

COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS

**Regular Meeting
Adams County Courthouse
Ritzville, Washington**

October 21, 2015
(Wednesday)

Call to Order @ 9:00 a.m.

Present:

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

Budget Workshop – Building and Planning

Director Wiltse reviewed Fund #087 with no major changes from 2015. The Shoreline Master Program Update is nearing completion with decreased funding. Additional revenue sources were discussed.

[10:06:59 AM](#)

Voluntary Stewardship Program

Ron Shultz, Washington State Conservation Commission Policy Director, addressed the Board regarding the Voluntary Stewardship Program (VSP) and Legislature approved funding for the program

Shultz summarized the background of the VSP noting that in 2007 Legislature charged the Ruckelshaus Center to examine the conflict between protecting agricultural land and protecting critical areas in local ordinances adopted under the Growth Management Act. The VSP is an alternative approach for counties to protect critical areas on agricultural lands with implementation based on funds provided by the Program.

Shultz further noted the responsibilities of each county opting-in to the VSP and detailed the process for program implementation noting the county has an obligation to complete a contract with the Washington State Conservation Commission prior to receipt of funding.

Also present were Mark Clark, Executive Director, Washington State Conservation Commission; Harold Crose and Marie Lotz, Grant County

Conservation District employees; Building and Planning Director Loren Wiltse; and, Mark Booker, Othello.

[11:04:48 AM](#)

Adjournment @ 12:00

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