

COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS

Regular Meeting
Adams County Courthouse
Ritzville, Washington

February 23, 2022 -9:00 a.m.
(Wednesday)

Call to Order

Chairman Weise called the meeting to order.

Present:

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Chairman Weise led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval/Addition of Agenda

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

Board Workshop

a. Public Works – Public Works Director O'Brien and Engineer Yaeger provided the weekly update on activities in all three maintenance districts.

Booker Road Overlay #2 Project (CRP-195)

Engineer Yaeger reported Adams County has an opportunity to receive 100% construction funding for the Booker Road Overlay #2 project by use of toll credits, noting the Board previously approved Local Agency Agreement Supplement #1; and, Local Agency Federal Aid Project Prospectus for construction funding on February 15, 2022 with a reimbursement of 86.5%. Engineer Yaeger is requesting the Board resign Local Agency Agreement Supplement #1; and, Local Agency Federal Aid Project Prospectus between Adams County and Washington State Department of Transportation for construction funding for this project with reimbursement of 100% of construction costs. Action is anticipated March 1, 2022.

Deal Road #2 Project (CRP-197)

The engineering department has drafted a Local Agency Agreement and Project Prospectus for the Deal Road #2 Project to commence federal funding. Engineer Yaeger noted Adams County has an opportunity to receive 100% federal funding for all phases of the project by use of toll credits. Once final agreements have been approved by Washington State Department of Transportation, the same will come before the Board for consideration.

Private Utility Easement

Engineer Yaeger reviewed paperwork to approve a private utility easement, noting the Kelly's own the property (Parcel #1935230551201), known as the "hangar" and have an existing private sanitary sewer line that crosses over and across Adams County Parcel #1935230525501, which includes a vacated alley north of the Public Works Building. The purpose of the easement is to create an official record of an existing private utility easement for the existing private sanitary sewer line. Action is anticipated March 1, 2022.

Chemical Bids

Public Works Director O'Brien reviewed results of the bid/quotes opened for sterilant and chemical contact products. Specific materials will be ordered based on the lowest price and availability of materials.

Adams County Farm Lease

Public Works Director O'Brien reported he has been notified that the lone bidder for the lease of the Adams County farm ground will not be signing the farm lease contract. As such, based on the recommendation of the Public Works Department, the Board provided **consensus authorization to advertise for sealed bids for the Farm Lease of Adams County Real Estate, and to authorize the Clerk to publish said notice.** Additionally, the Board provided **consensus authorization for O'Brien to notify the previous renter that Adams County is not interested in purchasing the wheel line, belonging to the renter, used on the farm ground.**

b. Integrated Health Care Services – The Board, along with Integrated Health Care Services Director Guse, reviewed positions and salaries within the IHCS Department.

c. Veteran's Relief and Health Levy Rate – Prior tax allocations were reviewed for mental health; developmental disability; and, veteran's relief. The Board provided **consensus authorization to allocate levy**

distribution rates for #104 Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities Funds at two and one-half cents per thousand dollars of assessed value against the taxable property in the county, to be split based on need. Additionally, the Board provided consensus authorization to collect the statutory minimum for #107 Veteran's Relief Fund, regardless of fund balance.

d. Cost Allocation Update – Additional discussion is necessary prior to developing a plan.

e. Volunteer Boards/Committees/Commissions – An application process is being developed for citizens to apply to fill vacancies on volunteer boards.

f. Inventory Verification – The Board reviewed inventory submittals from department heads and elected officials.

g. Future Agenda Items – Future agenda items were reviewed.

Adjournment @ 11:28 a.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