

COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS

Regular Meeting
Adams County Courthouse
Ritzville, Washington

February 15, 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 Blankenship moved, Garza seconded, to *approve the agenda as presented*. **Motion carried.**

Adams County Personnel Policy

The Board reviewed the Adams County Personnel Policy.

2023 County Wide Crushing Project (ERP-802)

Commissioner Garza moved, Blankenship seconded, to *approve the Contract and Contract Bond for DeAtley Crushing Company, Inc., Lewiston, Idaho, for a total contract amount of \$1,059,961 for the 2023 County Wide Crushing Project – ERP-802*. **Motion carried.**

Board Workshop

Juvenile Department

Director Garza provided a report on various juvenile issues, noting when circumstances arise where juveniles need to be separated, the county may be better positioned to have a joint resolution with additional detention centers. Currently, the only detention center Adams County contracts with is Martin Hall.

Garza reported he has forwarded a copy of a proposed Memorandum of Understanding with Benton-Franklin County for juvenile detention services to the prosecutor for review.

Director Garza reported his department was able to purchase a power washer for the purpose of removing graffiti, requesting Board consideration of storage options to house Juvenile Department equipment. The Board will review the matter with the Public Works Department.

Director Garza discussed the JDAI program and the excessive amount of mandates the state is requiring, noting he would like to see the current half-time JDAI funded position become a full-time position. Additionally, Garza reported that the Juvenile Department will be using donated funds to purchase protective vests for employees dealing with juvenile gang members.

Adams County Pet Rescue

Kyya Grant and Heather Peters, Adams County Pet Rescue, reviewed animal intake, as well as expenses, relating to cats and dogs brought to the facility from unincorporated areas of Adams County. The animal count in 2022 was 1428 (551 cats and 877 dogs) with a total annual cost of \$893,488. Grant estimates that 51% of the dogs and 42% of cats seen by the shelter are from unincorporated areas of the county. Additionally, Grant reported there are infrastructure issues in the shelter that need to be addressed.

The contract for shelter services between Adams County and Adams County Pet Rescue expired December 31, 2022.

Adjournment @ 11:56 a.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