

COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS

Regular Meeting
Adams County Courthouse
Ritzville, Washington

August 1, 2012
(Wednesday)

Call to Order @ 9:00 a.m.

Present:

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

Agenda Additions:

9:15 a.m.	Public Works
11:00 a.m.	Discussion/Decision on Proposal to Create an Aquifer Protection Area and place the matter on the November General Election ballot

[9:22:36 AM](#)

Adams County Fairgrounds

Commissioner Hartwig moved, Stevens seconded, to *approve the Contract between Adams County and Legacy Power Systems to install new service panels, receptacles, and lights according to current code in five (5) agricultural barns at the Adams County Fairgrounds, Othello, at a cost of \$17,000 (200 estimated man hours at \$85/hour).* **Motion carried.**

Public Works Director O'Brien discussed the "Pod" irrigation system and the potential for use at the fairgrounds. Details will be further explored.

[9:41:11 AM](#)

Thiel Road

Commissioner Stevens moved, Hartwig seconded, to *approve Resolution No. R-32-2012 In the Matter of Lowering the Speed Limit During Road Flood Damage Repair Project on the Thiel Road #45611 from Presnel Road MP 1.00 to Lind-Ralston Road MP 2.77.* **Motion carried.**

[10:58:39 AM](#)

Aquifer Protection Area

Chairman Plager made opening comments on the proposal to create an “Aquifer Protection Area” and place the proposal on the November General Election ballot.

Prosecutor Flyckt was present for the session. Press from Ritzville Adams County Journal was present.

Comments and thoughts were shared including the county’s citizens needing to hear and have knowledge of the GWMA vision; limited need for any further studies as the need now is for solutions and sharing those with the citizens; belief that the overall process was too compressed and timelines were too short to be able to adequately educate the public; time and details required regarding how DOE fits with the processes; concern with the provision for cities to have the ability to opt out as well as some of the GWMA counties, but still have the process move forward with only limited financial participation; and, the legality of the GWMA and their ability to impose an assessment that would not be uniform throughout all four counties.

Prosecutor Flyckt advised that if the resolution was going to be adopted that the ballot language included in the document would require modification.

Commissioner Hartwig moved, Stevens seconded, to “*allow GWMA’s proposal to form an Aquifer Protection Area to move forward and be placed on the November General Election Ballot*”.

Vote: HartwigYES
StevensNO
PlagerNO

Motion failed.

Press requested comments from each Commissioner as to the basis for their individual decision/vote.

[11:39:46 AM](#)

Adjournment @ 12:00

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

RESOLUTION NO. R-32-2012

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

**IN THE MATTER OF LOWERING THE SPEED LIMIT DURING ROAD FLOOD
DAMAGE REPAIR PROJECT ON THE THIEL ROAD #45611 FROM PRESNEL ROAD
MP 1.00 TO LIND-RALSTON ROAD MP 2.77**

WHEREAS, the Public Works Department requested the speed limit on Thiel Road from Presnel Road to Lind-Ralston Road be reduced during the roadway repair due to flood damage is completed; and,

WHEREAS, the County Engineer recommends a 25 mph speed limit during the repair of the roadway;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the speed limit be set at 25 mph on Thiel Road, from Presnel Road to Lind-Ralston Road, until the County road repairs are completed which at that time the Thiel Road speed limit would return to the existing 50 mph limit.

DATED this 1st day of August, 2012.

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

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