

COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS

Regular Meeting County Public Services Building – Conference Room Othello, Washington

June 28, 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.

Public Comment – None

Approval/Addition of Agenda

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

Board Workshop

Othello Food Bank

Jose Garza, Facility Director of the Othello Food Bank, reviewed the operations of the Othello Food Bank noting days of operation; programs offered to the public; and, partnerships with other organizations. Garza noted Othello Food Bank services are also provided to the communities of Hatton and Lind.

Jered Potts, Hatton, reported there are thirty-six (36) boxes of food delivered per week in Hatton. Dori Wilson, Lind, reported there are 58-63 families served in Lind with food being distributed out of the Assembly of God Church in Lind.

Amelia Court, Innovia Foundation, reported the foundation is working on projects in the Ritzville area.

Garza reported most of the food coming to the food bank is fresh produce this time of year and refrigeration continues to be an issue, noting he is attempting to purchase a refrigerated truck for storage of perishable items and is researching funding avenues.

Emergency Management

Director Duffey reviewed Contract No. E24-001 between Washington State Military Department and the Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council (EFSEC) in the amount of \$33,837 for the period July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024. The grant funds will provide EFSEC pass-through (SFY 2024) for the county to conduct radiological emergency preparedness program duties relating to the Columbia Generating Station nuclear power plant. Duffey requested the contract be placed on the July 5, 2023 consent agenda for approval.

Juvenile Department

Administrator Garza, along with Administrative Assistant Olascon, met to further discuss the possibility of relinquishing JDAI funds due to reporting requirements exceeding staff time compensated by the JDAI program. Garza noted that Adams County is the only remaining Eastern Washington jurisdiction still participating in the JDAI program. Additionally, Garza noted he would like to continue to use the strategies of the JDAI program, believing they are beneficial to juveniles. The current position partially funded by the JDAI grant is a part-time position with \$4,000 allocated to supplies. The Board will make the decision for additional staff for the department during budget sessions later in the year. Until then, Administrator Garza was directed to move forward with the funding received and reallocate office staff accordingly.

Public Works

Hatton Road Safety Project – CRP-196

Based on the recommendation of the Public Works Department, Commissioner Blankenship moved, Garza seconded, to *award the Hatton Road Safety Project (CRP-196) to the lowest responsive bidder, Central Washington Asphalt, Inc., Moses Lake, Washington, for the bid amount of \$1,790,000; 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 89.5% of the engineer's estimate of \$2,000,280.98.

Recess @ 10:59 a.m. to travel to Adams County Fairgrounds
Reconvene @ 11:23 a.m. at Adams County Fairgrounds

Adams County Fairgrounds

The Board, on-site at the Adams County Fairgrounds, reviewed the property for potential siting of the proposed evidence building.

Adjournment @ 11:55 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