

COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS

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

July 22, 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 attending the Odessa Groundwater Replacement Program (OGWRP) tour.

Commissioner Blankenship reported on LSC assignments for WSAC policy review, noting emergency management and health care access were two of the topics. Additionally, Blankenship provided an update on Broadband, noting he has not heard back from the state broadband office regarding the status of the additional funding requested for the Othello portion of the project.

Commissioner Weise reported attending the virtual NACO assembly. Additionally, Weise met with the City of Othello police chief and assistant police chief regarding Spillman.

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, with the removal of Item 6(b) Approval of Vouchers*.
Motion carried.

Minutes

Approve Preliminary Minutes of July 8 and 9, 2025

Notice of Special Occasion License Application

Approve Notice of Special Occasion License Application – Ritzville Rodeo Association, Ritzville Rodeo Grounds Beer Garden, Ritzville, WA
8/28/2025 – 8/31/2025; Noon to 1:00 AM

Correspondence

Anne Henning, AICP, Community Development Director, City of Othello re: Notification of Annexation – Hampton Development

Board Discussion/Decision Items

Othello Port District

The Port of Othello was unavailable for their scheduled appointment.

SECO Basic Service Operating (BSO) Contract SFY2026

Commissioner Weise moved, Blankenship seconded, to *authorize the Chairman sign Contract #E26-016 between Adams County and Washington State Military Department and State 911 Coordination Office in the amount of \$417,402 for the period July 1, 2025 through August 15, 2026; and attached Signature Authorization Form (full Board)*. **Motion carried.**

Other Business

Judge Palubicki, along with Juvenile Administrator Olascon, met with the Board to review a position in the juvenile department. Judge Palubicki requested and received Board consensus to offer the position of juvenile administrative assistant to Michaela Hunt, with a salary placement of Range 1, Step 2, on the Adams County Exempt Employee Salary Schedule, effective August 1, 2025.

Additionally, Judge Palubicki and Administrator Olascon provided updates on juvenile department activities.

Permanent Minutes Signed

July 1 and 2, 2025

Executive Session – None

Adjournment @ 10:30 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