

COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS

Adams County Courthouse
Ritzville, Washington
Regular Meeting

April 18, 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 *approve the agenda as presented*. **Motion carried.**

Consent Agenda

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

Minutes

Approve Preliminary Minutes of April 4 and 5, 2023

Payroll

Approve March 16 - 31, 2023 Payroll in the amount of \$516,354.90; and, Benefits in the amount of \$263,925.18 (Warrant # Series 533009-533014; Direct Deposit # Series 75792-75964; Benefit/Deduction # Series 1170213-1170222)

Vouchers

Approve Vouchers audited and certified by the Adams County Auditor as required by RCW 42.24.080, and those expense reimbursement claims

certified as required by RCW 42.24.090 and recorded on a listing, which was made available to the Board. These vouchers were listed as follows:

<u>Fund</u>	<u>Control Number</u>	<u>Amount</u>
001	23-5502 – 23-5571	\$142,910.52
0015E	23-5571A – 23-5572	\$ 4,163.45
0018H	23-5573 – 23-5574	\$ 397.44
103	23-5575 – 23-5578	\$ 10,101.19
103A	23-5579	\$ 107.69
104	23-5580 – 23-5601	\$ 48,680.91
106	23-5602 – 23-5603	\$ 260.84
112	23-5604 – 23-5610	\$ 3,259.09
122	23-5611	\$ 28.00
123	23-5612 – 23-5615	\$ 1,623.15
130	23-5614A – 23-5615A	\$ 702.83
166	23-5616 – 23-5625	\$ 3,629.79
502	23-5626 – 23-5633	\$ 9,976.08
108	391 – 395	\$ 2,676.61
115	396 – 413	\$ 34,853.38
401	414 – 425	\$ 31,348.07
501	426 – 440	\$ 26,990.24
590	441 – 480	\$ 91,334.04
	TOTAL	\$413,043.32

Correspondence

Adams County Noxious Weed Control Board re: March 14, 2023 Meeting Minutes and Agenda for April 11, 2023

Attorney Dan Wu re: Public Defender Report for 3rd and 4th Quarter, 2022 and 1st Quarter, 2023

Attorney Barrett J. Scudder re: Public Defender Report for 1st Quarter, 2023

Attorney Kyle R. Smith re: Public Defender Report for 1st Quarter, 2023

Board Updates

Commissioner Garza reported the Aging and Adult Care meeting was cancelled due to lack of quorum.

Commissioner Blankenship reported on topics reviewed at the Legislative Steering Committee meeting in Olympia last week. Additionally, Blankenship reported attending a Local VFW informational meeting at the

Ritzville Eagles facility; and, he will attend the Broadband Action Team (BAT) meeting this Thursday.

Commissioner Weise reported he is continuing to review collective bargaining association contracts, budgeting; and, county policies.

Board Discussion/Decision Items

Human Resources

Manager Campbell reported on the progress of obtaining the Spanish language proficiency testing materials, requesting clarification as to the proficiency testing level the county will require employees to pass to qualify to receive a language stipend pursuant to the Collective Bargaining Agreement. Campbell noted Avant recommended the county test employees at an intermediate level. Spanish language proficiency testing will include writing, reading, speaking, and listening.

Spanish Language Proficiency Testing

Commissioner Blankenship moved, Garza seconded, to *authorize the Chairman sign Price Quote No. 00023560 from Avant Assessment for twenty-five (25) STAMP Proficiency Pro – Language Assessments in the amount of \$79.90 each for a total amount of \$1,997.50.* **Motion carried.**

Public Works

Public Works Director O'Brien and Engineer Yaeger reported on maintenance activities such as crack sealing; sterilant application; bridge deficiencies; gravel road maintenance; and, pothole patching. Additional reports included solid waste activities; personnel; and, operations and maintenance of facilities.

Engineer Yaeger provided updates on the Deal Road #2 project and the Hatton Road safety project. Additionally, crews continue to work on crack counting on county roads; guardrail repairs; and drainage structure inspections.

Deal Road Project #2 (CRP-197)

Commissioner Blankenship moved, Garza seconded, to *authorize the Chairman sign Local Agency Agreement, Supplement No. 1, between Washington State Department of Transportation and Adams County; and, Local Agency Federal Aid Project Prospectus between Washington State Department of Transportation and Adams County for the purpose of*

authorizing construction and engineering funding for the Deal Road Project #2 – CRP-197. Motion carried.

Adams County Development Council

Kyle Niehenke, ACDC Executive Director, provided a written report of activities, noting his travel schedule; outreach, networking and meetings; projects and project meetings; webinars and training events; and, future planned activities.

Additionally, Niehenke reported the Adams County Development Council annual meeting is scheduled for May 11, 2023 at Ironworks Café, Othello.

Other Business – None

Permanent Minutes Signed

March 28 and 29, 2023

Executive Session – None

Recess @ 11:42 a.m.

Reconvene @ 1:00 p.m.

Closed Session

At 1:31 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; Undersheriff Coronado; and, Human Resource Manager Campbell.

At 2:30 p.m. the Board reconvened from Closed Session.

Adjournment @ 2:41 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