

## COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS

Regular Meeting  
Adams County Courthouse  
Ritzville, Washington

January 4, 2023 – 9:00 a.m.  
(Wednesday)

### **Call to Order**

Chairman Weise called the meeting to order.

### **Present:**

Chairman Jay R. Weise  
Vice-Chairman Dan C. Blankenship  
Commissioner Miguel A. Garza

### **Pledge of Allegiance**

Chairman Weise led the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **Approval/Addition of Agenda**

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

### **Board Workshop**

#### **Emergency Management**

Director Duffey provided an update on the Columbia Generating Station Plan noting the plan has been submitted to FEMA for approval. Duffey's current projects include working on reimbursements for the fire occurring in Lind in August, 2022; county fuel planning; and, the Hazard Mitigation Plan.

#### **Geographic Information Systems (GIS)**

Director Stolsig provided updates on department projects and goals; future objectives within Mapsifter; and, meetings and trainings scheduled or completed.

#### **Building and Planning**

Director Lorenz provided updates on Planning Commission activities noting a public hearing for a rezone in Hatton has been set for January 26,

2023; and, the addressing committee will be meeting January 25, 2023. Additionally, Lorenz reviewed building permit activity; land use permitting; and, code enforcement activity noting the department is continuing to work with individual properties in the cleanup process.

**Cares Grant – CDBG Contract No. 20-6221C-101**

The Board reviewed Community Development Block Grant Contract No. 20-6221C-101 noting the contract end date is January 31, 2023. The Board provided consensus authorization to request the end date be revised to June 30, 2023 and placed on the January 10, 2023 consent agenda for Board action.

**Adams County Development Council**

Executive Director Kyle Niehenke reported on upcoming travel; outreach, networking and meetings; projects; and, future meetings being scheduled.

**Recess @ 12:03 p.m.**

**Reconvene @ 1:00 p.m.**

**Citizens' Commission on Salaries for Elected Officials**

Prosecutor Flyckt reviewed the process in which Adams County adopted Ordinance O-01-08 establishing a Citizens' Commission to set salaries of Adams County elected officials. The Board is considering alternatives to the commission as filling volunteer positions is becoming increasingly difficult.

**Board of Commissioner Meeting – Recess @ 1:48 p.m.**

**Board of Equalization Meeting – Called to Order at 1:48 p.m.**

The Board of Commissioners, in their capacity as the Board of Equalization, called the Board of Equalization meeting to order at 1:48 p.m. Commissioner Garza was sworn in as a Board of Equalization member.

Ex-parte contact was reviewed.

Commissioner Blankenship moved, Garza seconded, to set additional Board of Equalization meetings on January 10 and 11, 2023 at 1:00 p.m.

**Motion carried.**

There being no additional business, the Board of Equalization meeting recessed at 1:54 p.m. to reconvene January 10, 2023 at 1:00 p.m.

**Board of Commissioner Meeting – Reconvene @ 1:54 p.m.**

**Adjournment @ 2:04 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/Dan C. Blankenship, Vice-Chairman  
s/Miguel A. Garza, Commissioner