

COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS

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

July 8, 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 reported meeting with a citizen regarding public records requests.

Commissioner Blankenship reported on Broadband activities, noting a tour of the colocation building was held in Ritzville with three ISP providers attending. A virtual meeting is planned for July 21, 2025, to review the bidding process on the Othello portion of the project.

Commissioner Weise reported listening to the WSAC virtual assembly. Additionally, time was spent reviewing 2025 sales tax revenue collected to date.

Approval/Addition of Agenda

Commissioner Blankenship moved, Weise seconded, to *approve the agenda, noting the scheduled Finance Committee meeting is cancelled.*
Motion carried.

Consent Agenda

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

Minutes

Approve Preliminary Minutes of June 24 and 25, 2025

Vouchers

Approve Vouchers audited and certified by the Adams County Auditor as required by RCW 42.24.080, and those expense reimbursement claims certified as required by RCW 42.24.090 and recorded on a listing, which was made available to the Board. These vouchers were listed as follows:

<u>Fund</u>	<u>Number of Vouchers</u>	<u>Amount</u>
001	32	\$ 47,021.43
0019I	1	\$ 490,825.11
103	1	\$ 600.00
103A	1	\$ 168.42
104	10	\$ 9,033.30
106	1	\$ 67.20
112	2	\$ 485.41
116	1	\$ 1,235.81
130	1	\$ 188.98
131	2	\$ 8,362.15
166	7	\$ 2,783.91
502	7	\$ 8,385.01
115	1006	\$1,151,670.36
	TOTAL	\$1,720,827.09

Disposal of Inventory

Central Services

Approve Central Services department request for disposal of inventory that is either obsolete, damaged or no longer required.

Disposal of Inventory

Superior Court

Approve Superior Court's request for disposal of inventory that is no longer in use or of any value.

Correspondence – None

Financial Statement Audit/Federal Single Audit

The Board provided **consensus authorization to notify the State Auditor's Office of their intent to waive the entrance conference for the Financial Statement Audit/Federal Single Audit for the period ending December 31, 2024.**

Board Discussion/Decision Items

Human Resources

Manager Campbell provided updates on several new laws regarding employment legislation, noting the new laws will take effect within a three-month period starting in July, 2025. Additionally, Campbell reviewed 2025 changes to Washington's Paid Family and Medical Leave Program.

Public Works

Director O'Brien provided a maintenance update on seal coat operations in the Othello area.

Adams County Fairgrounds

Director O'Brien reported a possible rental at the fairgrounds for a boxing event. Additional details are being requested. A letter has been drafted to send to Adams County Pet Rescue regarding an event scheduled for September, 2025 in the commercial building.

Engineer Yaeger provided updates on Lind-Hatton Road #3 project, noting the project was completed last week and the road was opened today for traffic. Additional updates were provided on Sackmann Road bridge project; and, Schoonover Road project.

Schoonover Road #1 Project

Based on the recommendation of the Public Works Department, Commissioner Weise moved, Blankenship seconded, to *award the Schoonover Road Project #1 – CRP 180, to Culbert Construction, Inc., Pasco, Washington, as the lowest, responsible bidder in the amount of \$2,403,806.54; and, approve the Chairman sign the Concurrence to Award. Motion carried.* The bid is 80.1% of the Engineer's Estimate of \$3,000,849.24.

Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative (JDAI) Program Agreement

Commissioner Weise moved, Blankenship seconded, to *authorize the Chairman sign County Program Agreement, No. 2563-64295, for Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative (JDAI) Implementation, between the State*

*of Washington Department of Children, Youth and Families (DCYF) and Adams County for a total contract award of \$56,000 for the period July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2027. **Motion carried.***

Other Business – None

Permanent Minutes Signed

June 17 and 18, 2025

Closed Session

At 10:35 a.m. Chairman Garza announced the Board would recess into Closed Session for sixty (60) 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 and Deputy Prosecutor Eugenio were present. Human Resource Manager Campbell arrived at 10:48 a.m.

At 11:35 a.m. the Board reconvened from Closed Session.

Adjournment @ 11:44 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