

## COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS

Adams County Courthouse  
Ritzville, Washington  
Regular Meeting

August 26, 2013  
(Monday)

**Call to Order @ 8:30 a.m.**

**Present:**

Chairman Roger L. Hartwig  
Vice-Chairman Jeffrey W. Stevens  
Commissioner John N. Marshall

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**Fiscal Sustainability Initiative**

Abby Murphy, WSAC Policy Director, along with Michael Largent, Whitman County Commissioner, addressed the Board regarding the need for additional options for funding counties. WSAC's premise is that while every county is unique, a unified initiative is needed to effect change at the legislative level.

Each county will have the opportunity to share ideas for cost and revenue reforms that would address their local needs. Once input from across the state has been collected, a subgroup of WSAC policy staff and elected leaders will develop recommendations for viable solutions and then WSAC will take those recommendations back out to the counties for further input.

This session was the initial WSAC contact on the Initiative. Surveys and further sessions will be scheduled.

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**Hills Road Resurfacing Project**

Bids were received and opened from the following:

Granite Construction Company PO Box 1219 Moses Lake, WA 98837	\$741,395.33
Central Washington Asphalt, Inc. PO Box 939 Moses Lake, WA 98837	\$656,033.25

Inland Asphalt Company \$684,650.80  
PO Box 3366  
Spokane, WA 99220-3366

POE Asphalt Paving, Inc. \$669,956.99  
PO Box 449  
Lewiston, ID 83501

Engineer's Estimate: \$709,640.11

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### **Public Works**

Public Works Director O'Brien reported minimal damage from the Sunday night windstorm; provided a maintenance report; and, noted that most of the summer help had finished for the season.

O'Brien noted that the base for the Washtucna Path had been completed. Quotes received to pave exceeded the budget and plans now will be to pave only a portion and apply BST on the balance.

Concrete work and repair of the 'cow wash drain' are scheduled for completion at the Adams County Fairgrounds.

Engineer Yaeger reported on the progress of major road and bridge projects.

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**Recess @ 12:00**

**Reconvene @ 1:00 p.m.**

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### **Sheriff Candidate Interview**

The Board conducted an interview for the position of Adams County Sheriff with John Hunt. Hunt spoke of his goals for the department and specifically addressed personnel levels for deputies, dispatch, and the jail; and, spoke regarding compensation levels for them. Hunt noted concerns with the physical conditions of the jail facility; and, responded to a question regarding a "drug testing policy for personnel". Press was given an opportunity to ask questions.

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### **Appointment of John W. Hunt as Adams County Sheriff**

Commissioner Stevens noted the following for the record:

- The Board had been advised of the upcoming vacancy in the Office of the Adams County Sheriff with the retirement notification received from Doug Barger dated June 17, 2013, stating an effective date of August 31, 2013.
- Following the retirement of Doug Barger the Office of Adams County Sheriff would become vacant as of 12:00 a.m. on September 1, 2013.
- The Board had notified the Adams County Republican Central Committee of the forthcoming vacancy by letter dated July 24, 2013 and had requested a list of nominees for consideration for the position.
- The name of one (1) nominee was submitted by the Adams County Republican Central Committee to the Board of Commissioners by letter dated August 16, 2013.
- The Board of Commissioners would not be in regular session until September 3, 2013, due to the Labor Day holiday weekend and this would result in the Office of Sheriff being vacant and unfilled unless the Adams County Coroner assumed the duties of the position pursuant to RCW 36.24.010.

In consideration of the stated circumstances, and to insure continuity of leadership and operations of the Sheriff's Department, Commissioner Marshall then moved, Stevens seconded, to *appoint John W. Hunt as Adams County Sheriff pursuant to RCW 36.16.110 effective at 12:00 a.m. on September 1, 2013.* **Motion carried unanimously.**

John W. Hunt was administered the Oath of Office by Auditor McBroom.

Commissioner Marshall and Commissioner Stevens verbally expressed their appreciation to Doug Barger for his many years of service to Adams County.

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### **Hills Road Resurfacing Project**

Commissioner Stevens moved, Marshall seconded, to *award the bid for the Hills Road Resurfacing Project to Central Washington Asphalt, Inc., Moses Lake, as the lowest responsible bidder at \$656,033.25; and, to authorize the Chairman to sign the Concurrence of Award.* **Motion carried.**

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**Consent Agenda**

Commissioner Marshall moved, Stevens seconded, to *approve the Consent Agenda. Motion carried.*

Preliminary minutes of August 19 and 21, 2013

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	133052-133095	\$21,101.17
103	133096-133099	\$ 376.25
104	133100-133104	\$ 5,720.14
105	133105-133108	\$34,583.33
112	133109	\$ 182.50
117	133110	\$ 361.04
123	133111	\$ 1,880.00
166	133112-133114	\$ 207.37
502	133115-133116	\$ 1,020.37
001	1642	\$ 1,212.07
115	1643-1651	\$ 4,230.33
401	1652-1656	\$ 2,894.41
501	1657-1659	\$ 481.59
590	1660-1680	\$ 9,520.62
TOTAL		\$83,771.19

**Permanent Minutes Signed**

August 12 and 14, 2013

**Correspondence Received**

Clyde Derego, New York Life re: participation in the voluntary payroll deduction program

Nancy McBroom, Auditor re: notification of retirement effective September 30, 2013

**Adjournment @ 4:00 p.m.**

Submitted:  
s/Linda Reimer, MMC

Clerk of the Board

Edited and Approved:

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