

COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS

Adams County Courthouse Ritzville, Washington Regular Meeting

January 4, 2022
(Tuesday)

Network service was unavailable. As such, the meeting was not recorded.

Call to Order @ 9:00 a.m.

Present:

Chairman Jay R. Weise
Vice-Chairman Terrance J. Thompson
Commissioner Dan C. Blankenship

Human Resources

Long Term Care Tax

Human Resource Manager Perez, along with Payroll Deputy Bowman, reviewed the Washington Long Term Care Tax, noting Governor Inslee has stated that Employment Security Department will not begin billing employers for the tax until April, 2022. However, the statute is still in place for employers to collect the premiums. Attorney Flyckt requested Perez poll other counties that will be withholding funds from employees and see what kind of mechanism they have in place to hold the funds if ESD is not accepting them at this time. Board consensus authorized the premiums be withdrawn from employee payroll and held until ESD begins accepting the premiums. Should premiums not be required to be sent in, a process will be adopted to disburse the premiums back to employees.

OSHA Vaccine – Testing Requirement

The issue was discussed, however, due to a lack of clear information moving forward, the Board will not take any action at this time.

Juneteenth

Perez noted that, pursuant to RCW 1.16.050, the nineteenth day of June (Juneteenth) is now recognized by the state as a “legal holiday” and “legislatively recognized day” and as such, the courts have been ordered to not hold court on that day. RCW 1.16.050(1)(f). The issue was tabled until additional research may be conducted.

Adams County Citizens' Commission on Elected Official Salaries

Perez noted there has been a resignation on the Salary Commission with the position of the person resigning set to expire in 2022. Therefore, a person taking over that position will not serve until 2023 as the commission only meets in odd years. The Board authorized Perez to move forward with the traditional process for expiring terms. Additional discussion will take place as to amending the current ordinance relating to commission terms.

Closed Session

At 10:45 a.m. Chairman Weise announced the Board would recess into Closed Session for thirty (30) minutes under RCW.42.30.140(4)(a) – “Collective bargaining sessions with employee organizations, including contract negotiations, grievance meetings, and discussions relating to the interpretation or application of a labor agreement...”. No action anticipated.

At 11:12 a.m. the Board reconvened from Closed Session. No action taken.

2022 Addendum to the 2021-2025 Adams County Indigent Defense Contract

Commissioner Blankenship moved, Thompson seconded, to *approve the 2022 Addendum to the 2021-2025 Adams County Indigent Defense Contract*. **Motion carried.**

The purpose of the Addendum is to substitute counsel and does not alter the total compensation of the underlying contract.

Consent Agenda

Commissioner Blankenship moved, Thompson seconded, to *approve the Consent Agenda*. **Motion carried.**

Preliminary minutes of December 20, 2021

December 1 – 15, 2021 Payroll in the amount of \$472,607.47; and, Benefits in the amount of \$88,167.47 (Warrant # Series 532739-532750; Direct Deposit # Series 70114-70291; Benefit/Deduction # Series 1161850-1161859

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	21-3958 – 21-3983	\$ 26,986.03
001	Hand Pays	\$ 67,564.66
104	21-3984 – 21-3994	\$ 21,616.52
104	Hand Pays	\$ 3,187.22
106	21-3995 – 21-3997	\$ 901.00
112	21-3998	\$ 983.70
112	Hand Pays	\$ 699.56
116	21-3999	\$ 7.82
116	Hand Pays	\$ 18.43
123	Hand Pays	\$ 98.29
166	21-4000	\$ 337.76
401	Hand Pays	\$ 921.44
502	21-4001 – 21-4008	\$ 10,883.22
502	Hand Pays	\$ 31,082.85
108	1971 – 1972	\$ 2,930.35
115	1973 – 1982	\$1,089,230.11
115	Hand Pays	\$ 4,036.63
401	1983 – 1993	\$ 27,377.46
501	1994 – 1997	\$ 4,356.04
590	1998 – 2019	\$ 18,242.56
590	Hand Pays	\$ 1,741.35
	TOTAL	\$1,313,203.00

Permanent Minutes Signed

December 13 and 15, 2021

Correspondence Received

Notice of Marijuana License Application re: Green Power of Washington, 2310 W. Sutton Road, Suite A5, Othello, WA (*change of location application*)

Adjournment @ 12:32 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/Terrance J. Thompson, Vice-Chairman
s/Dan C. Blankenship, Commissioner