

## COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS

Regular Meeting  
Adams County Courthouse  
Ritzville, Washington

June 17, 2020  
(Wednesday)

**Call to Order @ 9:00 a.m.**

**Present:**

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

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**Economic Development**

Economic Development Director McFadden requested approval to move forward with a prior commitment to Big Bend Community College in the amount of \$100,000 which specifically sponsors the fabrication facility in the workforce education center and will bear the name of Adams County going forward. The pledge is committed from countywide sales and use tax funds for the purpose of financing public facilities in rural counties and is payable in annual \$20,000 installments for a five year period.

McFadden noted BBCC, via its Center for Business and Industry Services, has secured multiple Washington State Job Skills Program Grants, valued at \$612,000, for the purpose of delivering specialized training to Adams County employers and employees, including Lineage Logistics, McCain Foods USA, SVZ-USA, and the Adams County Manufacturing Consortium.

The Board will review the resolution with a plan to adopt the same on Monday.

**COVID-19**

Economic Development Director McFadden presented a COVID-19 Business General Operation Plan Guidance for Adams County businesses. Additionally, McFadden reviewed COVID-19 statistics in terms of county cases and the actions moving forward should the county meet the minimum threshold to apply for Phase 3 of the governor's Safe

Start plan. McFadden noted that each city and town within Adams County now has at least one confirmed case of the illness.

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### **Integrated Health Care Services**

Integrated Health Care Services Director Guse (via email) requested and received **consensus authorization to advertise to fill two (2) Public Health Investigator positions; and, a part time (.5) Public Health Nurse position.** Both positions are temporary in response to COVID-19 requirements.

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### **Workshop – County Bridge Replacement Planning Report Review**

The Board relocated to the Public Works conference room for a workshop relating to a review of the County Bridge Replacement Planning Report.

Additionally present was Public Works Director O'Brien, Engineer Yaeger, and Economic Development Director McFadden.

Engineer Yaeger reviewed the County Road Bridge Replacement Planning Project #90-0104 report noting the final report provided two (2) different total bridge replacement costs, one for 2020 and one for 2023.

Discussion included the following:

- The willingness of Adams County to pursue funding and/or provide funding for county bridge replacement
- Alternative funding sources
- Future workshops or meetings with Grant County and other groups.

Grant County Commissioners, as well as staff, will be consulted to determine the path moving forward in securing dedicated funding opportunities for county bridge replacement to provide the delivery of additional surface water within the expansion of the East Low Canal.

### **Adjournment @ 11:00 a.m.**

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

Edited and Approved:

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