

## COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS

Regular Meeting  
Adams County Courthouse  
Ritzville, Washington

February 8, 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 @ 9:00 a.m.

### Board of Health Meeting – Call to Order @ 9:00 a.m.

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

### Approval/Addition of Agenda

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

### Public Comment – None

### Health Officer Update

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

- COVID-19 global update – China stopped counting cases as models predict a million or more deaths
- U.S. influenza-like illness activity by state
- Influenza vaccine coverage by season: only 1 in 4 individuals in the eastern part of Washington have received a vaccine
- Washington influenza vaccine coverage, by age
- Washington influenza vaccine coverage, by county
- U.S. COVID-19 positive tests reported and hospitalizations
- U.S. COVID-19 variants
- COVID-19 deaths remain high
- Seven-day COVID-19 incidence rate in Adams County
- Eastern Washington adult ICU occupancy and open beds
- Vaccine effectiveness – new vaccine recommendations
- Pfizer booster and stroke “signal”
- Measles – highly contagious and spreads through the air when an infected person coughs or sneezes
- Vaccination is the best protection against measles
- Severe complications of measles in children and adults
- Norovirus is the leading cause of vomiting and diarrhea from acute gastroenteritis (inflammation of the stomach and intestines) among people of all ages in the U.S.
- U.S. Norovirus outbreaks: 2019-2022
- Opioid-related EMS responses

### **Board Updates**

Commissioner Weise provided an update on food service regulations. Commissioner Blankenship discussed group flu shots possibly being made available for employees of large employers.

### **Board Discussion/Decision Items – None**

### **Other Business – None**

### **Executive Session – None**

**Board of Health Meeting – Adjourn @ 10:08 a.m.**

**Board of Commissioner Meeting – Reconvene @ 10:08 a.m.**

## **Board Workshop**

### **Integrated Health Care Services**

Director Guse provided written reports of staff activities. The Health Information Coordinator position reclassification was discussed with Guse providing a report on the process.

### **Agreement 23ASO2701**

Commissioner Blankenship moved, Garza seconded, to *authorize the Chairman sign Agreement 23ASO2701 between Spokane County, a political subdivision of the State of Washington, by and between Spokane County Regional Behavioral Health (SCRBH), a Division of Spokane County Community Services Department (hereinafter "SCRBH"), and Adams County Integrated Health Care Services in the amount of \$391,341. for the contract period January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023.* **Motion carried.** (No change to the original content of agreement – name change only.)

### **Agreement 23ASO2733**

Commissioner Garza moved, Blankenship seconded to *authorize the Chairman sign Agreement 22ASO2733 between Spokane County Community Services Department, Spokane County Regional Behavioral Health (SCRBH) Division, Administrative Services Organization (SCRBH) and Adams County Integrated Health Care Services for Adams County's participation in the Spokane County Regional Health Network.* **Motion carried.** (No change to the original content of agreement – name change only).

**Recess @ 10:28 a.m.**

**Reconvene @ 10:37 a.m.**

### **Executive Session**

At 10:48 a.m. Chairman Weise announced the Board would recess into Executive Session for thirty (30) 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." Employee evaluation took place with Vicki Guse. Additionally present was Prosecutor Flyckt.

At 11:18 a.m. the Board reconvened from Executive Session.

### **Executive Session**

At 11:26 a.m. Chairman Weise announced the Board would recess into Executive Session for five (5) 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.” Additionally present was Prosecutor Flyckt and Sheriff Wagner.

At 11:31 a.m. the Board reconvened from Executive Session.

**Sheriff Wagner**

Sheriff Wagner reviewed a proposed modified job description for the Administrative Assistant position in his department noting he is asking the position to be reclassified to EE2 or EE3 on the Adams County Exempt Employee Salary Schedule. No action taking pending further consideration.

**Recess @ 11:48 a.m.**

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

**Solid Waste Long Haul Contract**

Based on the recommendation of the Public Works Department, Commissioner Blankenship moved, Garza seconded, to *execute the Solid Waste Long Haul contract to Zuniga Trucking, LLC, Othello, Washington, as the lowest responsive bidder, for the transporting of solid waste.*

**Motion carried.**

**Reclassification of Positions**

Commissioner Weise reported the job descriptions for building and planning (planner; inspector/code enforcement) are being finalized, noting the inspector/code enforcement position will need to be brought before the Association. A resolution will be prepared for the Planner position.

Board consensus **authorized the Technology Services Assistant position be reclassified from Range 6 to Range 9 of the Adams County Non-Represented Salary Schedule; and, the position move from a part-time position to a full-time position (2088 calendar hours).** A resolution will be prepared for adoption.

The Board reviewed the request of District Court Judges Benzel and Russell to reclassify the District Court Administrative Assistant position from an EE1 to an EE5 on the Adams County Exempt Salary Schedule, noting additional review is necessary prior to making a decision.

**Adjournment @ 1:45 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