

## COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS

Adams County Courthouse  
Ritzville, Washington  
Regular Meeting

January 10, 2023 – 9:00 a.m.  
(Tuesday)

### 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.

### Public Comment – None

### Approval/Addition of Agenda

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

### Consent Agenda

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

### 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	22-4227 – 22-4297	\$ 74,266.77
103	22-4298 – 22-4306	\$ 8,162.23
103A	22-4307 – 22-4310	\$ 13,703.63
104	22-4311 – 22-4318	\$ 7,042.46

106	22-4319 – 22-4320	\$ 8,572.03
112	22-4321 – 22-4323	\$ 722.58
123	22-4324	\$ 2,699.90
130	22-4325 – 22-4326	\$ 1,219.18
131	22-4327 – 22-4328	\$ 119.43
502	22-4329 – 22-4342	\$ 51,923.12
502	Hand Pays	\$ 5,777.80
108	1751	\$ 378.41
115	1752 – 1757	\$ 15,161.77
321	1758	\$ 8,628.97
401	1759 – 1763	\$ 19,277.38
501	1764 – 1768	\$ 2,704.70
590	1769 – 1781	\$ 10,977.60
	TOTAL	\$231,337.96

### **CDBG Contract #20-6221C-101, Amendment A**

Approve CDBG Contract No. 20-6221C-101, Amendment A, between Washington State Department of Commerce, Community Development Block Grant and Adams County to extend the contract end date of January 31, 2023 to June 30, 2023. (CP01042023)

### **Correspondence**

Attorney Sara Duross Porto re: Public Defender Quarterly Report for 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter, 2022

Attorney Barrett J. Scudder re: Public Defender Quarterly Report for 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter, 2022

Attorney Richard D. Wall re: Public Defender Quarterly Report for 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter, 2022

Attorney Kyle R. Smith re: Public Defender Quarterly Report for 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter, 2022

Washington State Liquor and Cannabis Board re: Liquor License #352794 has been discontinued (Sonny's 250 SW Main Street, Washtucna, WA)

Travis Belisle, Fiscal Services Administrator, Educational Service District 123 re: Certification of Tax Levies for Calendar Year 2023 Collections for School Districts as Required by RCW 84.52.020

### **Board Updates**

Commissioner Blankenship reviewed Legislative Steering Committee activities. Commissioner Garza will be traveling to Wenatchee to attend an Aging and Adult Care meeting.

## **Board Discussion/Decision Items**

### **Human Resources**

Director Campbell reviewed the threshold of minimum exempt salaries. Additionally, Campbell noted she will be attending a webinar through Washington Counties Risk Pool (WCRP).

### **Public Works**

Public Works Director O'Brien provided a maintenance update, noting crews are repairing erosion damage to preserve asphalt. Additionally, a list of capital projects is being reviewed to prioritize projects; and, public works staffing was reviewed. Engineer Yaeger reported on engineering activities noting the County Wide Crushing Project is being advertised with the bid opening scheduled for January 31, 2023. Additionally, guardrail repairs are continuing as weather allows.

### **Public Defender Contract**

A 2023 Addendum to the 2021-2025 Adams County Indigent Defense Contract was reviewed. The purpose of the Addendum is to (1) add Attorney Deanna Crull, Spokane; and (2) to assign caseloads, duties and assignments to each attorney and to provide for the division of fees between the attorneys for the contract period commencing January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023. The Addendum does not alter the total compensation of the 2021-2025 Adams County Indigent Defense Contract.

The Board reviewed the qualifications of Attorney Crull.

### **Emergency Management**

Commissioner Blankenship moved, Garza seconded, to *authorize the Chairman sign Homeland Security Contract E21-086, Amendment A, between Spokane County Emergency Management and Adams County for the purpose of reallocating \$10,000 from salaries to goods and services for the period September 1, 2020 through March 31, 2023.*

**Motion carried.**

### **Adams County Salary Schedules**

The Board reviewed 2023 Adams County salary schedules for non-represented employees. Action is anticipated January 17, 2023. A resolution will be prepared and placed on the January 17, 2023 consent agenda for Board action.

**Juvenile Detentions Alternatives Initiative**

Contract No. 2163-24594, Amendment No. 2, between the State of Washington Department of Children, Youth and Families (DCYF) and Adams County was reviewed. The amendment provides an increase of \$5,000 for a total contract amount of \$61,000 for the period December 15, 2022 through June 30, 2023. The Board authorized the contract to be placed on the January 17, 2023 consent agenda for action.

**Executive Session – None**

**Other Business – None**

**Permanent Minutes Signed**

December 13 and 14, 2022

December 20 and 21, 2022

**Recess @ 12:00 p.m.**

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

**Recess** Board of County Commissioner meeting at 1:02 p.m.

**Board of Equalization**

The Board of Equalization meeting was called to order at 1:08 p.m. Hearing no business the meeting was recessed at 1:08 p.m. to reconvene January 11, 2023 at 1:00 p.m.

**Reconvene** Board of County Commissioner meeting at 1:08 p.m.

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

The Board reviewed procedures for the selection of salary commission members as well as member terms. Alternatives to a citizens' commission were reviewed, however, were determined not feasible at this time. The

Board provided consensus authorization for the Auditor to begin polling for a vacant citizen position on the Commission.

**Adjournment @ 3:07 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