

COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS

Regular Meeting
Adams County Courthouse
Ritzville, Washington

August 9, 2023 – 9:05 a.m.
(Wednesday)

Call to Order

Chairman Weise called the meeting to order.

Present:

Chairman Jay R. Weise
Vice-Chairman Dan C. Blankenship

Absent:

Commissioner Miguel A. Garza

Pledge of Allegiance

Chairman Weise led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval/Addition of Agenda

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

Board of Commissioner Meeting Recess @ 9:14 a.m.

Board of Health Meeting Call to Order @ 9:14 a.m.

Present: Board of Health members Commissioners Weise and Blankenship; Timm Taff (virtually); and, Karen Potts. Additionally present were Integrated Health Care Services Director Guse and Dr. Brzezny, Adams County Health Officer. April May joined virtually at 9:28 a.m.

Approval/Addition of Board of Health Agenda

Commissioner Blankenship moved, Weise seconded, to *approve the Board of Health Agenda*. **Motion carried.**

Public Comment – None

Health Officer Update

Dr. Brzezny reviewed the following:

- COVID-19 emergency department visits are increasing nationally – no significant increase in Washington state, noting if a person tests positive, he/she will be requested to isolate for at least five (5) days
- Tuberculosis – no concerns at this time
- Climate-related and vector-diseases:
 - Extending range of tickborne diseases across the U.S.
 - West Nile virus detected in Moses Lake area mosquitoes
 - Blue-green algae found in Moses Lake
 - Heat-related illness is affecting thousands and counting this year
- Radiological emergency exercise will be held August 23, 2023
- Emerging infections reported in Washington – Candida auris (C. auris) (yeast), a multidrug resistant fungal pathogen
- School immunization overall compliance data for Adams County K-12
- Wildfires affecting air quality, Washington air quality guide for school and child care activities
- Staffing review for workforce development and recruitment discussion

Timm Taff left the meeting at 10:10 a.m.

Board Updates – None

Board Discussion/Decision Items – None

Other Business

The Environmental Health Director position was reviewed with Director Guse noting receiving a letter of interest for the position.

Cindy Johnson, RDN, CD, WIC Coordinator and dietician for Adams County provided a review of the WIC program as well as the origin of the program.

Executive Session – None

Board of Health Adjournment @ 11:11 a.m.

Board of Commissioner Meeting Reconvene @ 11:11 a.m.

Contract – Public Health

Commissioner Blankenship moved, Weise seconded, to *authorize the Chairman to sign Solid Waste Management Local Solid Waste Financial Assistance Agreement No. SWMLSWFA-2023-AdCoHD-00216 between the State of Washington Department of Ecology and Adams County Health Department for a total award of \$101,610.66 (\$76,207.99 State portion; \$25,402.67 County portion) for a continuation of funding July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2025 for solid waste enforcement.* **Motion carried.**

Contract – Behavioral Health

Commissioner Blankenship moved, Weise seconded, to *authorize the Chairman to sign Agreement 23ASO2701, Amendment No. 1, with Spokane County, a political subdivision of the State of Washington, by and between the Spokane County Regional Behavioral Health (SCRBH) a division of Spokane County Community Services Department (hereinafter “SCRBH”) and Adams County Integrated Health Care Services for an increase of \$4,957. (Enhancement fund allocation added for July – December, 2023) for a total contract award of \$396,298.* **Motion carried.**

Contract – Prevention

Commissioner Blankenship moved, Weise seconded, to *authorize the Chairman to sign HCA Contract #K6930 between Washington State Health Care Authority and Adams County Health Department for a total maximum contract award of \$930,000.* **Motion carried.**

Correspondence Sent

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife Commission re: Fish and Wildlife Commission’s Proposed Draft Management Policy

Recess @11:40 a.m.

Reconvene @ 1:00 p.m.

Board Workshop

2024 Budget

The Board spent the afternoon session reviewing the 2024 proposed Commissioner budget.

Adjournment @ 2:10 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
-absent-
Miguel A. Garza, Commissioner