

COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS

Adams County Courthouse
Ritzville, Washington
Regular Meeting

August 16, 2022 – 9:00 a.m.
(Tuesday)

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.**

Consent Agenda

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

Minutes

Approve Preliminary Minutes of August 2 and 3, 2022

Payroll

Approve July 16 – 31, 2022 Payroll in the amount of \$513,290.20; and, Benefits in the amount of \$242,959.91 (Warrant # Series 532903-532912; Direct Deposit # Series 72929-73117; Benefit/Deduction # Series 1165821-1165828)

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	22-2483 – 22-2524	\$ 29,877.90
104	22-2525 – 22-2537	\$ 3,132.97
106	22-2538	\$ 72.11
112	22-2539 – 22-2541	\$ 213.88
122	22-2542	\$ 28.00
123	22-2543	\$ 341.97
166	22-2544	\$ 7,853.00
502	22-2545 – 22-2547	\$ 348.60
108	1128	\$ 2,976.41
115	1129 – 1136	\$2,517,755.75
401	1137 – 1140	\$ 32,882.44
501	1141 – 1146	\$ 3,308.87
590	1147 – 1160	\$ 108,670.37
	TOTAL	\$2,707,462.27

Public Comment – None

Correspondence

Craig N. Simpson, P.E., Secretary – Manager, East Columbia Basin Irrigation District re: East Low Canal Bridges

Correspondence Sent

Washington Recreation and Conservation Office re: Support of Othello’s 2022 Request for WWRP and LWCF Grants for a Spray Park, Lighting, and Walking Trails at Kiwanis Park

Board Updates

Commissioner Thompson reported on the Aging and Adult Care meeting he attended in Wenatchee.

Commissioner Blankenship reported the Broadband facility tour is set for Friday, August 26, 2022 in Whitman County; and, he will also attend a Broadband informational meeting in Sequim on September 1, 2022.

Commissioners Weise and Blankenship, along with Prosecutor Flyckt, attended the virtual “Opioid Settlement Virtual Assembly” Monday, August 15, 2022. Representatives of the State Attorney General’s Office

presented during the meeting to bring Washington State Association of Counties (WSAC) members up to date on the proposed settlement and steps each county must take moving forward.

Commissioner Weise reported on the TAC meeting held at the Public Works Building. Additionally, Weise provided updates on his conversation with John Culton, Eastern Washington Director for U.S. Senator Patty Murray, noting the Lind fire was discussed with it being too early to say what assistance may be coming; and, the proposed Adams County bridge replacement project (due to the canal expansion) was discussed as a federal project. Commissioner Weise reported he and Mr. Culton will try to visit again in the coming weeks.

Board Discussion/Decision Items

Emergency Management

Commissioner Blankenship moved, Thompson seconded, to authorize the Chairman to sign the Order Form between OnSolve, LLC, and Adams County for CodeRED subscription fees in the amount of \$7,011 annually, for the term September 1, 2022 through August 31, 2027. **Motion carried.** (CP20220803)

Other Business

Opioid Settlement

The pending opioid litigation matters, one of which is currently being litigated by Attorney General Bob Ferguson, was reviewed. In anticipation of future funding, Board **consensus authorized proceeding with acquiring documents for signature allowing Adams County to obtain and allocate funds under opioid settlements.**

Permanent Minutes Signed

July 19 and 20, 2022

July 26 and 27, 2022

Closed Session

At 11:05 a.m. the Board recessed into a Closed Session, to last thirty (30) 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 was Prosecutor Flyckt.

At 11:33 a.m. the Board reconvened from Closed Session.

Adjournment @ 11:35 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