

COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS

Regular Meeting
Adams County Courthouse
Ritzville, Washington

September 7, 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 O'Brien, along with Engineer Yaeger, provided updates on road maintenance; solid waste; facilities; and, fairgrounds.

McKinney Road Project #1 (CRP#192)

Commissioner Blankenship moved, Thompson seconded, to *approve and sign the Contract and Contract Bond between Adams County and Selland Construction, Inc., Wenatchee, Washington, for the McKinney Road Project #1 (CRP-192) for a total contract amount of \$1,399,999.25*.

Motion carried.

Sheriff's Department Vehicles

Engineer Yaeger reported that three (3) vehicles ordered in March, 2022, for the Sheriff's Department at a budgeted amount of \$180,000, are no longer being produced and the order was cancelled by the distributor.

Should the county reorder, the 2022 models must be replaced with 2023 models at a cost of \$202,300.42, including sales tax, with Yaeger noting the order will need to be placed by Friday, September 9, 2022. The Board provided **consensus authorization for the Public Works Department to order three (3) 2023 models for the Sheriff's Department at a cost of \$202,300.42.**

Procurement Policy – Small Purchase Procedure

The procurement policy regarding small purchase procedures was reviewed with Public Works Director O'Brien noting Prosecutor Flyckt has had the opportunity to review the proposed amendment. A resolution will be prepared to formally adopt the amended policy.

Solid Waste

Director O'Brien reported on the Washington Counties Risk Pool's progress in confirming damages regarding the trailer that was destroyed by fire on July 14, 2022 at the Bruce Transfer Station.

Personnel

Director O'Brien reviewed upcoming retirements within the maintenance and operation division of Public Works, noting one employee is retiring this month; and, three employees will be leaving by the end of the year.

Geographic Information Systems

Director Stolsig reported on accomplished projects and goals; future objectives; and, meetings and trainings scheduled or completed. Additionally, Stolsig noted he will be working with Emergency Management Director Duffey on the live WEA test.

Emergency Management

Director Duffey reported she participated in the CBHA active shooter exercise in Othello; and, also participated in the Ritzville fair September 1-3, 2022. Duffey noted the live WEA test will be on Monday, September 12, 2022, in the Benge area. Additionally, Duffey reported she is working with the Town of Lind and Fire District #2 for reimbursements of costs associated with the August fire in Lind. A Community Wildfire Defense Grant was reviewed with the Board providing **consensus authorization for Duffey to research the grant opportunity.**

There was a fire in Washtucna over the weekend with Director Duffey reporting on her involvement.

Building and Planning Department

Assistant Building and Planning Director Lorenz reported on departmental activities; current projects; compliance actions; and, building permit activity trends. Additionally, Lorenz noted that the burning ban will expire at the end of this month.

Central Services

Director Boness was not available to provide a report.

Closed Session

At 11:15 a.m. Chairman Weise announced the Board would recess into Closed Session for thirty (30) minutes under 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 was Prosecutor Flyckt. Civil Attorney Barden was present telephonically.

At 11:45 a.m. the Board reconvened from Closed Session.

Executive Session

At 11:46 a.m. Chairman Weise announced the Board would recess into Executive Session for fifteen (15) minutes under 42.30.110(1)(i) – “...to discuss with legal counsel representing the agency litigation or potential litigation to which the agency, the governing body, or a member acting in an official capacity is, or is likely to become a party, when public knowledge regarding the discussion is likely to result in an adverse legal or financial consequence to the agency.” Additionally present was Prosecutor Flyckt. No action is anticipated.

At 11:51 a.m. the Board reconvened from Executive Session. No action taken.

Agreement for Mutual Use of Jail Facilities

Commissioner Blankenship moved, Thompson seconded, to *approve the Agreement for Mutual Use of Jail Facilities between Adams County, a political subdivision of the State of Washington, and Franklin County, a*

*political subdivision of the State of Washington, for the use of the Franklin County jail facilities for Adams County to house up to ten (10) inmates, at any time, at a rate of \$80.78 per day. **Motion carried.***

Adjournment @ 12:13 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