

## COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS

Adams County Courthouse  
Ritzville, Washington  
Regular Meeting

April 5, 2022 – 9:00 a.m.  
(Tuesday)

### Call to Order

Vice-Chairman Thompson called the meeting to order.

### Present:

Vice-Chairman Terrance J. Thompson  
Commissioner Dan C. Blankenship

### Absent:

Chairman Jay R. Weise (*attended training – “Assessing Courthouse Threats”*)

### Pledge of Allegiance

Vice-Chairman Thompson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

### Approval/Addition of Agenda

Commissioner Blankenship requested to amend the agenda to include discussion of a request for consideration of a tactical vehicle for the Sheriff's Department; and, to postpone Item 9 (a) Employee Evaluation to the following week. Commissioner Blankenship moved, Thompson seconded, to approve the agenda as amended. **Motion carried.**

### Consent Agenda

Commissioner Blankenship moved, Thompson seconded, to approve the consent agenda. **Motion carried.**

### Minutes

Approve Preliminary Minutes of March 15 and 16, 2022

### Payroll

Approve March 1 - 15, 2022 Payroll in the amount of \$493,202.14; and, Benefits in the amount of \$91,387.41 (Warrant # Series 532812-532822; Direct Deposit # Series 71241-71426; Benefit/Deduction # Series 1163432-1163439)

## **Vouchers**

Approve 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	22-0834 – 22-0872	\$ 50,532.06
103	22-0873 – 22-0874	\$ 660.84
104	22-0875 – 22-0884	\$ 13,224.15
106	22-0885 – 22-0887	\$ 890.78
112	22-0888 – 22-0895	\$ 1,678.35
123	22-0896	\$ 2,025.00
131	22-0897 – 22-0899	\$ 579.19
502	22-0900 – 22-0907	\$ 5,693.37
108	373 – 377	\$ 1,426.21
115	378 – 385	\$ 38,816.74
401	386 – 393	\$ 38,609.72
501	394 – 406	\$ 6,488.99
590	407 – 435	\$ 56,708.64
	TOTAL	\$217,334.04

## **Legal Newspaper**

Approve the award for the Official County Newspaper for legal publication, pursuant to RCW 36.72.075, to Ritzville Adams County Journal for the period July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023 at the bid price of \$9.00 per column inch for legal notices if provided in a digital text document; a 10% surcharge on any .pdf or other format that requires typesetting; a \$5.00 affidavit fee; and, a minimum charge of \$25.00 for all insertions.

## **Permanent Minutes Signed**

March 8 and 9, 2022

## **Correspondence**

Inoel Ziranda, Othello re: Opposition of Weapons in Adams County

Attorney Carson Van Valkenburg re: Public Defender Quarterly report through 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter, 2022

## **Board Updates**

Commissioner Blankenship reported on his attendance at the Eastern Washington Council of Governments meeting; and, telephone conversations with Kara Riebold, Petrichor, regarding the Broadband project. An update on bridge funding proposals was reviewed.

## **Board Discussion/Decision Items**

### **Department Update**

**Amalia Perez**

**Human Resources**

Human Resource Manager Perez reported on departmental activities noting preparations are underway for upcoming union negotiations with current research of positions/salaries in other counties. Language Link, a telephone translation service, was reviewed. Additionally, Perez reviewed past trainings attended as well as future trainings scheduled.

### **Adams County Development Council**

**Kyle Niehenke**

Kyle Niehenke, Adams County Development Executive Director, reported on past, as well as current, activities. Niehenke noted his focus is to balance business retention and expansion as well as recruitment of business with activities such as outreach, networking, fundraising, branding, website additions, meeting goals set by commerce, and providing resources to existing Adams County businesses. Additionally, Niehenke reported on the Adams County Development Council Capital Campaign, noting letters requesting contributions have been sent out. Goals and requirements of the Washington State Department of Commerce were reviewed along with marketing information (flyers, quick site information for developers and site selectors, and city/county/state data).

### **Other Business – Sheriff’s Department Tactical Vehicle**

Sheriff Wagner has requested authorization to ship a military armored vehicle from Pomona, California. There is no cost in acquiring the vehicle other than the shipping cost to the county with Wagner noting sufficient funds have been donated for the shipping of the vehicle. The Board provided **consensus authorization for Sheriff Wagner to notify the Pomona Police Department that Adams County will commit to the vehicle; and, to authorize shipping costs in the amount of \$6,000.** The Board will meet with Sheriff Wagner to address concerns regarding repair and maintenance funds; fuel costs; ownership of the vehicle; and, storage of the vehicle.

### **Executive Session**

At 11:03 a.m. Vice-Chairman Thompson announced the Board would recess into Executive Session for forty-five (45) minutes under RCW 42.30.110(1)(i) – “...to discuss with legal counsel representing the agency litigation or potential litigation...”. Additionally present was Prosecutor Flyckt. Civil Deputy Prosecutor Barden and Commissioner Weise were present telephonically.

At 11:46 p.m. the Board reconvened from Executive Session.

**Settlement Agreement – Perez v. Adams County**

Commissioner Blankenship moved, Thompson seconded, for the Board to approve, and for the Chairman to sign, the Settlement Agreement and Release of All Claims between Adams County and Officer Steven Perez, in the matter of Spokane County Superior Court, Cause Number 21-2-02350-32; and, to approve a payment of \$40,000 in furtherance of this settlement and to direct that the funds for the settlement be appropriated from Fund No. 065. **Motion carried.**

**Adjournment @ 12:11 p.m.**

Submitted:  
s/Patricia J. Phillips, CMC  
Clerk of the Board

Edited and Approved:

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
ADAMS COUNTY, WASHINGTON

-absent-

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