

COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS

Regular Meeting
Adams County Courthouse
Ritzville, Washington

February 16, 2022 – 9:00 a.m.
(Wednesday)

Call to Order

Chairman Weise called the meeting to order.

Present:

Chairman Jay R. Weise
Vice-Chairman Terrance J. Thompson
Commissioner Dan C. Blankenship

Pledge of Allegiance

Chairman Weise led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval/Addition of Agenda

Commissioner Thompson moved, Blankenship seconded, to approve the Agenda as presented. **Motion carried.**

Board Workshop

Public Works

Engineer Yaeger provided an update on the Herman Road bridge project. Public Works Director O'Brien provided updates on maintenance activities in all three districts. Additional updates were provided on solid waste activities; and, operations and maintenance.

Solid Waste Long Haul Contract

Commissioner Blankenship moved, Thompson seconded, to approve the First Amendment to the Solid Waste Long Haul Contract between Adams County and Yancey, LLC, that sets the 2022 pricing at \$782.52 per trip. After discussion, Chairman Blankenship moved, Thompson seconded, that the motion be amended to approve the First Amendment to the Solid Waste Long Haul Contract between Adams County and Yancey, LLC, to set the 2022 pricing at \$782.52 per trip; and, approve the Solid Waste Long Haul Contract Addendum – 2022 Pricing, authorizing a one-time

payment to the contractor, Yancey, LLC, in the amount of \$10,834.11, for increases in fuel costs incurred from April, 2021 through December, 2021, based on the number of loads hauled. **Motion carried.**

Hampton and Reynolds Road Intersection

Engineer Yaeger reviewed a request to change traffic control devices (STOP signs) at the Hampton Road and Reynolds Road intersection, providing history of the intersection, traffic study data; and, road improvements. The STOP signs are currently controlling westbound and eastbound traffic at Reynolds Road. Traffic count data from 2018 and 2019 showed the traffic volume on Reynolds Road has decreased to 2014 and 2015 levels. However, Hampton Road traffic volume has almost doubled. As a result of the increased traffic volume from 2014 to 2019, Engineer Yaeger noted his judgment, as Adams County Engineer, is to change the intersection traffic control devices (STOP sign) from Hampton Road to Reynolds Road, which is consistent with the MUTCD (Manual for Uniform Traffic Control Devices), section 2B.04, that suggest controlling the roadway that carries the lowest traffic volume. No action is required by the Board.

Easement of Private Utility

Engineer Yaeger reported on the progress of granting a private utility easement from Adams County to Gary and Leslie Kelly, Ritzville. Modifications are being made to the documents and, when finalized, will be forwarded to the Kelly's attorney for review.

Board of Equalization

Rikki Bland, Appeals and Levy Specialist with the Department of Revenue, provided guidance regarding the structure of the Board of Equalization as outlined in RCW 84.48.010, noting, in the absence of a three-member Board of Equalization (currently there are two members), statute dictates the Board of County Commissioners become the Board of Equalization until such time that a third member is appointed to the BOE.

Ms. Bland provided options moving forward for commissioner consideration. No action was taken pending further discussion.

Board Workshop

Capital Improvement Plan

Public Works Director O'Brien presented the 2022 Capital Improvement Plan reviewing potential capital improvement projects.

Recess @ 12:06 p.m.

Reconvene @ 1:00 p.m.

State Auditor Exit Conference

The exit conference for the 2020 Accountability Audit was conducted by Brad White, Program Manager; Phillip Ventress, Audit Supervisor; and Heather Peterson, Audit Lead. The conference agenda included an audit summary and results. Exit recommendations were provided for management consideration. A management letter was received noting concerns related to procurement of purchases. Status of prior audits was reviewed.

The audit produced no findings.

Additionally present: Auditor Hunt; Public Works Director O'Brien; Prosecutor Flyckt; and, Rod Larse, *Ritzville Adams County Journal*.

The next audit is scheduled to be conducted in 2022 and will cover accountability for public resources with an estimated cost of \$24,000 plus travel expenses.

Adjournment @ 1:59 p.m.

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

Edited and Approved:

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
ADAMS COUNTY, WASHINGTON
s/Jay R. Weise, Chairman
s/Terrance J. Thompson, Vice-Chairman
s/Dan C. Blankenship, Commissioner