

COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS

Regular Meeting
Adams County Courthouse
Ritzville, Washington

March 16, 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 Thompson moved, Blankenship seconded, to approve the Agenda as presented. **Motion carried.**

Board Workshop

Public Works

Public Works Director O'Brien and Engineer Yaeger provided updates on gravel road maintenance; solid waste; operations and maintenance; and fairgrounds, noting the RV spaces will be available for rent during the Sandhills Crane Festival.

Additionally, engineering activities were reviewed noting the Foley Road bridge is open for traffic; and, an abutment failure occurred on a drainage structure on Snowden Road.

Engineer Yaeger reported on the Booker Road Overlay #2 project, noting information was provided to Washington State Department of Transportation and, upon approval from WSDOT, Yeager requested approval to advertise for the project. Action is anticipated March 22, 2022.

Fairgrounds Farm Lease

Commissioner Thompson moved, Blankenship seconded, to accept the recommendation of the Public Works Department to enter into a lease agreement with Cody Horst, Othello, as the lowest responsive bidder meeting all bid specifications, for the portion of farmland situated in Tract A, Farm Unit #45, Block 140, containing approximately 34 acres. **Motion carried.** The agreement will be forwarded to Mr. for Horst for signature.

Sheriff's Evidence Building

The funding process was reviewed for the Sheriff's Evidence Building in Othello.

At 9:57 a.m. the Board relocated to the Public Works conference room for the elected official forum.

Elected Official Forum

An elected official forum was held with the following items discussed:

- budget process;
- employee recognition;
- employee evaluations;
- collective bargaining process;
- proposed policy updates;
- internal county issues; and
- training opportunities.

Individual offices reported on conferences and trainings they will be attending as well as staffing and office activities.

Recess @ 11:50 a.m.

Reconvene @ 1:30 p.m. *(relocated back to the Commissioner meeting room)*

Closed Session

At 1:31 p.m. the Board recessed into a Session Closed to the Public to last 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 Prosecutor Flyckt; Civil Deputy Prosecutor Barden; Public Works Director O'Brien; Undersheriff Coronado; and, Human Resource Manager Perez.

At 2:31 p.m. the Board reconvened from Closed Session.

At 2:31 p.m. Chairman Weise announced the Board would recess back into a Session Closed to the Public to last fifteen (15) 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.”

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At 2:46 p.m. the Board reconvened from Closed Session.

Executive Session

At 2:52 p.m. Chairman Weise announced the Board would recess into Executive Session for ten (10) minutes under RCW 42.30.110(1)(i) – “...to discuss with legal counsel representing the agency litigation or potential litigation...”. No action is anticipated.

Additionally present were Prosecutor Flyckt; Civil Deputy Prosecutor Barden; and, Public Works Director O'Brien.

At 3:02 p.m. the Board reconvened from Executive Session. No action taken.

Adjournment @ 3:06 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