

COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS

Adams County Courthouse
Ritzville, Washington
Regular Meeting

August 24, 2015
(Monday)

Call to Order @ 8:30 a.m.

Present:

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

[10:02:00 AM](#)

Public Works

Director O'Brien and Engineer Yaeger reviewed the following with the Board:

- Road maintenance involving crack sealing in the Ritzville area; gravel roads, knifing, spraying, and mowing in all three districts
- Solid waste activities include baling and weed control at transfer stations
- Fairgrounds noting that inspection has been completed on the RV line and the electrical conduit has been backfilled. Piping has been installed for future use, however, will not be operational for the 2015 fair. Contracted electrical work is expected to be complete during the week leading up to the fair.
- Operations and Maintenance noting parts have arrived for the diesel generator; progress is continuing on the downstairs offices
- Marcellus Road project numbers are being finalized as well as maintenance schedules
- Engineer Yaeger is working with Columbia Basin Railroad on a timeline for completion of the Bruce crossing upgrade for a minimum effect during harvest

Public Works Personnel

The Board by **consensus** authorized Director O'Brien to fill a Ritzville **Maintenance Worker 1** position vacancy, due to a retirement, **effective August 31, 2015.**

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Prosecutor Flyckt met with the Board for review of the following:

McManamon Road Bridge

Prosecutor Flyckt reported that he participated in a telephone conference with a Bureau of Reclamation representative and was advised that, up until this point, Adams County has not submitted a formal request to the Bureau for assignment of their rights in the Bureau's protected right-of-way easement. The Bureau is requesting that Adams County submit a formal request pursuant to the 1949 Agreement, Article 9, as well as a building plan for evaluation. Once the Bureau receives the requested documents, processing the information will begin within thirty (30) days. Prosecutor Flyckt will contact the Bureau for follow-up discussion after the materials have been sent and the Bureau has had time to review the same.

Employee Education Expenses

Prosecutor Flyckt advised the Board of his opinion on employer paid employee education expenses noting that training that is specifically required to perform the duties of a job is a permissible expenditure because it is directly related and necessary in the performance of employee duties. Paid education expenses not necessarily job related have the potential to conflict with the gifting of public funds prohibition. Flyckt suggested the Board also consult Gary Hunt, Human Resources, for additional input.

Adams County Republican Party (Sheriff's Position)

Prosecutor Flyckt reported that packets have been mailed to the Precinct Committee Officers with resumes and supporting materials of the candidates for Adams County Sheriff with a review meeting scheduled for September 9, 2015. Prosecutor Flyckt advised the Board that, due to the Adams County Republican Party not having the nominees prior to the September 1, 2015 vacancy, an appointment for an acting sheriff will need to be made on August 31, 2015 for a period of up to sixty (60) days. The appointment would be effective 12:01 a.m. on September 1, 2015. Full details governing the appointment will be entered into the official record on the date of appointment.

Public Defender Contract

Prosecutor Flyckt met with the Board to review the proposed Public Defender Contract covering the term 2016-2010. Prosecutor Flyckt noted that Public Defender Barrett Scudder had addressed the terms set forth at the previous meeting and the only item needing further discussion is

compensation. The Board by **consensus authorized Prosecutor Flyckt to contact Public Defender Scudder to prepare a final draft contract with consideration being set for \$437,500 for 2016; \$450,000 for 2017; \$462,500 for 2018; \$475,000 for 2019; and, \$487,500 for 2020.**

Agreement between City of Othello and Adams County RCW

39.34.180

Prosecutor Flyckt discussed several concerns that may be raised and discussed during the 2:00 p.m. meeting with City of Othello representatives on Wednesday, August 26, 2015. Chairman Hartwig is a member of the review team and will be in attendance.

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Recess @ 12:00

Reconvene @ 1:00 p.m.

[2:59:14 PM](#)

Building and Planning

Director Wiltse met with the Board to discuss the following:

- Shoreline Master Program Update noting he is working on obtaining the remaining grant funding for the completion of the project
- Voluntary Stewardship Program noting that he has provided information to the VSP representative that exempts Adams County from the program and, to date, has not received a response

Director Wiltse also discussed compensation for positions in his department with a review of the Adams County salary schedules. No action was taken pending further review.

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Consent Agenda

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

Preliminary minutes of August 10 and 12, 2015

Preliminary minutes of August 17 and 19, 2015

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	157978 – 158012	\$ 27,175.47
105	158013 – 158017	\$ 45,026.67
130	158018	\$ 113.20
131	158019	\$ 300.00
502	158020 – 158022	\$ 821.06
108	1668	\$ 1,278.00
115	1669 – 1670	\$300,296.22
401	1671	\$ 3,853.30
501	1672	\$ 544.50
590	1673	\$ 95.14
	TOTAL	\$379,503.56

Correspondence Received

Darryll Olsen, Ph.D., CSRIA (via email) re: CSRIA Legal Review and Opinions on ECBID Water Service Contract Fees (attachments: legal review memorandum and two legal opinions regarding the water service contracts being issued by the District)

Notice of Marijuana License Application re: Green Gold Trust, 1199 W. Cunningham Road, Othello

Adjournment @ 4:15 p.m.

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

Edited and Approved:

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