

COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS

Adams County Courthouse
Ritzville, Washington
Regular Meeting

July 11, 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 Blankenship moved, Garza seconded, to *approve the agenda as presented*. **Motion carried.**

Consent Agenda

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

Payroll

Approve June 16 – 30, 2023 Payroll in the amount of \$518,171.26; and, Benefits in the amount of \$267,802.28 (Warrant # Series 533050-533058; Direct Deposit # Series 76854-77035; Benefit/Deduction # Series 1171767-1171778)

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	6523 – 6589	\$129,948.40
001	Hand Pays	\$ 1,840.01
0018H	6590	\$ 2,222.65
103	6591 – 6600	\$ 8,553.30
103A	6601 – 6602	\$ 2,442.22
104	6603 – 6612	\$ 8,829.08
105	6613	\$ 5,951.00
106	6614 – 6617	\$ 7,204.92
107	6618	\$ 750.00
112	6619 – 6622	\$ 861.70
122	6623	\$ 31.00
123	6624 – 6625	\$ 2,426.60
130	6626 – 6628	\$ 2,355.00
131	6629	\$ 3,061.85
502	6630 – 6635	\$ 4,810.21
108	879 – 880	\$ 573.90
115	881 – 891	\$ 6,902.91
321	892	\$ 12,227.15
401	893 – 902	\$ 31,345.02
501	903 – 910	\$ 15,124.37
590	911 – 932	\$ 20,124.38
	TOTAL	\$267,585.67

Correspondence

Attorney Kyle R. Smith re: Public Defender Quarterly Report for 2nd Quarter, 2023

Correspondence Sent

Mayor Linda Kadlec, City of Ritzville re: Fiber-to-the-Home Broadband Service

Board Updates

Commissioner Garza reported he will be travelling to Wenatchee on Thursday to attend the Aging and Adult Care meeting.

Commissioner Blankenship reported on Broadband activities noting he spent time on Thursday and Friday trying to determine the ownership of a colocation facility in Othello.

Commissioner Weise reported his participation in a collective bargaining session regarding the Sheriff's Deputies Association, noting another meeting is scheduled toward the end of July. Additionally, Weise reported he will be attending a SkillSource meeting in Wenatchee on Thursday.

Canvassing Board

Miguel A. Garza will serve on the canvassing board for the August 1, 2023 Primary Election for the time frame of July 13, 2023 through August 15, 2023.

Board Discussion/Decision Items

Human Resources

Manager Campbell provided updates on current activities in the Human Resource Department; Labor and Industries requirements; and, vacant county positions.

Public Works

Public Works Director O'Brien and Engineer Yaeger provided maintenance updates noting work is being scheduled around harvest where necessary. Additionally, O'Brien reported on transfer station staffing; Broadband activities; and, the proposed evidence building.

Rock Rakes

Based on the recommendation of the Public Works Department, Commissioner Garza moved, Blankenship seconded, to *award the "Gravel Road Rakes / Maintainer Drags" bid to Western States Equipment, Pasco, Washington, for three (3) new Bonnell Industries, Model 122 pull behind road drags for a total cost of \$34,868.88, including sales tax.* **Motion carried.**

Engineering

Engineer Yaeger provided updates on the Deal Road #2 project, noting a pre-construction meeting will be held tomorrow; the Hatton Road Safety project, noting concurrence has been received from Department of Transportation; the county wide crushing project; and a guardrail was hit on the Booker Road bridge.

Veterans' Affairs Office

Steven Gill, MPA, Veterans' Services Administrator for Washington State Department of Veterans Program and Services appeared virtually. Jeff Kissler, Ritzville, was present.

Gill reviewed the Veterans' Services program and the requirements for accreditation of service organization representatives; agents; and attorneys. Under a Memorandum of Agreements with Counties the Washington Department of Veterans Affairs will provide Veteran Service Officer training; Veteran Service Officer accreditation; licensed access to VA disability claims software; tracking and reporting of outcomes (ROI); and, representation before the Board of Veterans Appeals. The county veteran service officer is to be a paid employee of the county government working not less than 1000 hours annually; is to successfully complete training and examination; and, is to receive regular supervision and monitoring (Submits VA claims through WDVA's Claims QA Program).

Gill reported funding for the program is not available at this time noting additional funds may be allocated in the future and rural counties and underserved counties are a high priority for funding.

Kissler reviewed current issues Adams County veterans face, noting he would welcome the assistance a veteran service officer could provide. Additionally, Kissler noted that veteran representation is fading in Adams County and connections need to be established for veterans to access assistance available to them.

Other Business – None

Permanent Minutes Signed

June 20 and 21, 2023

Executive Session – None

Adjournment @ 12:38 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