

COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS

Adams County Courthouse Ritzville, Washington Regular Meeting

July 8, 2019
(Monday)

Call to Order @ 8:30 a.m.

Present:

Chairman John N. Marshall
Vice-Chairman Roger L. Hartwig
Commissioner Terrance J. Thompson

Collective Bargaining

The Board held a session closed to the public pursuant to 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 began at 9:00 a.m. and ended at 10:00 a.m. Prosecutor Flyckt and Human Resource Manager Perez were present.

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Public Works

Public Works Director O'Brien reported on the following:

- Road maintenance program
- Facilities – air conditioning system is in place temporarily. Invoices will be charged to Fund #321 with an amendment to the budget, if needed, at a later date
- Solid Waste – water tank is in place; camera systems are installed at the Ritzville and Bruce transfer stations; the architectural design of the proposed recycling building is being reviewed
- Fleet – Washington Counties Risk Pool will be reviewing and appraising the damage to the trailer involved in the 04/08/2019 vehicle accident
- Adams County Fairgrounds activity

Engineer Yaeger reported the McKinney/Thacker Safety Road project is currently being advertised with bids to be opened July 29, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. Additionally, Yaeger provided updates on the Clearway Energy

project property acquisition; a petition to vacate alley request in Cunningham; and, the request for establishment of a county road name near Moon Road in Othello.

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Recess @ 12:00

Reconvene @ 1:00 p.m.

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Auditor

Auditor Hunt reported, due to increased legislative requirements regarding payroll programs, it is the intent of her office to no longer provide payroll services to the Adams County junior taxing districts. Hunt noted her office is required by statute to issue warrants for claims for the junior taxing districts and that practice will continue.

Auditor Hunt, Payroll Deputy Bowman; Human Resource Manager Perez; and, Prosecutor Flyckt were present.

Additionally, certain employees of the Ritzville Library District and the Othello Weed District are utilizing county health benefits and, after a review of the PEBB policy and consultation with Prosecutor Flyckt on the matter, it was determined they are not eligible for health insurance benefits through the county's program. **Board consensus authorization was provided to move forward with discontinuing the availability of health insurance benefits to the junior taxing districts as of December 31, 2019.**

Auditor Hunt will prepare a letter to the districts for review by the Board stating the intent of the Auditor's Office to discontinue payroll services to the Adams County junior taxing districts with an effective date of December 31, 2019. A separate letter to the Districts will notify them of the intent of the county to no longer provide availability of health insurance benefits through the county program after December 31, 2019.

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Seized Property and Litigation Fund

Auditor Hunt and Treasurer Meise met to clarify the transfer process authorized by Resolution No. R-024-2019, dated April 3, 2019, establishing Seized Property and Litigation Reserve Fund #130A. The resolution provides for fifty percent (50%) of funds derived from the forfeiture process be deposited in Seized Property and Litigation Reserve

Fund #130A on a quarterly basis. The Treasurer will complete the necessary transfer, on a quarterly basis, upon receipt of a transaction report from the Sheriff's Office detailing second quarter transactions and each quarter thereafter until such fund reaches a balance of one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000).

Additionally present was Prosecutor Flyckt.

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Consent Agenda

Commissioner Thompson moved, Hartwig seconded, to *approve the Consent Agenda*. **Motion carried.**

Preliminary minutes of July 1, 2019

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	2228 – 2272	\$ 79,836.00
103	2273 – 2283	\$ 47,731.07
104	2284 – 2292	\$ 7,465.37
122	2293 – 2298	\$ 10,235.93
123	2299	\$ 78.95
130	2300 – 2301	\$ 578.16
166	2302 – 2313	\$ 3,292.23
502	2314 – 2322	\$ 13,497.00
108	001085	\$ 374.86
115	001086 – 001091	\$ 760.84
401	001092 – 001095	\$ 17,526.36
501	001096 – 001100	\$ 11,285.10
590	001101 – 001112	\$ 27,443.89
	TOTAL	\$220,105.76

Collection of Weed Board Enforcement Liens

Commissioner Hartwig moved, Thompson seconded, to *approve **Resolution No. R-037-2019 In the Matter of Providing for the Collection of Weed Board Enforcement Liens in the Same Manner as Delinquent Real Property Taxes.*** **Motion carried.**

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Collective Bargaining

The Board held a session closed to the public pursuant to 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 began at 3:00 p.m. An additional five (5) minute session was called at 4:00 p.m. Session ended at 4:05 p.m. Prosecutor Flyckt and Human Resource Manager Perez were present.

Permanent Minutes Signed

June 24 and 26, 2019

Correspondence Received

Chris Bajalcaliev, Attorney re: Public Defender Quarterly Report for 4th Quarter, 2018

Brandon West, Attorney re: Public Defender Quarterly Report for 2nd Quarter, 2019

Adjournment @ 4:20 p.m.

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

Edited and Approved:

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
ADAMS COUNTY, WASHINGTON
s/John N. Marshall, Chairman
s/Roger L. Hartwig, Vice-Chairman
s/Terrance J. Thompson, Commissioner

RESOLUTION NO. R-037-2019

**ORDER OF BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
ADAMS COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

**IN THE MATTER OF PROVIDING FOR THE COLLECTION OF WEED BOARD
ENFORCEMENT LIENS IN THE SAME MANNER AS DELINQUENT REAL
PROPERTY TAXES**

WHEREAS, the Adams County Board of Commissioners believe, due to the importance of agriculture to the economy of Adams County, that the control of noxious weeds is in the best interest of the public; and,

WHEREAS, Chapter 17.10 RCW authorizes the Adams County Weed Board to inspect real property for the presence of noxious weeds, control noxious weeds with or without the consent of property owners, and record liens for the cost of such control; and,

WHEREAS, RCW 17.10.170(5) provides that the County legislative authority, by resolution or ordinance, can require such liens be collected by the Treasurer in the same manner as delinquent real property taxes; and,

WHEREAS, such collection by the Treasurer would be more efficient for the county and result in more effective collection of costs incurred for noxious weed control.

THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the liens held by the Adams County Weed Board for costs associated with the control of noxious weeds shall be collected by the Adams County Treasurer in the same manner as delinquent real property taxes and bear interest at 12% per year as provided by RCW 17.10.170(5).

DATED this 8th day of July, 2019.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
ADAMS COUNTY, WASHINGTON
s/John N. Marshall, Chairman
s/Roger L. Hartwig, Vice Chairman
s/Terrance J. Thompson, Commissioner

ATTEST:
s/Patricia J. Phillips, CMC
Clerk of the Board