

COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS

Regular Meeting
Adams County Courthouse
Ritzville, Washington

July 23, 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 as presented*. **Motion carried.**

Board Workshop

Capitol Path Consulting

John Culton, Capitol Path Consulting, along with Kyla Shkerich Blair, a partner of the firm, met to review strategy and priorities for the county in preparation of the next legislative session. Culton would like the Board to put together a project list for Adams County as well as legislative policies the Board does or does not support.

Consulting Services Agreement

Commissioner Blankenship moved, Weise seconded, to *authorize the Chairman sign Consulting Services Agreement between Adams County and Capitol Path Consulting, Liberty Lake, Washington, for the purpose of building out the Adams County network of federal and state elected officials and agencies, to support relationships that align with Adams County objectives and to assist in identifying different funding opportunities, relationship building and policy advocacy, at a rate of \$4,000 per month*. **Motion carried.**

Resolution No. R-022-2025

Commissioner Blankenship moved, Weise seconded, to *approve Resolution No. R-022-2025 In the Matter of Establishing an Operation & Maintenance (O&M) Fund for the Office of County Clerk. Motion carried.*

Closed Session

At 10:27 a.m. Chairman Garza announced the Board would recess into Closed Session for ten (10) 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 10:37 a.m. the Board reconvened from Closed Session.

Adjournment @ 10:03 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

RESOLUTION NO. R-022-2025

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

**IN THE MATTER OF ESTABLISHING AN OPERATION & MAINTENANCE (O&M)
FUND FOR THE OFFICE OF COUNTY CLERK**

WHEREAS, Senate House Bill 1207 was passed by the Washington State Legislature on May 19, 2025, adding a surcharge to certain civil filing fees; and

WHEREAS, a portion of the surcharge is earmarked specifically for operational expenses within the Office of County Clerk; and

WHEREAS, the effective date of Senate House Bill 1207 legislation is July 27, 2025.

THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, that Operation & Maintenance (O&M) Fund #121 is hereby established in the Office of the County Clerk.

DATED this 23rd day of July, 2025.

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

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