

## COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS

Regular Meeting  
Adams County Courthouse  
Ritzville, Washington

March 15, 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 – *left at noon to attend LSC meeting in*

Commissioner Miguel A. Garza      *Olympia*

### Pledge of Allegiance

Chairman Weise led the Pledge of Allegiance.

### Approval/Addition of Agenda

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

### Board Workshop

#### Hazard Mitigation Plan

Adams County Emergency Management Director Duffey introduced Christina Wollman, Senior Planner, Perteet, Inc. Ms. Wollman presented the Adams County Hazard Mitigation Plan.

FEMA requires a pre-disaster hazard mitigation program and new requirements for the national post-disaster Hazard Mitigation Grant Program. Reasons to plan are pro-active vs. reactive; establish/maintain eligibility for grant funds; support other planning mechanisms (land use plans, wildfire protection plans, emergency response plans); and, set the course for response and recovery to impacts from natural disasters.

The Plan will cover the following eight local governments within Adams County:

- Adams County unincorporated areas;
- Three cities/towns (Ritzville, Othello, Lind;

- One port (Port of Othello);
- One school district (Lind-Ritzville School District;
- One hospital district (East Adams Rural Healthcare); and,
- One fire district (FD #6).

The planning process included county personnel applying for and receiving FEMA planning grants. The foundation of the plan is a comprehensive risk assessment of seven natural hazards of concern: dam failure; drought; earthquake; flood; landslides; severe weather; and, wildfire.

The Plan is available on the county website by accessing the following link: [https://www.co.adams.wa.us/departments/emergency\\_services/index.php](https://www.co.adams.wa.us/departments/emergency_services/index.php)

The site includes steering committee meeting agenda and summaries; the draft plan; and, will be the site for the final plan and progress reports.

### **Homeland Security Contract**

Emergency Management Director Duffey presented Contract #E23-093 between Spokane County Emergency Management and Adams County for Board review. The contract amount is \$21,547 for the period September, 1, 2022 through March 31, 2024. The Board directed the Clerk to place the matter on the consent agenda for March 21, 2023.

### **Central Services**

Director Igbinoba reported there is a credit from Dell in the amount of \$24,021.97, noting he would like to purchase an additional server with a portion of the funds. The Board provided **consensus authorization for the Central Services Department to utilize a portion of the Dell credit to purchase a server in the amount of \$12,683.78.**

### **Professional Services Contract - Broadband**

Commissioner Garza moved, Blankenship seconded, to *authorize the Chairman to sign Professional Services Contract between Adams County and ZeroDB, LLC, for Broadband Fiber-to-the-Home Design Work.*

**Motion carried.**

### **Executive Session**

At 11:29 a.m. Chairman Weise announced the Board would recess into Executive Session for thirty (30) 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 were Prosecutor Flyckt and Civil Attorney Barden. No action is anticipated.

At 11:59 a.m. the Board reconvened from Executive Session. No action taken.

**Recess @ 11:59 a.m.**  
**Reconvene @ 1:15 p.m.**

**Closed Session**

At 1:39 p.m. Chairman Weise announced the Board would recess into Closed Session for sixty (60) 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; Civil Attorney Barden; Sheriff Wagner; and, Human Resource Manager Campbell.

At 2:27 p.m. the Board reconvened from Closed Session.

**Adjournment @ 2:39 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