

## COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS

Regular Meeting  
Adams County Courthouse  
Ritzville, Washington

December 14, 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 of Commissioner Meeting – Recess @ 9:07 a.m.

### Board of Health Meeting – Called to Order @ 9:07 a.m.

**Present:** BOH Member Timm Taff (virtual); BOH Member Karen Potts (virtual); Adams County Health Officer Dr. Brzezny (virtual); Commissioner Weise; Commissioner Thompson; and, Commissioner Blankenship. BOH Member April May was absent.

### Health Officer Update

Dr. Brzezny reported on the following:

- Respiratory Illnesses
  - RSV related hospitalizations in U.S.
  - U.S. Influenza-like illness activity by state
  - Influenza hospitalization admissions

- Weekly positive influenza tests reported to Grant County Health District
- SARS-CoV-2 Update
  - Covid-19 positive tests reported are slowly rising
  - U.S. Covid-19 wastewater surveillance
  - Covid-19 Cases rising the last eight weeks
  - Rise in COVID hospitalizations
  - New COVID-19 hospitalization admissions vs. Influenza hospitalization admissions
  - COVID-19 deaths are rising in the U.S.
  - Variants of COVID-19
  - COVID deaths are concentrated in the elderly
  - Treatment disposition among varying ages
  - Incident rates of respiratory viruses (RSV; Influenza A; Influenza B; and Covid) in Adams County
- Food Ordinance – Washington State Retail Food Code
- Tuberculosis update
- Adams County Health District 2022 Inspections (food, pool, temporary food vendors, public water system sanitary surveys)

**Board Updates – None**

**Board Discussion/Decision Items – None**

**Other Business - None**

**Executive Session – None**

**Board of Health Meeting – Adjourned at 10:18 a.m.**

**Board of Commissioner Meeting – Reconvened @ 10:28 a.m.**

**Integrated Health Care Services – Contracts**

Commissioner Blankenship moved, Thompson seconded, to *authorize the Chairman to sign Coordinated Prevention Grant (CPG) Agreement No. SWMLSWFA-2021-AdCoHD-00073, Amendment No. 1 (Solid Waste Management Local Solid Waste Financial Assistance) between State of Washington Department of Ecology and Adams County Health Department for a decrease in funds of \$59,000 for an amended contract*

award of \$25,069.33 (\$18,802.00 State portion; \$6,267.33 County portion) for the period July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2023 for Solid Waste Enforcement. **Motion carried.**

Commissioner Blankenship moved, Thompson seconded, to *authorize the Chairman to sign Contract #K4637, Amendment No. 1, between Washington State Health Care Authority and Adams County Health Department for Medicaid Administrative Claiming (MAC) for the contract period July 1, 2021 through December 31, 2025.* **Motion carried.**  
(Extends period of performance to December 31, 2025.)

### **Board Workshop**

The Board met with Assessor Rodriguez, Auditor Hunt; and, Treasurer Meise for a review of the levy certification process. Additionally present was Prosecutor Flyckt and Public Works Director O'Brien.

### **Recess @ 11:08 a.m.**

### **Board of Equalization**

The Adams County Commissioners, in their capacity as the Board of Equalization, met at 11:09 a.m. for the purpose of electing a Chairman; and, setting the first meeting of the Board of Equalization in 2023.

Commissioner Blankenship moved, Weise seconded, to elect Dan Blankenship as Board of Equalization Chairman. **Motion carried.**

Commissioner Weise moved, Thompson seconded, to set the date and time for the first meeting of the Board of Equalization in 2023 as January 4, 2023 at 1:00 p.m. **Motion carried.**

There being no additional business, Chairman Weise moved, Thompson seconded, to adjourn the Board of Equalization meeting. **Motion carried.**  
The Board of Equalization meeting was adjourned at 11:14 a.m.

### **Reconvene @ 11:14 a.m.**

### **Recess @ 11:28 a.m.**

### **Reconvene @ 1:00 p.m.**

### **Executive Session**

At 1:03 p.m. Chairman Weise announced the Board would recess into Executive Session for sixty (60) minutes under RCW 42.30.110(1)(g) – “To evaluate the qualifications of an applicant for public employment or to review the performance of a public employee.” Human Resource Manager Campbell was present.

At 2:02 p.m. the Board reconvened from Executive Session.

At 2:02 p.m. Chairman Weise announced the Board would recess back into Executive Session for fifteen (15) minutes under RCW 42.30.110(1)(g) – “To evaluate the qualifications of an applicant for public employment or to review the performance of a public employee.” Human Resource Manager Campbell was present.

At 2:15 p.m. the Board reconvened from Executive Session.

At 2:30 p.m. Chairman Weise announced the Board would recess back into Executive Session for ten (10) minutes under RCW 42.30.110(1)(g) – “To evaluate the qualifications of an applicant for public employment or to review the performance of a public employee.” Human Resource Manager Campbell was present.

At 2:40 p.m. the Board reconvened from Executive Session.

### **Building and Planning Director**

The Board conducted an applicant interview with Andie Lorenz for the position of Building and Planning Director.

Commissioner Weise moved, Thompson seconded, to *offer the position of Building and Planning Director to Andie Lorenz with compensation set at Range 6, Step 6 on the Adams County Management Level Salary Schedule, effective 12/16/2022.* **Motion carried.**

Mr. Lorenz was notified of the offer and accepted the position of Building and Planning Director, effective December 16, 2022.

### **Levy Certification**

Commissioner Blankenship moved, Thompson seconded, to *approve the following levy distributions:*

#104	<i>Mental Health</i>	\$59,683.98
	<i>Developmental Disabilities</i>	\$ 6,631.55
#107	<i>Veteran's Relief</i>	\$29,841.99

*and, to authorize the Chairman to sign Certification of District's Property Tax Certification to the County Assessor for tax year 2023. **Motion carried.***

**Adjournment @ 3:28 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