

COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS

Adams County Courthouse
Ritzville, Washington
Regular Meeting

September 16, 2013
(Monday)

Call to Order @ 8:30 a.m.

Present:

Chairman Roger L. Hartwig
Commissioner John N. Marshall

Absent:

Vice-Chairman Jeffrey W. Stevens

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Session Closed to Public per RCW 42.30.140(4)(b)

The Board was in a session closed to the public from 9:00 a.m. until 9:55 a.m. under RCW 42.30.140(4)(b) "that portion of a meeting during which the governing body is planning or adopting the strategy or position to be taken by the governing body during the course of any collective bargaining, ..." Gary Hunt and Valerie Hunt, Human Resources were in attendance.

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Public Works

Public Works Director O'Brien reported numerous incidents logged from the Sheriff's Office related to trees and power line damage attributed to the September 15 evening storm in the area. Roads that were currently closed were noted. Maintenance crew was scheduled to review all roads for any obstructions.

Fairgrounds

Reports were received on the campground area, parking, and grounds conditions during/following the Adams County Fair. Damage from a fallen tree on the Exhibit Building will be assessed this week.

Lind-Hatton Road Project

Commissioner Marshall moved, Hartwig seconded, to *approve Pay Estimate #4 to Apollo, Inc., Kennewick, for work completed as of August 31, 2013, in the amount of \$419,772.97.* **Motion carried.**

Engineer Yaeger reported that guardrail on the Lind-Hatton Road was scheduled for completion this week.

Hills Road Resurfacing Project

Commissioner Marshall moved, Hartwig seconded, to *approve the Contract with Central Washington Asphalt, Moses Lake and the Bond for the Hills Road Resurfacing Project, CRP-171 (MP 6.13 to MP 9.49 Danekas Road to Lincoln County Line).* **Motion carried.**

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FRP Financial

Michael and Joy Otis, FRP Financial, presented preliminary rate proposals received from the current dental and medical insurance carriers for 2014. Negotiations with the current medical provider as well as proceeding with soliciting quotes from other vendors will be initiated within the next couple of weeks by FRP Financial. A follow up appointment was tentatively scheduled for Monday, September 30 based on results being available at that time.

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Recess @ 12:00

Reconvene @ 1:00 p.m.

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Shared Annual Leave

Assessor Brewer requested and received approval of a shared leave request of three (3) days between two employees within the Assessor's Office (Current Expense Fund). The Board by **consensus granted the request.**

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Integrated Health Care Services

Director Guse (via telephone) requested authorization to fill a recently vacated CDMHP position within the department. The Board by **consensus authorized filling the vacancy.**

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Loud Noise Disturbances

Prosecutor Flyckt informed the Board that in order to be able to proceed with a “loud noise disturbance” ordinance, a decision setting “dBA levels” as well as a decision on “exemptions” needed to be completed before finalizing the draft document.

Sheriff Hunt reported on a number of dBA levels taken during the most recent Adams County Fair. Each of the proposed exemptions was reviewed for inclusion or exclusion.

Prosecutor Flyckt will modify the draft ordinance appropriately and forward to the Board for final review prior to publication and setting of public hearing dates in Ritzville and Othello.

Fire District #2 Bidding Requirements

Prosecutor Flyckt noted that the purchase and installation of a tower in Lind for “re-broadcasting” capability is not subject to competitive bid as the project is ‘estimated’ to cost around \$20,000 which is less than the \$40,000 threshold. This tower will provide coverage for notification of emergency responders who reside in areas of Lind that have inadequate coverage. The Board will be required to adopt a resolution that will dispense with the competitive bid process under RCW 36.32.250; and, are expected to do so upon receipt from Sheriff Hunt of a firm quote on the project. Homeland Security allocations to the County will provide the project funding.

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Dispatch 911 Generator

Sheriff Hunt informed the Board that State 911 had \$40,000 available for the purchase of a generator (including installation) for use by 911 Dispatch. The current generator would be re-connected and utilized elsewhere during less non-emergent situations. Legacy is scheduled to conduct load tests and assess wiring. Connection charges not associated with the new generator will not be covered by the State.

Radio Project

Hunt noted that further discussions were needed to review the direction and future of the “county radio project”. Hunt proposed having DayWireless write specifications based on a two (2) year project – Radar Hill, Othello would be the initial site followed by the Ritzville site. Once

these specifications are written and received then the county would be in a position to issue a notice of call for bids.

Staffing Levels

Sheriff Hunt informed the board of a recent deputy resignation effective September 30; and, of a pending resignation (disability retirement) effective December 2. Hunt reported that he had recently filled two vacancies and was requesting authorization to proceed with filling the pending vacancies. Authorization was not given at this time and further discussion will take place on Wednesday, September 18 and during the departmental budget workshop scheduled for September 23.

Prosecutor Flyckt spoke regarding his concerns with the justice system, public safety, and low staffing levels within the Sheriff's Office.

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Interim Auditor

Commissioner Marshall moved, Hartwig seconded, to *appoint Heidi Hunt as Interim Auditor effective October 1, 2013, to serve until the official interview process is completed by the Republican Party, recommendation(s) are submitted to the Board of Commissioners; and, the Board of County Commissioners completes their interview process and makes an official appointment. Motion carried.*

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Noxious Weed Control Board

Commissioner Marshall moved, Hartwig seconded, to *approve Resolution No. R-32-2013 In the Matter of Establishing an Interfund Loan from the Adams County Current Expense Fund #001 to the Noxious Weed Board Fund #166. Motion carried.*

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Consent Agenda

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

Preliminary minutes of September 9 and 11, 2013

Permanent Minutes Signed

September 3, 2013

Correspondence Received

Minutes of Adams County Noxious Weed Control Board for May 14, 2013

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/Roger L. Hartwig, Chairman
-ABSENT-
Jeffrey W. Stevens, Vice-Chairman
s/John N. Marshall, Commissioner

RESOLUTION NO. R-32-2013

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

**IN THE MATTER OF ESTABLISHING AN INTERFUND LOAN FROM THE ADAMS
COUNTY CURRENT EXPENSE FUND #001 TO THE NOXIOUS WEED BOARD FUND
#166**

WHEREAS, it has been determined that a loan of up to Eight thousand dollars (\$8,000) from the Adams County Current Expense Fund #001 to the Noxious Weed Board Fund #166 is required to meet cash flow needs;

THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Adams County Treasurer is hereby

authorized to transfer an amount up to Eight thousand and no/100 dollars (\$8,000) as needed, from the Adams County Current Expense Fund #001/099 BARS 581.10.31.00 to the Noxious Weed Board Fund #166 Bars 381 10 31 00 on October 1, 2013; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that said loan shall be paid back as soon as the tax revenues are received with interest set at the rate of 4.25% in the amount of up to \$27.95; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Adams County Treasurer shall repay the above loan and interest from the Noxious Weed Board Fund #166 BARS 581.20.31.00 to the Adams County Current Expense Fund BARS 381.20.31.00, as revenues allow.

DATED this 16th day of September, 2013

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

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