

## COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS

Adams County Courthouse  
Ritzville, Washington  
Regular Meeting

September 16, 2019  
(Monday)

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

**Present:**

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

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**Public Works**

Public Works Director O'Brien and Engineer Yaeger provided the weekly update on road maintenance operations in all three districts. An update on the apprentice program was given noting two apprentices will be scheduled for the CDL examination within the coming weeks.

O'Brien reported the Othello Community Fair appeared to run smoothly with only minor issues. An additional walk through with the fair board is scheduled for next week. On-line advertising for fairgrounds RV camping was discussed.

Engineer Yaeger provided updates on the McKinney/Thacker Road project; the county-wide crushing project; and the Deal Road project.

**Equipment**

Public Works Director O'Brien reviewed options available for the graders being purchased through the Pape buy-back program. Options include lower front intermittent wiper and washer; auto-shift transmission; decelerator; light bar; grading lights; engine block heater; and, rear camera for an additional cost of \$10,325. The Board provided **consensus authorization for the purchase of the options listed at a cost of \$10,325**. Additionally, a blade absorption system will be reviewed for necessity.

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### **Department of Ecology – Brownfields Program**

Brook Beeler, Regional Director, Department of Ecology; and, Ali Furmall, DOE Toxic Cleanup Program, reviewed Brownfields cleanup options for the purpose of reusing contaminated or suspected contamination of properties. The intent of the program is to connect communities to DOE funding and assistance. Once contacted, DOE will evaluate a property with site funding based on a good reuse plan or reuse potential.

County staff present included Engineer Yaeger; Assistant Building and Planning Director Lorenz; Public Works Director O'Brien; Economic Development Director McFadden; and, Prosecutor Flyckt.

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### **Economic Development**

Economic Development Director McFadden reported that due to the McCain Foods expansion and the Windfarm project, temporary worker housing is needed during the construction phase with RV camping at the Adams County Fairgrounds a possible solution.

**Recess @ 12:10 p.m.**

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

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### **Finance Committee**

The Finance Committee session was called to order at 1:34 p.m. Present in addition to Treasurer Meise was Auditor Hunt; Chairman Marshall; Vice-Chairman Hartwig; Commissioner Thompson; and, Prosecutor Flyckt.

State revenue distributions received through August 31, 2019 were reviewed as well as agency investments. Additionally, Meise noted cash investment interest and state revenue distributions have increased; and, banking fees have been reduced.

Departmental forecasted revenues in the 2020 Budget were reviewed.

Discussion included SHB 1406 which provides an affordable housing revenue stream for counties, cities, and towns opting to participate. The sales tax option is a credit against the state sales tax rate of 6.5% and does not increase the tax rate for consumers. Revenues may be used for

low income housing; homelessness; and, temporary housing in small counties. Additional research will be conducted for further consideration.

The Finance Committee adjourned at 2:22 p.m.

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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 fifteen (15) minute session was called at 4:00 p.m. Session ended at 4:15 p.m. Additionally present were Prosecutor Flyckt; Human Resource Manager Perez; Public Works Director O’Brien; and, Engineer Yaeger.

### **Consent Agenda**

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

Preliminary minutes of September 9, 2019

August 16 – 31, 2019, Payroll in the amount of \$402,529.34; and, Benefits in the amount of \$219,877.60 (Warrant # Series 531399-531501; Direct Deposit # Series 60006-60189; Benefit/Deduction # Series 1147263-1147275)

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	3220 – 3269	\$ 24,045.60
103	3270 – 3275	\$ 2,590.72
104	3276 – 3286	\$ 5,106.65
106	3287 – 3288	\$ 7,292.13
114	3289	\$ 288.00
130	3290 – 3291	\$ 1,461.90
131	3292 – 3294	\$ 6,331.56
166	3295 – 3305	\$ 5,845.10
502	3306 – 3310	\$ 4,744.10

108	1490 – 1497	\$ 6,515.49
115	1498 – 1508	\$116,164.47
401	1509 – 1513	\$ 55,512.73
501	1514 – 1516	\$ 2,434.78
590	1517 – 1537	\$152,835.37
	TOTAL	\$391,168.60

**Permanent Minutes Signed**

September 3, 2019

**Correspondence Received**

Adams County Noxious Weed Control Board re: Minutes of June 11, 2019 and Agenda for September 10, 2019

Craig Ulleland (via email) re: intent to resign from Adams County Planning Commission

**Adjournment @ 4:40 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