

## COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS

Regular Meeting  
Adams County Courthouse  
Ritzville, Washington

May 24, 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 Garza moved, Blankenship seconded, to *approve the agenda as presented*. **Motion carried.**

### Blake Contract

Commissioner Blankenship moved, Garza seconded, to *authorize the Chairman to sign (via DocuSign) Interagency Reimbursement Agreement No. IA24002, between Washington State Administrative Office of the Courts and Adams County, to reimburse Adams County for the extraordinary judicial, prosecutorial, and/or defense-related costs of resentencing and vacating the sentences of individuals who convictions or sentences are affected by the Blake Decision up to the maximum amount of \$63,542.00 for costs incurred between July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024*. **Motion carried.**

### Document Recording Fees Support

The 2023-2025 Operating Budget for Washington State identifies funding for grants to local governments for maintaining programs and investments which are primarily funded through document recording fees with the legislation requiring Commerce to distribute the funds to local

governments using an equitable formula. The formula used adjusts for the different percentages of shortfalls experienced in each county and bases the allocations proportionally. The Board provided **consensus authorization to “opt in” to the Commerce distribution of funding through document recording fees in the amount of \$18,842 for the period July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2025.**

### **Board Workshop**

#### **Shoreline Master Program Periodic Review**

Emily Weimer, AHBL, presented a draft ordinance with proposed amendments to Adams County Code Chapter 18.08 – Shoreline Master Program. State law requires the County’s Shoreline Master Program be reviewed and revised, if needed, on an eight (8) year schedule. Weimer reviewed the Shoreline Management Act; Shoreline Master Program; and, local and state roles in the Program.

Weimer reviewed proposed changes to the current SMP, noting the following:

- Minor typographical edits.
- Specifying that “development” does not include dismantling or removing structures.
- Updating definitions: Fish and Wildlife Habitat Conservation Areas definition (to match RCW), native vegetation, priority species, and floodway.
- Adding definitions: anadromous fish, shoreline management buffer.
- Adding exceptions for: remedial actions, boatyard improvements (to meet NPDES requirements), certain WSDOT improvements, projects with environmental excellence program agreement, or authorized via RCW 80.58 (Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council process)
- Removing text stating a requirement the County prepares a no net loss report every eight (8) years (not required).
- Reproduced maps with updated aerial imagery.

Additionally, Weimer noted the previous update effort was extensive and the proposed changes are narrow in scope and consistent with Ecology. There are no changes to floodplain mapping or shoreline designations.

There are no changes to development standards (setbacks, height, width, lot coverage, etc.)

The Adams County Planning Commission and the Department of Ecology held a joint public hearing on March 23, 2023. The Planning Commission recommended adoption with written findings of fact. Ecology has issued an initial determination of consistency. Included in Ecology's determination is a list of required and recommended changes which have been incorporated into the document.

A public hearing is scheduled for June 20, 2023 at 1:30 p.m. in Room 202 of the Adams County Courthouse, Ritzville, for the purpose of hearing comment on proposed Ordinance No. O-02-2023 – An Ordinance Adopting Amendments to the Shoreline Master Program and Providing for an Effective Date.

**Closed Session**

At 10:33 a.m. Chairman Weise announced the Board would recess into Closed Session for twenty (20) 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.” Prosecutor Flyckt; Human Resource Manager Campbell; and, Public Works Director O'Brien were present.

At 10:53 a.m. the Board reconvened from Closed Session.

**Adjournment @ 10:58 a.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