

## COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS

Adams County Courthouse  
Ritzville, Washington  
Regular Meeting

December 2, 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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**Union Negotiations**

The Board was in a session closed to the public per 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, ...” Session was held from 9:02 a.m. until 9:48 a.m. Gary and Valerie Hunt, Human Resources, were present.

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**Six Year Transportation Improvement Program 2014-2019**

It being the time of 10:00 a.m. and the place set for the public hearing to consider the 2014-2019 Six Year Transportation Improvement Program, Chairman Hartwig convened the public hearing.

There were no members of the public present. Press from the *Ritzville Journal* was present.

Engineer Yaeger reviewed each of the projects by priority and project cost.

Chairman Hartwig closed the public hearing at 10:09 a.m.

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**Annual Construction Program**

Engineer Yaeger presented the *draft* Annual Construction Program for 2014. Capital expenditures noted on the Program were reviewed.

### **Adams County Fairgrounds**

Public Works Director O'Brien presented an update on the repairs on the Adams County Fair Exhibit Building and the Fair Office. Turner Restoration, Wenatchee submitted the low quote for repair of the Exhibit Building. The Board authorized proceeding with the vendor. Handling of the insurance coverage and reimbursement process will be verified with the Washington Counties Risk Pool by Clerk Reimer

### **Capital Improvements**

O'Brien reviewed the modified project listing and estimated expenditures for the 2014 Capital Improvement Program. The Board requested that those projects that qualify for Criminal Justice funds - Fund #105A - be assigned that funding source and prioritized accordingly. Concurrence was given for the following projects to be submitted for funding consideration under the 'Washington State Historic County Courthouse Rehabilitation Grant Program: 1) Courthouse Elevator Replacement; and, 2) Renovation of Third Floor Restroom for ADA Compliance. The Board will submit a letter of support for the application.

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### **Adams County Noxious Weed Control Board**

It being the time of 11:00 a.m. and the place set for the public hearing to consider the assessment increase request by the Adams County Noxious Weed Control Board to increase the weed assessment in 2014 on Incorporated Cities/Towns from \$5.00 to \$7.50 and increase the minimum billing per Assessed Parcel from \$5.00 to \$7.50, Chairman Hartwig convened the public hearing.

Speaking at the hearing were the following:

Sue Sackmann, Adams County Noxious Weed Control Board Coordinator,

read into the record a letter received from Tony Stadelman, Chairman of the Washington State Noxious Weed Control Board encouraging adequate funding of the Noxious Weed Control Board; and, shared numerous documents included in a special packet delivered to the Board

Adams County Auditor Heidi Hunt addressing expenditure matters

Adams County Treasurer Laura Danekas addressed revenue status and the minimum amount of cash carryover required to continue business until the receipt of 2014 taxes and stating for the record that she supported the assessment increase

Kevin L. Hupp, Lincoln County Noxious Weed Control Board Coordinator providing a list of his responsibilities and a summary of the services provided in Lincoln County; and, responded to questions regarding Lincoln County Noxious Weed Control Board assessment rates, revenue/expenditures, and scope of weed inspections

Eric Bell, Adams County Noxious Weed Control Inspector

Marilyn Sielaff, ACNWCB Administrative Assistant

Don Kagele, ACNWCB Chairman

Brandon Spencer, ACNWCB Member addressing the functioning of the Weed Office and requesting assistance in finding individuals to be appointed to fill vacancies on the Noxious Weed Board for District #4 and #5

Commissioner Vice-Chairman Stevens and Commissioner Chairman Hartwig asked questions and made statements during the hearing.

Additional members of the public were present but did not speak during the hearing.

Chairman Hartwig adjourned the hearing at 12:04 p.m.

No action was taken by the Board on the request.

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**Recess @ 12:00**

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

[2:00:16 PM](#)

**Adams County Budget 2014**

It being the time of 2:00 p.m. and the place set for the public hearing to consider the 2014 Adams County Budget, Chairman Hartwig convened the public hearing.

Present were Auditor Hunt, Treasurer Danekas, and Sheriff Hunt. There were no members of the public present.

Auditor Hunt noted the following:

Discrepancies in Juvenile Personnel line items, a revision sent to Juvenile Department Director to review and then resubmit but it had not been received back as of this date/time;

Discussed 'cash carryover' estimate

Treasurer Danekas noted the following:

Revenue for 2014 looks positive

Tax collections are anticipated to continue to be 97% collected

Chairman Hartwig recessed the hearing at 2:30 p.m. to reconvene per legal notice on Monday, December 9, 2013 at 2:00 p.m.

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[3:01:04 PM](#)

The Board called for an approximate 45 minute executive session under RCW 42.30.110(1)(g) – “to evaluate the qualifications of an applicant for public employment ...”. Session was held from 3:01 p.m. until 3:45 p.m. Clerk Linda Reimer was present.

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### **Consent Agenda**

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

Preliminary minutes of November 25, 2013

### **Permanent Minutes Signed**

November 18, 2013

### **Correspondence Received**

Northland Communications re: notice that Northland may be required to change its channel line-up; and, notice that effective January 1, 2014 Northland will implement its annual rate increase to reflect increases in operation and programming costs

Washington Association of County Officials (WACO) re: adoption of budget reflecting increases

R.H. Welch, Inc. Environmental/Safety Management Training & Consulting re: worker protection issues asbestos abatement projects

Syd Sullivan, Town of Washtucna Mayor re: concerns with business signs erected on Highway 26

NorthEast Washington Educational Service District 101, Michael Dunn, Ed.D. re: certification of tax levies for calendar year 2014 collections for school districts of the second class as required by RCW 84.52.020 (Benge, Lind, Ritzville, Washtucna)

North Central Educational Service District, Sally Ryan re: 2014 Levy Certification for Warden School District

Educational Service District 123, Michelle M. Dearlove, CPA re:  
Certification of Tax Levies for 2014 for school districts North Franklin #051  
and Othello #147

**Adjournment @ 4:45 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