

## **COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS**

**Regular Meeting  
Adams County Courthouse  
Ritzville, Washington**

**January 5, 2022**  
(Wednesday)

**Call to Order @ 9:00 a.m.**

**Present:**

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

**Geographic Information System (GIS)**

GIS Director Stolsig reported on GIS departmental activities with a review of data hosting materials. Stolsig noted parcels are being updated with the department addressing certain issues in the process; and, additional AGOL seats (viewer licenses) are available in the health department and the assessor's office.

**Emergency Management**

Emergency Manager Director Duffey reported she has received notice of being accepted to the Radiological Emergency Preparedness (REP) training session at the Naval Postgraduate School (NPS) in Monterey, California, February 7-11, 2022. Duffey further reported the Adams County Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan for 2021 is being completed.

**Public Works**

Public Works Director O'Brien and Engineer Yaeger provided the weekly update on road maintenance noting considerable staff was out clearing roads of snow over the break and the past weekend. O'Brien noted, generally speaking, all residents should have a way in and out of respective residences at this time.

**Fairgrounds**

Director O'Brien reviewed campground revenue reports from 2018 and 2019 and requested the campground be closed from November to March

with the day closing and opening dependent on citizen activities in the Othello area. Board **consensus** authorized closing the campground from November 15 (based on fishing dates) through March 15 (depending on the Sandhill Crane Festival date) during the winter season. Dates will be examined based on activities and are subject to change.

### **Adams County 2021-2025 Bridge Analysis and Assistance**

Engineer Yaeger reviewed the Adams County 2021-2025 Bridge Analysis and Assistance Local Agency A&E Professional Services Negotiated Hourly Rate Consultant Agreement (BC 21-25) between Adams County and Nicholls Kovich Engineering, PLLC. This agreement will be in effect from the execution date until June 30, 2025 at the negotiated hourly rate and not to exceed \$20,000 per year.

The Board will review the Agreement with action expected January 11, 2022.

### **Federal Functional Road Classifications**

Director O'Brien reported Lincoln County is requesting a change to the current federal functional classification of certain roads as follows:

Lincoln County's Lake Road being an existing FFC 07 and request to be reclassified to an FFC 08 ties into Adams County Wellsandt Road Gravel #87363 (FFC 07); and,

Lincoln County's Rocky Ford Road being an existing FFC 07 and request to be reclassified to an FFC 08 ties into Adams County Rocky Ford Road #75702 (FFC 09).

The Board provided **consensus authorization for the following:**  
**Adams County agrees to the Lake Road reclassification and requests that Adams County Wellsandt Road #87363 from MP 0.00 (Danekas Road) to 3.51 (Lincoln County Line) also be reclassified from an FFC 07 to an FFC 08 to be consistent with Lincoln County's reclassification request; and, Adams County agrees to the Rocky Ford Road reclassification and requests that the Adams County Rocky Ford Road #75702 from MP 0.00 (Marcellus Road) to 0.117 (Lincoln County Line) also be reclassified from an FFC 09 to an FFC 08 to be consistent with Lincoln County's reclassification request**

**and also with Adams County's abutting Marcellus Road and Davis Road with are existing FFC 08.** Necessary paperwork will be submitted to FHWA for approval.

### **Solid Waste Advisory Committee**

Director O'Brien reported the Solid Waste Advisory Committee (SWAC) met on December 15, 2021 and discussed operations at both the Ritzville and Bruce transfer stations. A recommendation for a special handling fee of \$125.00 per ton, at the discretion of the Solid Waste Supervisor or their designee, be charged to all loads disposed of at the transfer stations, containing materials identified in the adopted Solid Waste Comprehensive Plan, under Chapter 8.0 Special Wastes, that require special handling.

*Resolution No. R-001-2022 In the Matter of Revising the Disposal Fees for Waste Delivered to the Adams County Transfer Stations Requiring Special Handling was reviewed with adoption expected next week.*

Additionally discussed was the appointment of Dennis Chamberlain, Ritzville, to the Solid Waste Advisory Committee (SWAC) to fill the Private Citizen capacity.

### **Solid Waste Contract Haul**

Solid Waste Contract Hauler, Yancey, Inc., Othello, has requested an increase in the current contracted price of \$700.00 per load. The current contract language states that an increase may be requested due to fuel costs, limited truck drivers, and lack of overall transportation capacity. Director O'Brien reviewed a spread sheet on the costs (fuel, labor, profit and overhead cost recovery, and operational) should county employees, with county equipment, haul solid waste to Arlington. Director O'Brien agrees that increased costs are of concern and should be addressed noting he will provide a proposal for a process to be reviewed at the next meeting.

### **Public Works Apprenticeship Program**

Public Works Director O'Brien reviewed the Apprenticeship Program in the Public Works Department, noting the laws are changing and he feels it may be beneficial to the county to send future applicants to a certified driving school. O'Brien reviewed how the current program will look after revisions. The Board provided **consensus authorization for the Public Works Department to move forward with the proposal of shifting apprenticeship training to a certified driving school.**

### **Building and Planning**

Building and Planning Director Wiltse and Assistant Building and Planning Director Lorenz requested clarification on the virtual meeting platform the county will be proceeding with as a viable program for the Planning Commission. Additionally, Wiltse noted The Horizon Wind Farm is exploring options of amending their CUP.

### **Central Services**

Central Services Director Boness reported on issues with the fax machine in the Othello substation office noting CenturyLink will be on-site next week to assess the issue. Additionally, Boness reported on the outage yesterday noting the cause appeared to be fiber cut in the area of Creston, Washington.

### **Executive Session**

At 11:57 a.m. Chairman Weise announced the Board would recess into Executive Session for eighteen (18) minutes under RCW 42.30.110(1)(g) – “To evaluate the qualifications of an applicant for public employment or to review the performance of a public employee.” Additionally present was Prosecutor Flyckt. No action is anticipated.

At 12:13 p.m. the Board reconvened from Executive Session. No action taken.

### **Adjournment @ 12:26 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