

COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS

**Regular Meeting
Adams County Public Services Building
Othello, Washington**

September 28, 2011
(Wednesday)

Call to Order @ 9:00 a.m.

Present:

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

Juvenile

Juvenile Administrator Juan Garza reported the following:

- Necessity for a 2011 budget amendment since JDAI related remodel was going to exceed the \$20,000 estimate by \$10,000 (sufficient funds are available to cover the additional expense)
- Next stakeholder luncheon will be followed by a tour of the facilities; grand opening scheduled for November 4 with State representatives attending; Rotary Club has donated funds to purchase a digital camera and laptop computer
- State funding cuts of up to 10% are anticipated
- Zero graffiti cases reported for the month of August
- Martin Hall bed days have decreased with more diversion/treatment being credited
- Newest "Girls Circle Program" has 18 participants and is noted as leading program utilizing evidence based practices which then qualifies it for state funding
- Four (4) new portable radios have been purchased and are in service
- Start dates for Strengthening Families, A.R.T. class, and 'Be a Hero' sessions
- Youth involvement at Adams County Fair; 440# of produce donated to local food bank from Garden Project
- Staff are encouraged to be out in the community except for time to complete essential paperwork

IHCS

Integrated Health Care Services Director Brueske reviewed anticipated State funding budget cuts that will impact the county department. Brueske noted that the goal will be toward advocating for more flexibility in using local, State and Federal funds that are available.

Details regarding the proposal for Adams County to join with the Spokane Regional Support Network were discussed. It is anticipated that it will be mid-October before more definitive details are available.

Applications submitted to the Department of Commerce for homeless housing assistance have been approved. Contracts detailing funding and usage stipulations are expected in the near future.

A copy of the current Environmental Fee Schedule along with a spreadsheet comparing fees set by ten (10) other entities was reviewed. Discussions will continue regarding any changes to the Adams County fee schedule.

Yancy Farms Partnership Rezone

Building and Planning Director Wiltse presented the application received from Yancy Farms Partnership, Othello, requesting a zone change from Prime Agriculture (AP) to Light Industrial (LI) to more accurately reflect and represent the existing agriculturally related industry (Yancy Pallet) and to enhance other commercial recycling opportunities on the parcels.

The Adams County Planning Commission heard the matter during a public hearing on September 15, 2011.

An Ordinance will be prepared to amend Exhibit B of the Zoning Ordinance and a hearing date set when the paperwork is completed.

Land Use Issues

Wiltse shared information on three (3) land use issues being reviewed for further consideration by WSAC:

1. SEPA Reform – Representative Fitzgibbon will be holding a stakeholder meeting to discuss SEPA reform in early October with a conference call scheduled for October 5 to discuss the outcomes from the meeting and talk about next steps;
2. Hearing Examiner Legislation – the APA has a continuing desire to pass legislation that would encourage/mandate jurisdictions to

utilize the hearing examiner system – views were solicited by WSAC from their membership;

3. Upcoming Exempt Well Discussion – the WSAC Natural Resources & Environment Workgroup scheduled for a conference call on November 26 at 3:00 p.m. to begin briefing and discussion of the recent Supreme Court decision regarding exempt wells, and the intersection of water management and land use.

Adjournment @ 11:45 a.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