

COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS

Regular Meeting
Adams County Courthouse
Ritzville, Washington

January 18, 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 – *left at 11:40 a.m. for LSC meeting*

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

Human Resources

Human Resource Manager Campbell cancelled her scheduled appointment.

Public Committee/Board Assignments

The Board reviewed 2023 public committee/board assignments.

American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA)

ARPA funding, as well as proposed distributions of remaining funds, was discussed.

Closed Session

At 10:50 a.m. Chairman Weise announced the Board would recess into Closed Session for twenty (20) 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 were Prosecutor Flyckt and Civil Attorney Barden.

At 11:10 a.m. the Board reconvened from Closed Session.

Recess @ 11:33 a.m.

Reconvene @ 1:00 p.m.

Central Services

Commissioner Weise reported that Alex Igbinoba was notified of the offer of employment for the position of Central Services Director and has accepted the position. Mr. Igbinoba will be compensated at M4/S3 on the Adams County Management Level Salary Schedule, effective January 16, 2023.

Closed Session

At 1:37 p.m. Chairman Weise announced the Board would recess into Closed Session for ten (10) 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 were Prosecutor Flyckt; Civil Attorney Barden; and, Human Resource Manager Campbell.

At 1:45 p.m. the Board reconvened from Closed Session.

At 1:46 p.m. Chairman Weise announced the Board would recess back into Closed Session for twenty (20) 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 were Prosecutor Flyckt; Civil Attorney Barden; and, Human Resource Manager Campbell.

At 2:04 p.m. the Board reconvened from Closed Session.

Collective Bargaining

Prosecutor Flyckt presented an Association of Adams County Employees Collective Bargaining Agreement, noting active negotiations took place between Adams County and the Association of Adams County Employees in an attempt to arrive at a new successor Collective Bargaining Agreement for the agreement that expired on December 31, 2022. A tentative agreement was reached that will take effect on January 1, 2023. Flyckt reported that his office finally received word today, via email, that the Association has apparently ratified that agreement, noting that his office received a page bearing signature of the Association president, which appears to be from an earlier draft because of an error listing the names of the County Commissioners incorrectly and also bearing the date of January, 2022. Additionally, Flyckt noted that the Agreement does purport to be signed by the president on January 12, 2023, although his office just received it today. Prosecutor Flyckt reported he will consider the signature page as satisfactory evidence that the Association has agreed to the new contract; his office has supplied the Board the original Agreement which is stamped as such; and, the Agreement contains the correct names of the current Commissioners and their respective roles as Chairman and Vice-Chairman. Based on the above information, Prosecutor Flyckt recommended the Board execute the Agreement.

Commissioner Garza moved, Weise seconded, to *approve the Collective Bargaining Agreement between Adams County and the Association of Adams County Employees for the period January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2025 as presented by Prosecutor Flyckt.* **Motion carried.**

Adjournment @ 2:10 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