

COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS

**Regular Meeting
Building and Planning
Conference Room, Suite A
Othello, Washington**

June 25, 2025 – 9:00 a.m.
(Wednesday)

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

Approval/Addition of Agenda

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

Board Workshop

Jail Utility and Remodel Project

Commissioner Garza reviewed a Statement of Probable Costs for the Adams County Jail Utility and Remodel Project. No action was taken.

Coroner

Alan Thompson, Danekas Funeral Home/Stevens Funeral Chapel; along with Adams County Coroner Cutforth, reviewed previous costs associated with coroner duties and indigent cremation.

Additionally present was Prosecutor Flyckt.

In March 2015, the Board met with Mr. Thompson to review costs. A follow-up meeting is scheduled for August 6, 2025, to allow Mr. Thompson additional time for review.

Coroner Cutforth provided departmental updates on current activities.

Adams County Countywide Planning Policies for Housing

Commissioner Blankenship moved, Weise seconded, to *approve Resolution No. R-017-2025 In the Matter of Adopting Adams County Countywide Planning Policies for Housing*. Motion carried.

Setting Salaries for Elected Officials

A *proposed* Ordinance in the Matter of Setting Salaries for Elected Officials and Rescinding Ordinance No. O-01-08; Ordinance No. O-01-2011; and, Amending Adams County Code Chapter 2.10 was reviewed. A public hearing is set for August 5, 2025 at 1:30 p.m. in Room 202, 210 W. Broadway, Ritzville, for the purpose of obtaining comment on the proposed ordinance.

Executive Session

At 11:27 a.m. Chairman Garza announced the Board would recess into Executive Session for fifteen (15) 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 11:42 a.m. the Board reconvened from Executive Session. No action was taken.

Adjournment @ 11:45 a.m.

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

Edited and Approved:

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

RESOLUTION NO. R-017-2025

**ORDER OF BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
ADAMS COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

**IN THE MATTER OF ADOPTING ADAMS COUNTY COUNTYWIDE
PLANNING POLICIES FOR HOUSING**

WHEREAS, Adams County is a partially planned county under RCW 36.70A. and limited in adopting or amending land use plans; and

WHEREAS, Adams County recognizes the need for a diverse and affordable housing stock that accommodates all economic segments of the county's population; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to RCW 36.70A.210 of the Washington State Growth Management Act (GMA), the Adams County Countywide Planning Policies for Housing are intended to establish a countywide planning framework from which the county, the cities of Othello and Ritzville, along with the towns of Lind, Hatton and Washtucna; develop their respective comprehensive plans in relation to housing; and

WHEREAS, these policies were developed through open houses; in Othello on April 15, 2025, and Ritzville on April 22, 2025, for the purpose of obtaining public comment. The Adams County Planning Commission, on April 24, 2025, reviewed public comment and provided modified recommendations. On May 8, 2025, the Adams County Planning Commission approved presenting the policy to the Adams County Board of Commissioners for approval.

THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the attached Adams County Countywide Planning Policies for Housing (Exhibit A) are hereby adopted and become effective July 1, 2025.

DATED this 25th day of June, 2025.

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

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