

COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS

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

May 23, 2012
(Wednesday)

Call to Order @ 9:00 a.m.

Present:

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

Juvenile Administration

Juvenile Administrator Juan Garza made a formal presentation along with input from various community stakeholders regarding the Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative and the impact on the youth and community.

Presentations were made by the following:

Carlos Gonzalez, Othello High School Vice-Principal
Bob Fuller, Vice-Chairman of the Othello Food Bank in charge of the Community Service Program
Doug Barger, Adams County Sheriff
Steve Dunnigan, Othello Police Chief
Randy Flyckt, Adams County Prosecutor
Rand Young, Site Coordinator for JDAI Program

Presentations noted improved relationships and interaction, "Girls Circle" Program, improved graduation rate, gang influence, and, the benefit of youth involvement with their community through service programs like the Food Bank.

Carlos Gonzalez noted that he would like to see a program formed for the male population similar to 'Girls Circle'.

Barger and Dunnigan discussed the development and implementation of the "Detention Risk Assessment Instrument" and the assistance it

provided law enforcement. Prosecutor Flyckt noted that the use of the DRA meant less court activity and more positive referrals.

Stakeholder representatives present spoke highly of the JDAI program and staff.

Graphs were presented on juvenile crime in Adams County reflecting decreased numbers in arrests, felony petitions filed, and the need for detention bed days in Martin Hall.

Rand Young shared thoughts on the program and staff under the JDAI program within Adams County.

Juan Garza then reviewed past and anticipated future funding for continuing the program and requested additional funding to sustain the positive outcomes of JDAI which included:

- \$18,000 for July 1, 2012 to June 30, 2013
- \$23,000 beginning July 1, 2013 and for subsequent years

This funding would be in addition to that being provided by the State for JDAI in the amount of \$25,000 per year.

Commissioner Stevens reviewed the financial status of Martin Hall that is impacted by the reduced bed days and noted that Adams County would remain responsible for two (2) bed days regardless of whether they were being used. The Martin Hall Board is scheduled to continue their discussions on the future of the facility during upcoming meetings.

The Board of Commissioners by **consensus authorized continued county funding for the JDAI Program**. Appreciation was expressed to Administrator Garza for his management of the department programming and staffing.

Integrated Health Care Services

Commissioner Stevens moved, Hartwig seconded, to *authorize the Chairman to sign Contract #K8372(3) between the Department of Corrections and Adams County to provide substance abuse treatment for individuals under supervision and extending the terms of the contract until October 31, 2012*. **Motion carried.**

The Board by **consensus authorized staff compensated under #104 to gift vacation leave to another employee within the Department.**

Administrator Brueske discussed the upcoming merger of NCWRSN with Spokane RSN and the upcoming steps that are required to be taken by the Governing Board to facilitate this merger.

Adjournment @ 11:10 a.m.

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

Edited and Approved:

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