

COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS

Regular Meeting
Adams County Courthouse
Ritzville, Washington

July 6, 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 Blankenship moved, Thompson seconded, to approve the agenda as presented. **Motion carried.**

Board Workshop

Public Works

Public Works Director and Engineer Yaeger provided updates on road maintenance in all three districts; solid waste; and, facilities. Additionally, updates were provided on the Booker Road project and the Cunningham Road Widening #2 project.

Geographic Information Systems (GIS)

Director Stolsig reported on departmental activities, noting he has worked on projects with E-911 and the Public Works Department. Additionally, Stolsig reviewed future objectives and goals.

Emergency Management

Director Duffey provided departmental updates on the Hazard Mitigation Plan; CR22 participation; and Wireless Emergency Alert (WEA) testing.

Building and Planning Department

Director Wiltse provided updates on OB3; the proposed Saddle Mountain wind farm; and, the Planning Commission recommendations regarding Buena Vista Fifth Planned Residential Development (PRD) and Othello Housing Authority, noting meeting dates will be set to present their recommendations to the Board. Assistant Director Lorenz reviewed building permit activity. Additionally, a change of location application for a cannabis operation (Om Shiv, Inc.) was reviewed.

Emergency Management

Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council (EFSEC) Contract No. E23-041

Commissioner Blankenship moved, Thompson seconded, to authorize the Chairman to sign Contract No. E23-041 between Washington State Military Department and the Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council (EFSEC) and Adams County, in the amount of \$32,148 for the period July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023 and related documents – Debarment Form (Chairman); and, Signature Authorization Form (full Board). **Motion carried.**

Sheriff's Department

Sheriff Wagner provided an update on jail operations, noting prisoner transfers to other facilities have occurred with the current population of the Adams County jail being five (5) inmates; and, virtual arraignments with the court are being coordinated. Additionally, current staffing was reviewed.

Recess @ 12:02 p.m.

Reconvene @ 1:00 p.m.

Closed Session

At 1:00 p.m. the Board recessed into a Closed Session, to last three (3) hours, under 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, professional negotiations, or grievance or mediation proceedings, or reviewing the proposals made in the negotiations or proceedings while in progress.” Additionally present were Prosecutor Flyckt; Human Resource Manager Perez; Sheriff Wagner; Public Works Director O'Brien; and, Engineer Yaeger. Deputy Civil Attorney Barden joined the session at 1:20 p.m. Engineer Yaeger left the session at 2:30 p.m. Sheriff Wagner left the session at 3:41 p.m.

At 4:00 p.m. the Board reconvened from Closed Session.

Adjournment @ 4:00 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