

## **COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS**

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

**July 2, 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.

### **Approval/Addition of Agenda**

Commissioner Blankenship moved, Weise seconded, to *approve the agenda with the addition of a Collective Bargaining Session immediately following the scheduled bid opening.* **Motion carried.**

### **Board Workshop**

#### **Central Services**

Director Igbinoba had no updates to report.

### **Building and Planning**

Director Lorenz provided the following updates:

- Planning Commission activity – Title 17 update; land use permits; boundary line adjustments.
- Building permit activity – two new home starts in June; 54,000 square foot Ritzville Warehouse project permit was issued.
- Fire Marshal – five (5) fires this month: three (3) brush fires; one (1) small structure fire; one (1) illegal burn.
- Code Enforcement – continuing to work active cases toward compliance.

### **Geographic Information Systems (GIS)**

Director Stolsig reported the following current projects:

- Address Changes – address change letters have been sent for parcels that had addresses that do not conform to the addressing policy code.
- Updating the SSAP layer with buildings and houses in the T16N tier of townships that were not picked up on previous reviews of the area. With parcels with multiple houses, the address policy using house letters and numbers is being implemented. A portion of the addressing involves points of access to the road system; the Public Works department is assisting to identify the correct road access point if there are multiple locations for multiple buildings.

### **Emergency Management**

Director Duffey provided updates on the following:

- GIS mapping for data (RAPT and US Census).
- Application for Emergency Management booths at Wheatland Fair and Othello Fair have been submitted.
- Ham Radio SHARES – up and functioning, however, not at 100%.
- Life Line Planning.
- EMC/EMAG Funding.
- EFSEC Contracts – closed out June 30, 2025.
- Cybersecurity Grant – preparing grant for submittal to the state.
- Participating in webinars on communications for radiological incidents.

### **Master Optical Fiber and Facilities Lease**

Commissioner Blankenship moved, Weise seconded, to *authorize the Chairman sign Master Optical Fiber and Facilities Lease between Adams County and Inland Cellular, LLC, an internet service provider (ISP), that operates or intends to utilize the portion of an optical fiber system and facilities within Adams County.* **Motion carried.**

### **Schoonover Road Project #1 (CRP-180)**

It being the date and time set for bid opening on the Schoonover Road Project #1, bids were opened from:

Shamrock Paving Inc.  
P. O. Box 19263  
Spokane, WA 99219

\$2,773,000.00

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| Inland Asphalt Company<br>5111 E. Broadway Avenue<br>Spokane, WA 99212   | \$2,585,585.00 |
| Interwest Construction Inc.<br>609 N. Hill Blvd.<br>Burlington, WA 98233 | \$2,509,509.00 |
| Culbert Construction, Inc.<br>3905 East A Street<br>Pasco, WA 99301      | \$2,403,806.54 |

Engineer Estimate: \$3,000,849.24

### **Closed Session**

At 11:31 a.m. Chairman Garza announced the Board would recess into Closed Session for twenty-nine (29) 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; Treasurer Meise; and, Auditor Hunt; were present.

At 12:00 p.m. the Board reconvened from Closed Session.

### **Adjournment @ 12:00 p.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