

COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS

**Adams County Courthouse
Ritzville, Washington
Regular Meeting**

June 24, 2025 – 9:00 a.m.
(Tuesday)

Call to Order

Chairman Garza called the meeting to order.

Present:

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Chairman Garza led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comment – None

Board Updates

Commissioner Garza had no updates to report.

Commissioner Blankenship reported on recent Broadband activity.

Commissioner Weise reported attending an initial collective bargaining meeting with elected officials; a courthouse security meeting; and, an Othello City Council public hearing on two proposed annexations.

Approval/Addition of Agenda

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

Consent Agenda

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

Minutes

Approve Preliminary Minutes of June 10 and 11, 2025

Correspondence – None

Board Discussion/Decision Items

Port of Othello

Port of Othello Commissioners Vietzke, Weaver, and Montemayor, along with Executive Director Faix, appeared virtually.

Commissioner Blankenship updated the Port on Broadband activity. Port Commissioner Weaver provided updates on the water tower project.

Public Works

Director O'Brien and Engineer Yaeger provided the weekly update on road maintenance, noting activities include seal coat activity and gravel road maintenance. Additional updates were provided on the Broadband project and the evidence building project.

Solid Waste

Director O'Brien requested and received **consensus authorization to forward the 2025-2030 Adams County Comprehensive Solid and Hazardous Waste Management Plan to the Department of Ecology for review.** All five (5) Adams County municipalities have adopted the Plan as presented.

Engineering

Engineer Yaeger provided updates on the Lind-Hatton #3 project; high volume corridor intersection project; Sackmann Road bridge project; Gottlieb-Hille bridge project; Rodeo Lake; and, Herman Road safety project.

Adams County Fairgrounds

Director O'Brien reported interest from a group in renting the outdoor area of the Adams County fairgrounds for a circus, noting there will be no animals. O'Brien will provide the group with the proper rental paperwork.

Other Business – None

Permanent Minutes Signed

June 3 and 4, 2025

Adams County Countywide Planning Policies for Housing

The matter was rescheduled for Wednesday, June 25, 2025.

Executive Session

At 10:21 a.m. Chairman Garza announced the Board would recess 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.” Public Works Director O’Brien; Engineer Yaeger; and, Prosecutor Flyckt were present. No action is anticipated.

At 10:31 a.m. the Board reconvened from Executive Session. No action was taken.

Executive Session

At 10:36 a.m. Chairman Garza announced the Board would recess into Executive Session for five (5) minutes under RCW 42.30.110(1)(i) – “To discuss with legal counsel representing the agency matters relating to agency enforcement actions, or to discuss with legal counsel representing the agency litigation or potential litigation...”. No action is anticipated. Prosecutor Flyckt was present.

At 10: 41 a.m. the Board reconvened from Executive Session. No action was taken.

Closed Session

At 10:42 a.m. Chairman Garza announced the Board would recess into Closed Session for fifteen (15) 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.” Prosecutor Flyckt was present.

At 10:57 a.m. the Board reconvened from Closed Session.

Adjournment @ 11:02 a.m.

Submitted:
s/Patricia J. Phillips, CMC
Clerk of the Board

Edited and Approved:

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
ADAMS COUNTY, WASHINGTON
s/Miguel A. Garza, Chairman
s/Jay R. Weise, Vice-Chairman
s/Dan C. Blankenship, Commissioner