

## COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS

Adams County Courthouse  
Ritzville, Washington  
Regular Meeting

July 27, 2015

(Monday)

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

**Present:**

Vice-Chairman John N. Marshall  
Commissioner Jeffrey W. Stevens

**Absent:**

Chairman Roger L. Hartwig

**Consent Agenda Deletion:**

Preliminary minutes of July 20 and 22, 2015

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**Public Works**

Director O'Brien gave a general report on:

**Road Maintenance:** Crack sealing, weeding and maintenance of harvest roads in all three districts.

**Solid Waste:** Metal has been cleared at the Ritzville transfer station, with a small amount remaining at the Bruce transfer station; cardboard recycling continues.

**Operations and Maintenance:** A contract has been signed with Turner Restoration for remodel of the vacated Courthouse WSU offices downstairs.

**Bob Lee Campground Crossing**

Public Works staff met with Burlington Northern Santa Fe (BNSF) and Utilities Transportation Commission (UTC) to review the status of the Bob Lee Campground crossing. Engineer Yaeger concluded there was paperwork documenting the County's petition to upgrade the crossing from private to public. However, there was no action taken due to there being no additional right of way obtained from the State of Washington to construct a fish and wildlife boat launch at the Campground. The portion of the county road leading to the campground ends approximately five-hundred (500) feet before the crossing. At that point, the road becomes public and there is no documentation Adams County obtained an

additional right of way for that portion of the Bob Lee Road leading up to the crossing.

A formal written letter from BNSF and UTC will be submitted to the County to document that the Bob Lee Crossing is a private crossing with a request for Adams County to erect an "End of County Road" sign where the county portion of Bob Lee Road becomes a private road.

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**Recess @ 12:00**

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

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**Jim Winebarger**

Town of Hatton resident Jim Winebarger met to discuss the need for law enforcement in Hatton and urged the Board to consider hiring additional deputies. The Board explained to Mr. Winebarger that the Sheriff's department is currently fully staffed and further noted that 80% of tax dollars collected are allocated for criminal justice expenses.

**Hatton Maintenance Shop**

The Board, along with Public Works engineering staff, met with Hatton resident Jim Winebarger to discuss the issue of Mr. Winebarger's equipment encroaching on County owned property housing the Hatton Maintenance Shop. Engineer Yaeger presented a map of Town of Hatton plats. Mr. Winebarger disagrees with the county's perception of the property lines and would like to see a survey to determine the property lines. It was noted that a recent water project was completed in Hatton and Engineer Yaeger will contact the project engineering firm to determine if any monuments were located by which to measure. Engineer Yaeger will continue to research the issue and schedule a follow-up meeting with Mr. Winebarger to discuss his findings.

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**Integrated Health Care Services Personnel**

Director Guse (via telephone) reported a DMHP position vacancy in her department and requested authorization to begin the process to fill the position. The Board by **consensus authorized filling the vacancy.**

Director Guse further noted that the Prevention Coordinator position was filled from within her department; and, is requesting authorization to fill a vacant Administrative Assistant/Front Desk Receptionist position. Board **consensus authorized Guse to proceed with the process of filling the Administrative Assistant/Front Desk Receptionist position vacancy.**

Director Guse requested authorization for a part-time temporary position to assist in the Environmental Health Department office. No action was taken pending further discussion by the Board.

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**Consent Agenda**

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

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	157594 – 157634	\$ 82,833.17
001	Hand Pays	\$ 500.00
104	157635	\$ 175.00
105	157636 – 157637	\$ 15,091.66
106	157638 – 157641	\$ 2,400.26
112	157642	\$ 463.75
116	157643	\$ 153.33
122	157644 – 157654	\$ 39,769.94
130	157655	\$ 14,868.00
502	157656	\$ 356.23
108	1410	\$ 118.92
115	1411 – 1423	\$209,626.68
321	1424 – 1425	\$ 303.68
401	1426 – 1432	\$ 16,984.30
501	1433 – 1437	\$ 3,622.58
590	1438 – 1448	\$ 51,680.02
	TOTAL	\$438,947.52

**Permanent Minutes Signed**

July 13 and 15, 2015

**Correspondence Received**

State of Washington Department of Ecology re: North Fork Palouse River draft report

Treasurer Danekas re: 2014 Foreclosure Notice

Summons/Complaint and Application

Madelyn Carlson, CEO, People for People re: Appreciation for Letter of Support

G. Thomas Tebb, L.Hg., L.E.G., Director, Office of Columbia River  
re: 2016 Columbia River Basin Water Supply and Demand Forecast  
Paul Strickland, Managing Member, USA Milk Processing re: State  
Support for Irrigators/CSRIA Water Service Contracts for Odessa  
Subarea, North/South I-90  
Val M. Watson re: Letter of Support

**Adjournment @ 4:30 p.m.**

Submitted:  
s/Patricia J. Phillips  
Clerk of the Board

Edited and Approved:

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
ADAMS COUNTY, WASHINGTON

-absent-

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