

COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS

Adams County Courthouse
Ritzville, Washington
Regular Meeting

January 24, 2023 – 9:00 a.m.
(Tuesday)

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.

Public Comment – None

Approval/Addition of Agenda

Commissioner Garza moved, Blankenship seconded, to *add the following item to the agenda; and, approve the agenda as amended.*

1. *EMPG Contract – Board Discussion/Decision Items*

Motion carried.

Consent Agenda

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

Minutes

Approve Preliminary Minutes of January 10 and 11, 2023

Broadband Contract Amendment

Approve Contract Number 22-96810-001, Amendment A, between Washington State Department of Commerce State Broadband Office and Adams County for the Purpose of Modifying the Scope of Work.

Correspondence

Wanda Staley, Treasurer, H.E. Gritman Senior Citizens Center re: Request for 2023 Adams County Funding Allocation

Othello Senior Center Board re: Request for 2023 Adams County Funding Allocation

Evelyn Braden, Treasurer, Lind Senior Center re: Request for 2023 Adams County Funding Allocation

Chris Davis, Director, Othello Ministerial Compassion Fund re: Request for Funding for Othello Ministerial Compassion Fund

Board Updates

Commissioner Garza reported on meetings he attended.

Commissioner Blankenship reported on activities to include Broadband and bridge replacement meetings. Additionally, he attended a Legislative Steering Committee meeting in Olympia and reported on topics discussed there.

Commissioner Weise reported on a call from the Pet Rescue organization noting a more in-depth view of operating costs will be presented from the organization. The Albert Sensor detection system was discussed during the WSAC virtual assembly with Commissioner Weise reporting he will have a conversation with the IT department regarding the issue. Additionally, Weise attended the Adams County Development Council meeting.

Board Discussion/Decision Items

Human Resources

Manager Campbell reviewed county branding strategies as well as county compliance matters. Campbell reported she is currently working on filling open positions on the Citizens' Commission for Salaries of Elected Officials.

Public Works

Director O'Brien and Engineer Yaeger provided a general maintenance update, noting crews are working on routine winter tasks prior to freezing temperatures expected next week. Additionally, updates were provided on county bridges; guardrail repairs; solid waste; and, Public Works staffing.

2023 County Wide Crushing Project (ERP-802)

Engineer Yaeger filed, pursuant to RCW 36.77.010, the Contract Plans and Provisions for construction of 2023 County Wide Crushing Project, ERP-802.

Bridge Discussion

Commissioner Blankenship reported the county is expected to provide a 20% match for grant monies made available for the replacement of bridges due to the East Low Canal widening project. Sam Castro, Grant County Public Works Director, discussed a concern of counties paying costs of bridge replacements up front as the grants are on a reimbursable basis, noting that places great hardship on small counties. Jon Erickson, East Columbia Basin Irrigation District, reported the “W” Road bridge is the bridge that will immediately affect all of Adams County.

Capital Improvement Plan

Public Works Director O’Brien presented the Capital Improvement Plan for facilities reviewing potential projects. Additionally present were Engineer Yaeger and Facilities Manager Madsen.

Recess @ 11:58 a.m.

Reconvene @ 1:00 p.m.

Emergency Management

The Board reviewed Emergency Management Performance Grant Agreement No. E23-180 between Adams County and Washington State Military Department and the U.S. Department of Homeland Security in the amount of \$31,866 for the period June 1, 2022 through September 30, 2023. Additionally, the Work Plan associated with the grant was reviewed. The Board authorized the Agreement to be placed on the January 31, 2023 consent agenda for action.

Executive Session

At 2:44 p.m. Chairman Weise announced the Board would recess into Executive Session for fifteen (15) minutes under RCW 42.30.110(1)(i) – “To discuss with legal counsel representing the agency matters relating to agency enforcement actions, or 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.

At 2:59 p.m. the Board reconvened from Executive Session. No action taken.

Other Business – None

Permanent Minutes Signed

January 3 and 4, 2023

Adjournment @ 3:00 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/Dan C. Blankenship, Vice-Chairman
s/Miguel A. Garza, Commissioner