

COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS

Regular Meeting
Adams County Courthouse
Ritzville, Washington

January 11, 2023 – 9:00 a.m.
(Wednesday)

Call to Order

Chairman Weise called the meeting to order.

Present:

Chairman Jay R. Weise
Vice-Chairman Dan C. Blankenship
Commissioner Miguel A. Garza

Pledge of Allegiance

Chairman Weise led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval/Addition of Agenda

Commissioner Blankenship moved, Garza seconded, to *approve the agenda as presented*. **Motion carried.**

Board of Commissioner Meeting – Recess @ 9:01 a.m.

Board of Health Meeting – Called to Order @ 9:01 a.m.

Present: Commissioners Weise, Blankenship and Garza; Adams County Health Officer Dr. Brzezny; IHCS Director Guse; Board of Health members April May; Karen Potts; and, Timm Taff (virtually).

Approval/Addition of Agenda

Commissioner Blankenship moved, Garza seconded, to *approve the Board of Health agenda as presented*. **Motion carried.**

Public Comment – None

Health Officer Update

Dr. Brzezny, Adams County Health Officer, provided updates on the following:

- COVID virus in China – how accurate are the numbers being provided?

- United State RSV hospitalization numbers.
- United States Influenza-like illness activity by state.
- Weekly rate of lab-confirmed influenza hospitalizations among cases of all ages.
- Influenza associated pediatric deaths.
- Grant County reported weekly positive influenza tests.
- United States COVID-19 positive tests reported are rising.
- New variants are expected.
- United States Omicron variant proportions by region of U.S.
- United State Covid-19 wastewater surveillance.
- Covid cases and hospitalizations are rising in the U.S.
- Covid deaths still rising in U.S.
- Rates of Covid-19 deaths by vaccination status in ages five and older.
- Subvariants of SARS-CoV-2.
- Neutralization capacity of various Omicron variants vs. vaccine and prior infection.
- Seven-day incidence rate in Adams County and Grant County.
- Measles outbreak due to decrease in childhood vaccinations.
- State hospital capacity assessment.

The Washington State Retail Food Code pursuant to Chapter 246-215 WAC was discussed with Commissioner Weise noting he has been gathering information on the subject.

Additionally, Dr. Brzezny provided an update on an active tuberculosis case in Adams County.

Board Updates – None

Board Discussion/Decision Items – None

Other Business – None

Executive Session

At 9:56 a.m. Commissioner Weise announced the Board would recess into Executive Session at 10:00 a.m. 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.”

At 10:15 a.m. the Board reconvened from Executive Session.

Board of Health Meeting – Adjourned @ 10:15 a.m.

Board of Commissioner Meeting – Reconvene @ 10:15 a.m.

Integrated Health Care Services

2022-2024 Consolidated Contract CLH31001, Amendment #10

Commissioner Blankenship moved, Garza seconded, to *authorize the Chairman to sign Consolidated Contract CLH31001, Amendment #10, between the State of Washington Department of Health and Adams County Integrated Health Care Services for an increase in funding of \$79,778 for a total contract award of \$2,702,974 for the contract period January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2024.* **Motion carried.** (Adds funding allocation for Office of Drinking Water Group B program allocation for 2023; and, WIC allocation to provide services for January-September, 2023.)

Contract #K3902, Amendment #5

Commissioner Garza moved, Blankenship seconded, to *authorize the Chairman to sign Contract #K3902, Amendment #5, between Washington State Health Care Authority and Adams County Health Department for the contract period September 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023.* **Motion carried.** (Amendment updates dedicated marijuana account definition; update to dedicated cannabis account; and reimbursements – funding amount of \$486,000 is not increased.)

Integrated Health Care Services Staffing

Reclassification of the Health Information Coordinator position was discussed.

Closed Session

At 10:50 a.m. Chairman Weise announced the Board would recess into Closed Session for thirty (30) minutes 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 and Civil Attorney Barden.

At 11:20 a.m. the Board reconvened from Closed Session.

Memorandum of Understanding Between Adams County Board of Commissioners and the Association of Adams County Employees Regarding Jail On-Call Time

Commissioner Blankenship moved, Garza seconded, to *approve Memorandum of Understanding Between Adams County Board of Commissioners and the Association of Adams County Employees Regarding Jail On-Call Time.* **Motion carried.**

The Board participated in a working lunch meeting from noon to 1:00 p.m.
The meeting was open to the public.

Recess Board of County Commissioner meeting at 1:02 p.m.

Board of Equalization

The Board of Equalization meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m.
Hearing no business the meeting was adjourned at 1:02 p.m.

Reconvene Board of County Commissioner meeting at 1:02 p.m.

Executive Session

At 1:02 p.m. Chairman Weise announced the Board would recess into Executive Session from 1:05 p.m. until 4:30 p.m. 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.” Additionally present were Human Resource Manager Campbell; Prosecutor Flyckt; Patrick Clark, Tom Gaines, and, Joe Carter.

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

Adjournment @ 4:05 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/Dan C. Blankenship, Vice-Chairman
s/Miguel A. Garza, Commissioner