

COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS

Regular Meeting
Adams County Public Services Building
Othello, Washington

October 9, 2019
(Wednesday)

Call to Order @ 9:00 a.m.

Present:

Vice-Chairman Roger L. Hartwig
Commissioner Terrance J. Thompson

Absent:

Chairman John N. Marshall

[9:01:19 AM](#)

Grievance

The Board held a session to hear a grievance filed by Director Vicki Guse, Integrated Health Care Services.

Ms. Guse addressed the Board concerning statements made by Prosecutor Flyckt during an Executive Session, held July 29, 2019.

Franklin County Prosecutor Shawn Sant, Special Deputy Prosecuting Attorney, pursuant to RCW 36.27.040, was present to facilitate the session.

Mr. Sant explained that the purpose of the session is to give Ms. Guse an opportunity to be able to state fully any issues she has pertaining to Mr. Flyckt or his office; cautioning Ms. Guse that executive sessions are to be held in confidence; and, convening an executive session may become necessary should Ms. Guse discuss details of the Executive Session held July 29, 2019. Mr. Flyckt, subject of the complaint, chose to have the meeting held in public.

Ms. Guse then read a prepared statement, a copy of which was provided.

At this time the Board opened the meeting for comment. Gloria Ochoa, IHCS staff member, provided comment. Additional staff present, providing

no comment, were Rebecca Koehn and Karen Potts. Prosecutor Flyckt provided comment.

Mr. Sant provided closing comments, noting the Board does not hold supervisory power over any elected official or their office, however, the Board does want to be made aware of such activities within the county.

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Integrated Health Care Services

Commissioner Thompson moved, Hartwig seconded, to *authorize the Vice-Chairman to sign Project Specific Agreement (“PSA”) between Better Health Together, a regionally-based Accountable Communities of Health (“ACH”) and Adams County Integrated Health Services, a partnering provider participant (“Participant”) as presented for continued agreement to terms and conditions set forth in the standard Partnership Agreement.*

Motion carried.

Adams County Health Officer Dr. Brzezny reviewed the proposed septic ordinance noting an urgency in adopting the ordinance.

IHCS Director Guse requested and received **consensus authorization to move forward with advertising for the permanent, full-time position of Environmental Health Specialist in her department.**

Additionally, the following matters were reviewed by Dr. Brzezny:

- Vaping and the dangers of such – Dr. Brzezny reviewed an alert to the Adams County healthcare community reporting severe pulmonary disease associated with vaping, noting as of September 27, 2019, seven (7) cases have been reported from Washington State.
- Hepatitis A outbreaks as well as proposed prevention activities for Adams County.
- Influenza and past season’s vaccine effectiveness.
- Adams County schools vaccine requirement enforcement.

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County/Port Industrial Water and Water Reuse Facility

A session was held to review options for the delivery method of the proposed County/Port Industrial Wastewater Treatment Plant; and to

provide a consensus decision to continue to investigate the next step in the exploration process.

Adams County was funded by the state to do full exploration of the project and, to date, that has not been completed. Inside of the exploration process, what is being asked is a consensus of both the Port and the County to continue to the next step of the process which is to seek letters of interest from Design, Build, Finance, Operate (DBFO) entities to determine whether or not they see the county's project as viable for them to provide private investment funds. There will be no additional expense in continuing outside of what has been grant funded thus far, nor is an obligation to build assumed.

Present at the meeting were: Todd Jensen, HDR Engineering; Port of Othello Commissioners Deana Veitzke; Gary Weaver; Kenny Schutte; and, Chris Faix, Port District Executive Director. County staff present were Engineer Yaeger; Environmental Health Director Taff; HR Manager Perez; Economic Development Director McFadden; and, Prosecutor Flyckt.

The Port Commissioners voiced their willingness to move forward in the process. The Adams County Board of Commissioners provided **consensus authorization for Director McFadden to continue to move forward in the exploration process to include seeking letters of interest from Design, Build, Finance, Operator (DBFO) entities.**

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Adjournment @ 11:55 AM

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

Edited and Approved:

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