

COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS

Adams County Courthouse
Ritzville, Washington
Regular Meeting

July 25, 2023 – 9:01 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

The following individual provided public comment:

- Paul Schwisow

Approval/Addition of Agenda

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

Consent Agenda

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

Minutes

Approve Preliminary Minutes of July 11 and 12, 2023

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	23-6797 – 23-6843	\$261,839.20

001	Hand Pays	\$ 910.00
103	23-6844	\$ 554.48
104	23-6845 – 23-6849	\$ 23,234.71
105	23-6850	\$ 649.20
106	23-6851 – 23-6855	\$ 9,260.44
112	23-6856 – 23-6857	\$ 1,600.28
116	23-6858	\$ 150.00
122	23-6859	\$ 37,500.00
502	23-6860 – 23-6861	\$ 1,091.14
108	983 – 986	\$ 5,829.51
115	987 – 991	\$349,073.05
401	992 – 997	\$ 69,365.26
501	998 – 1006	\$ 7,520.22
590	1007 – 1023	\$ 47,713.34
	TOTAL	\$816,290.83

Correspondence

Washington State Liquor and Cannabis Board – License Services
re: Special Occasion License #094012, Ritzville Rodeo Association
(August 30, 2023; September 1 – 3, 2023)

Notice of Cannabis License Application re: Advanced Agriculture,
1843 W. Black Arrow Lane, Othello (*change of corporate
officers/stockholders application*)

Board Updates

Commissioner Garza vacationed last week and had no updates.

Commissioner Blankenship reported on researching a potential
Broadband colocation facility in Othello.

Commissioner Weise provided updates on the collective bargaining
process and court security meetings.

Board Discussion/Decision Items

Human Resources

Manager Campbell reported tasks include modifying certain county job
descriptions; advertising for positions; and, her presentation for the
elected official forum tomorrow.

Public Works

Public Works Director O'Brien and Assistant Public Works Director
Reynolds provided the weekly update noting crews are focusing on gravel

roads in all three districts; hauling water; and, rock raking. Additional updates were provided for solid waste; facilities; and, the waste management facility. O'Brien reported he has been contacted by the City of Othello to enter into an interlocal agreement with Adams County for certain maintenance activities.

Assistant Director Reynolds provided updates on the Deal Road project and the county wide crushing project.

Hatton Road Safety Project

Commissioner Blankenship moved, Garza seconded, to *approve the Contract and Contract Bond between Adams County and Central Washington Asphalt, Inc., Moses Lake, Washington, for the Hatton Road Safety Project (CRP-196) for a total contract amount of \$1,790,000.*

Motion carried.

West 1st Avenue and Danielson Road HMA Paving Preservation Projects

Commissioner Garza moved, Blankenship seconded, to *approve Pay Request #2/ Final (Retainage) in the amount of \$17,929.30 to Granite Construction Company, Yakima, Washington, for paving work completed in the month of October, 2022 on First Avenue, Danielson Road, Bruce Transfer Station, and Ritzville Transfer Station.* **Motion carried.**

Closed Session

At 10:35 a.m. Chairman Weise announced the Board would recess into Closed Session for sixty (60) 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.” Additionally present were Civil Attorney Barden and Human Resource Manager Campbell.

At 11:28 a.m. the Board reconvened from Closed Session.

Other Business – None

Permanent Minutes Signed

June 27 and 28, 2023

July 5, 2023

Executive Session – None

Recess @ 11:30 a.m.

Reconvene @ 1:00 p.m.

Tax Title Property

Treasurer Meise reported citizen interest in purchasing county-owned tax title properties noting each has paid an application fee. A public hearing will be set to consider the sale of the following tax title properties:

1. 125 E. Presnel Road, Rural Lind, Washington;
2. 1006 Low Street, Ritzville, Washington; and
3. Lots 5 through 8, Block 44, Second Railroad Addition, Ritzville, Washington.

Adjournment @ 1:52 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