

COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS

Regular Meeting
Adams County Courthouse
Ritzville, Washington

December 14, 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 @ 9:07 a.m.

Board of Health Meeting – Called to Order @ 9:07 a.m.

Present: BOH Member Timm Taff (virtual); BOH Member Karen Potts (virtual); Adams County Health Officer Dr. Brzezny (virtual); Commissioner Weise; Commissioner Thompson; and, Commissioner Blankenship. BOH Member April May was absent.

Health Officer Update

Dr. Brzezny reported on the following:

- Respiratory Illnesses
 - RSV related hospitalizations in U.S.
 - U.S. Influenza-like illness activity by state
 - Influenza hospitalization admissions

- Weekly positive influenza tests reported to Grant County Health District
- SARS-CoV-2 Update
 - Covid-19 positive tests reported are slowly rising
 - U.S. Covid-19 wastewater surveillance
 - Covid-19 Cases rising the last eight weeks
 - Rise in COVID hospitalizations
 - New COVID-19 hospitalization admissions vs. Influenza hospitalization admissions
 - COVID-19 deaths are rising in the U.S.
 - Variants of COVID-19
 - COVID deaths are concentrated in the elderly
 - Treatment disposition among varying ages
 - Incident rates of respiratory viruses (RSV; Influenza A; Influenza B; and Covid) in Adams County
- Food Ordinance – Washington State Retail Food Code
- Tuberculosis update
- Adams County Health District 2022 Inspections (food, pool, temporary food vendors, public water system sanitary surveys)

Board Updates – None

Board Discussion/Decision Items – None

Other Business - None

Executive Session – None

Board of Health Meeting – Adjourned at 10:18 a.m.

Board of Commissioner Meeting – Reconvened @ 10:28 a.m.

Integrated Health Care Services – Contracts

Commissioner Blankenship moved, Thompson seconded, to *authorize the Chairman to sign Coordinated Prevention Grant (CPG) Agreement No. SWMLSWFA-2021-AdCoHD-00073, Amendment No. 1 (Solid Waste Management Local Solid Waste Financial Assistance) between State of Washington Department of Ecology and Adams County Health Department for a decrease in funds of \$59,000 for an amended contract*

award of \$25,069.33 (\$18,802.00 State portion; \$6,267.33 County portion) for the period July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2023 for Solid Waste Enforcement. **Motion carried.**

Commissioner Blankenship moved, Thompson seconded, to *authorize the Chairman to sign Contract #K4637, Amendment No. 1, between Washington State Health Care Authority and Adams County Health Department for Medicaid Administrative Claiming (MAC) for the contract period July 1, 2021 through December 31, 2025.* **Motion carried.**
(Extends period of performance to December 31, 2025.)

Board Workshop

The Board met with Assessor Rodriguez, Auditor Hunt; and, Treasurer Meise for a review of the levy certification process. Additionally present was Prosecutor Flyckt and Public Works Director O'Brien.

Recess @ 11:08 a.m.

Board of Equalization

The Adams County Commissioners, in their capacity as the Board of Equalization, met at 11:09 a.m. for the purpose of electing a Chairman; and, setting the first meeting of the Board of Equalization in 2023.

Commissioner Blankenship moved, Weise seconded, to elect Dan Blankenship as Board of Equalization Chairman. **Motion carried.**

Commissioner Weise moved, Thompson seconded, to set the date and time for the first meeting of the Board of Equalization in 2023 as January 4, 2023 at 1:00 p.m. **Motion carried.**

There being no additional business, Chairman Weise moved, Thompson seconded, to adjourn the Board of Equalization meeting. **Motion carried.**
The Board of Equalization meeting was adjourned at 11:14 a.m.

Reconvene @ 11:14 a.m.

Recess @ 11:28 a.m.

Reconvene @ 1:00 p.m.

Executive Session

At 1:03 p.m. Chairman Weise announced the Board would recess into Executive Session for sixty (60) minutes under RCW 42.30.110(1)(g) – “To evaluate the qualifications of an applicant for public employment or to review the performance of a public employee.” Human Resource Manager Campbell was present.

At 2:02 p.m. the Board reconvened from Executive Session.

At 2:02 p.m. Chairman Weise announced the Board would recess back into Executive Session for fifteen (15) minutes under RCW 42.30.110(1)(g) – “To evaluate the qualifications of an applicant for public employment or to review the performance of a public employee.” Human Resource Manager Campbell was present.

At 2:15 p.m. the Board reconvened from Executive Session.

At 2:30 p.m. Chairman Weise announced the Board would recess back into Executive Session for ten (10) minutes under RCW 42.30.110(1)(g) – “To evaluate the qualifications of an applicant for public employment or to review the performance of a public employee.” Human Resource Manager Campbell was present.

At 2:40 p.m. the Board reconvened from Executive Session.

Building and Planning Director

The Board conducted an applicant interview with Andie Lorenz for the position of Building and Planning Director.

Commissioner Weise moved, Thompson seconded, to *offer the position of Building and Planning Director to Andie Lorenz with compensation set at Range 6, Step 6 on the Adams County Management Level Salary Schedule, effective 12/16/2022.* **Motion carried.**

Mr. Lorenz was notified of the offer and accepted the position of Building and Planning Director, effective December 16, 2022.

Levy Certification

Commissioner Blankenship moved, Thompson seconded, to *approve the following levy distributions:*

#104	<i>Mental Health</i>	\$59,683.98
	<i>Developmental Disabilities</i>	\$ 6,631.55
#107	<i>Veteran's Relief</i>	\$29,841.99

*and, to authorize the Chairman to sign Certification of District's Property Tax Certification to the County Assessor for tax year 2023. **Motion carried.***

Adjournment @ 3:28 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