

COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS

Regular Meeting
Adams County Courthouse
Ritzville, Washington

October 12, 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 of Commissioner Meeting – Recess @ 9:02 a.m.

Board of Health Meeting – Called to Order at 9:02 a.m.

Present: Commissioners Weise, Blankenship, and Thompson; Health Board Members April May, Karen Potts, Timm Taff (virtually); IHCS Director Guse; and Dr. Brzezny (virtually). Timm Taff left the virtual meeting at 10:01 a.m.

Dr. Brzezny, Adams County Health Officer, provided updates on the following:

COVID

- Positive tests reported are down, however, Covid is the most prominent communicable disease at this time
- U.S. COVID hospitalizations are down

- Deaths remain high
- CDC variant proportions
- Seven (7) day incidence report for Adams County – low
- Fall booster recommendations have been simplified

Monkeypox

- Less cases reported in the U.S.
- Washington State cases are decreasing

Respiratory Illness

- Outpatient visits for respiratory illness
- Respiratory illness visits by age
- Influenza hospital admissions
- Flu vaccinations lagging behind pre-pandemic years
- COVID-19 impacts on health associated infections in Washington State

Board Updates

Dr. Brzezny, along with IHCS Director Guse, reported on the status of an active Tuberculosis patient. Currently, there are two (2) active cases in Adams County.

Director Guse provided staff updates for September, 2022.

Board Discussion/Decision Items

2022-2024 Consolidated Contract CLH31001, Amendment #8

Commissioner Blankenship moved, Thompson seconded, to *authorize the Chairman sign Consolidated Contract CLH31001, Amendment #8, between the State of Washington Department of Health and Adams County Integrated Health Care Services for the contract period January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2024. Motion carried.* (Amends statement of work – COVID Mass Vaccination FEMA funding end date changed from July 1, 2022 to October 31, 2022. No funding changes to contract total \$2,718,142.)

Other Business – None

Executive Session – None

Board of Health Meeting – Adjourned

Commissioner Blankenship moved, Thompson seconded, to *adjourn the Board of Health meeting at 10:05 a.m. Motion carried.*

Board of Commissioner Meeting – Reconvened @ 10:05 a.m.

Integrated Health Care Services

Agreement 22ASO2613, Amendment #3

Commissioner Blankenship moved, Thompson seconded, to *authorize the Chairman sign Agreement 22ASO2613, Amendment #3, with Spokane County, a political subdivision of the State of Washington, by and between Spokane County Regional Behavioral Health (SCRBH), a division of Spokane County Community Services, Housing, and Community Development Department (CSHCD), (hereinafter “CSHCD SCRBH”), and contractor identified as Adams County Integrated Health Care Services for the amendment period October 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022.*

Motion carried. (Amends Subsection 16.2, Ombuds deleted in its entirety – all remaining subsections are subsequently renumbered. No funding changes to contract total \$485,983.)

IHCS Personnel

Director Guse reviewed current vacancies as well as a proposed modification to the accountant/assistant director position in her department, noting she is proposing a separation of the two positions. The Board provided **consensus authorization for Director Guse to begin the process of advertising for Position No. 502 – IHCS Accountant.**

Additionally, Guse provided written reports on staff activities.

Recess @ 11:24 a.m.

Reconvene @ 1:00 p.m.

Board Workshop – 2023 Budget Workshops

Integrated Health Care Services

Director Guse reviewed the proposed 2023 budgets for Fund #104. Programs within Fund 104 include: Mental Health; Mental Health WISe; Substance Use Disorder; Prevention; and, Public Health.

Treasurer

Treasurer Meise reviewed the proposed 2023 budget for Fund #030.

Assessor

Assessor Rodriguez was unavailable to attend her scheduled workshop and will be rescheduled.

Probation

Adult Probation Officer/Manager Martinez reviewed the proposed 2023 budget for Fund #017.

Adams County District Court, Position 1

Judge Russell reviewed the proposed 2023 budget for Fund #015.

Adams County District Court, Position 2

Judge Benzel reviewed the proposed 2023 budget for Fund #016.

Adjournment @ 4:08 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