

COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS

Regular Meeting
Adams County Public Services Building
Othello, Washington
February 12, 2014
(Wednesday)

Call to Order @ 9:00 a.m.

Present:

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

9:01:00 AM

Emergency Management

Emergency Management Director Jay Weise gave a departmental update on the following:

- Region 9 Homeland Security and the new communication system being implemented for all states;
- Sheriff's posse training on traffic control for large events within the county as well as Poker Ride training event to be held at the Bar U Ranch, Benge;
- The Columbia Generating Station exercise for public news releases through the Joint Information Center (JIC);
- Mid-Columbia Fire Defense Plan;
- Lind Fire Department paging project remains in progress;
- Local Emergency Planning Committee will meet on February 19, 2014 to hold elections of officers;
- Internal office changes.

Sheriff Hunt has asked Director Weise to continue working on the Communication Tower Project. The county-wide dispatching infrastructure is near completion, and when complete, a need for additional dispatchers may be necessary.

A courthouse evacuation plan as well as the formation of a safety committee was discussed. A departmental forum was suggested to begin the process of preparing an evacuation plan.

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Integrated Health Care Services

IHCS Director Vicki Guse introduced Andrea Herenas and Patrice Dial from her office. Andrea has been working on the low-income housing project and gave an update on the same. There will not be further rent assistance this year, however, the department will still be disbursing motel vouchers. Assistance will not be granted to people that currently have housing available, only to the truly homeless. Due to the high need this winter, the budget has been exhausted.

The need for warming centers was discussed and a task force meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 18, 2014. There will be an effort made to have the community more involved in the planning process.

Director Guse provided the Board with quotes for a fence at the Development Center to prevent unauthorized dumping at the site. Commissioner Stevens noted that the budget will allow for a fence. The Board **by consensus authorized the Development Center to move forward with the installation of a fence.**

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Pet Rescue

Ernie Sommers gave an update on the "Animal House" television crew that will be coming to Othello to make over the Adams County Pet Rescue facility. A date has not been announced when they will be on site. A request for use of the fairgrounds, RV sites and stage, during the makeover was approved by the Board with a caution to check for any outside conflicts.

An update on the 2013 Summary of Intakes for Pet Rescue and pictures of a proposed Othello Community Dog Park that Pet Rescue would like to see constructed at their facility was shared.

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11:00:00 AM

Loud Noise Disturbances

It being the time and place set for the public hearing on the proposed ordinance adopting standards for the control of public disturbance noise, Chairman Stevens call the public hearing to order at 11:00 a.m.

Chairman Stevens made opening remarks and asked Prosecutor Randy Flyckt to provide background information on how the ordinance was drafted. Undersheriff Dale Wagner demonstrated how the dBA meter

works, stating a noise ordinance is not easy to enforce, however, with the meter and the ordinance, the sheriff's department will now have tools to aid in enforcement.

Public comment was received from:

Donna Ruttan
Roger Schell
Dan Wolanski
Denice Gilland
Bob Carlson
Phyllis Magden
Susan Gilland
David Sperl

There were three additional members of the public present.

Rock crushing was a noise concern and Commissioner Hartwig will research the permit granted the rock crushing company for specifics of hours of operation allowed under the permit. Loud music was a major concern.

The Board agreed to review the decibel levels and to schedule a public meeting within a year after the passage of the ordinance.

Commissioner Stevens adjourned the public hearing at 12:08 p.m.

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Adjournment @ 12:08 p.m.

Submitted:

s/Patricia J. Phillips
Deputy Clerk of the Board

Edited and Approved:

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