

COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS

Regular Meeting
Adams County Courthouse
Ritzville, Washington

June 14, 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.**

Board of Commissioner Meeting – Recess @ 9:00 a.m.

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

Present: Board of Health members Commissioners Weise, Blankenship, Garza; Timm Taff (virtually); Karen Potts; and, April May; Dr. Brzezny, Adams County Health Officer; and, Director Vicki Guse, Integrated Health Care Services.

Approval/Addition of Agenda

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

Health Officer Update

Adams County Health Officer Dr. Brzezny reported on the following:

- United States COVID-19 hospitalizations, deaths, emergency visits, and test positivity by geographic area.
- Adams County COVID-19 activity.
- Estimates of COVID subvariants.
- Timeline of end dates for key health-related flexibilities provided through COVID-19 emergency declarations, legislation, and administrative actions.
- Wastewater – COVID is still present in wastewater.
- Timeline of emergency interventions end dates summary.
- Extreme heat-related deaths.
- Impact of climate change on human health.
- Smoke Ready Week June 12-16
 - Effects of wildfire smoke on health.
 - Washington State has a comprehensive emergency management plan for wildfire smoke.
 - Wildfire smoke guidance for cancelling outdoor events or activities and school closures.
- Tuberculosis update.

Board Updates – None

Other Business

Commissioner Blankenship moved, Garza seconded, to *elect Commissioner Jay Weise as Chairman of the Adams County Board of Health for a one-year term effective July 1, 2023 through July 1, 2024.*

Motion carried.

Commissioner Blankenship moved, Garza seconded, to *elect Commissioner Mike Garza as Vice-Chairman of the Adams County Board of Health for a one-year term effective July 1, 2023 through July 1, 2024.*

Motion carried.

Commissioner Blankenship moved, Garza seconded, to *re-appoint April May to the Adams County Board of Health for a three (3) year term effective July 1, 2023 through July 1, 2026.* **Motion carried.**

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

Integrated Health Care Services Director Guse reported there are two (2) unfilled Master Level Designated Crisis Responder (DCR) positions in the IHCS department. Guse noted she would like the Board to consider adding a “Bachelor Level” pay line on the Adams County Exempt Employee Salary Schedule to allow for hiring of Bachelor level applicants when a Master level position is vacant with no more than two (2) Bachelor positions at a time. The job description will need to be modified to allow for a Bachelor level position at a different pay rate than a Master level position. Director Guse was requested to present a modified job description for the Bachelor level position. Additionally, staffing of the health department in Ritzville was reviewed.

Recess @ 10:43 a.m.

Reconvene @ 10:53 a.m.

Public Works

Deal Road Project #2 (CRP-197)

Based on the recommendation of the Public Works Department, Commissioner Blankenship moved, Garza seconded, to *award the Deal Road Project #2 (CRP-197) to the lowest responsive bidder, Granite Construction Company, Yakima, Washington, for the bid amount of \$2,149,149; conditioned upon the Concurrence to Award received from Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) headquarters for the required 13% DBE goal as part of the Condition to Award; and, approve the Chairman sign the Concurrence to Award. Motion carried.* The bid is 94.3% of the engineer’s estimate of \$2,280,012.

Adams County Development Council

Kyle Niehenke, Executive Director, Adams County Development Council, cancelled his scheduled appointment.

Adjournment @ 11:41 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