series 29930-30089; and, Benefit/Deduction # Series 1088641-1088659)

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	113387-113414	\$30,079.01
103	113415-113416	\$ 1,809.30
107	113417	\$ 750.00
121	113418-113419	\$ 2,102.31
502	113420-113427	\$ 6,992.59
108	1716-1719	\$ 784.99
115	1720-1723	\$ 1,747.78
122	1724	\$14,550.00
401	1725-1728	\$ 41.27
590	1729-1744	\$13,880.27
TOTAL		\$72,737.52

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Permanent Minutes Signed

August 15 and 17, 2011

Correspondence Received

Copy of letter sent to Inmate Communications Corporation, California re: termination of inmate phones vending agreement dated February 4, 2005 effective April 5, 2012

Copy of Request for Hearing in the Matter of Department of Health vs. David R. Flair and ZIP'S contesting the Notice of Food Permit Revocation

Department of Commerce re: notification of Department's intent to contract funds for the Housing and Essential Needs Grant and estimated county allocation chart identifying funds for the service area

Adjournment @ 4:30 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

RESOLUTION NO. R-33-2011

**ORDER OF BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
ADAMS COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

**IN THE MATTER OF ESTABLISHING THE SPEED LIMIT ON A PORTION OF HILLS
ROAD #87061**

WHEREAS, a petition was received on July 12, 2011, requesting to increase the speed limit on a portion of Hills Road; and,

WHEREAS, the County Engineer has inspected the area and confirms that the roadway warrants increasing the speed limit to 55 MPH, although the northern portion of the roadway will be required to maintain a reduced speed to 45 MPH during the night time;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that a speed limit of 55 M.P.H. is hereby established for Hills Road #87061 from Danekas Road (MP 6.13) to (MP 9.49) with a night time speed limit of 45MPH from M.P. 8.53 to M.P. 9.06 effective immediately upon posting.

DATED this 6th day of September, 2011.

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

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