

COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS

Regular Meeting
Adams County Courthouse
Ritzville, Washington

July 12, 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 @ 9:01 a.m.

Board of Health Meeting – Call to Order @ 9:01 a.m.

Present: Board of Health members Commissioners Weise, Garza, and Blankenship; April May, Karen Potts. Timm Taff was absent. Additionally present were IHCS Director Guse and Health Officer Brzezny.

Approval/Addition of Board of Health Agenda

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

Public Comment – None

Health Officer Update

Dr. Brzezny provided updates on COVID statistics noting:

- There has been a significant decline in COVID activity.
- In Adams County activity is barely noticeable, COVID continues to decline, and emergency department visits have plateaued nationally.
- Transmission rate of COVID in Washington is declining.
- Concentration of COVID in wastewater is decreasing.
- Fall/Winter 2023 COVID vaccines.

Additionally, Dr. Brzezny reported on preparations for seasonal increases in animal bites and bat exposures; the West Nile virus noting there are no current cases in Washington; and, current Washington state air quality and the Washington guide for public health actions for wildfire smoke.

Board Updates – None

Board Discussion/Decision Item

Environmental Health staffing was reviewed; written updates were provided on Public Health staff activities; and, the 2022-2024 Consolidated Contract No. CLH31001, Amendment No. 13 was reviewed.

Other Business – None

Executive Session – None

Board of Health Meeting – Adjourn @ 9:57 a.m.

Board of Commissioner Meeting – Reconvene @ 9:57 a.m.

2022-2024 Consolidated Contract

Commissioner Blankenship moved, Garza seconded, to *authorize the Chairman sign 2022-2024 Consolidated Contract CLH31001, Amendment No. 13, between the State of Washington Department of Health and Adams County Integrated Health Care Services for an increase in funding of \$945,350 for a total contract award of \$3,272,212 for the contract period January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2024.* **Motion carried.**

Amendment to the Provider Services Agreement with Molina Healthcare of Washington, Inc. – Amendment No. 052023

Commissioner Garza moved, Blankenship seconded, to *authorize the Chairman to sign Amendment to the Provider Services Agreement between Molina Healthcare of Washington, Inc. and Adams County*

*Integrated Health Care Services, effective January 1, 2023 for an increased monthly case rate for the WISe program. **Motion carried.***

Board Workshop

Integrated Health Care Services

Director Guse reported an individual in her department is interested in transferring from one position to another position, within IHCS, that is compensated at a lower level of pay. Director Guse was directed to prepare a written request, as well as the reasoning for the request, to submit to the Board for further consideration.

Additionally, the Clinical Mental Health position requirements were reviewed with continued discussion of modifying the job description to provide for a separation of degree levels.

Recess @ 10:26 a.m.

Reconvene @ 10:40 a.m.

Central Services

Director Igbinoba, along with Administrative Assistant Boyer, reviewed the current sheriff's office infrastructure; noting additional costs are necessary for upgrades in an approximate amount of \$65,000. Igbinoba was directed to obtain quotes from additional vendors to review respective scopes of work for the project.

The Intergovernmental Agreement between the City of Ritzville and Adams County was reviewed. The agreement allows the City of Ritzville to contract with Adams County for computer hardware and network support for the Ritzville Police Department. Director Igbinoba reported the contract is outdated and a new agreement is necessary for future budgeting. Igbinoba was directed to draft a new agreement for Board consideration.

E-911

Coordinator Shepherd reviewed Day Wireless Systems Quote # QO42880 in the amount of \$9,188.90 for repairs to the law and fire antenna systems in the Washtucna area. The Board provided **consensus authorization for Shepherd to move forward with the repairs to the law and fire antenna systems in the Washtucna area through Day Wireless Systems with the expense to be paid out of Fund 103A.**

Adjournment @ 11:53 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