

## COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS

Adams County Courthouse  
Ritzville, Washington  
Regular Meeting

October 7, 2025 – 9:00 a.m.  
(Tuesday)

### **Call to Order**

Vice-Chairman Weise called the meeting to order.

### **Present:**

Vice-Chairman Jay R. Weise  
Commissioner Dan C. Blankenship

### **Absent:**

Chairman Miguel A. Garza

### **Pledge of Allegiance**

Vice-Chairman Weise led the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **Public Comment**

Public comment was received from:

| <u>Speaker</u>           | <u>Topic</u>              |
|--------------------------|---------------------------|
| David Lobe, Ritzville    | Elected Official Salaries |
|                          | Road Supervisor Issue     |
| John Krupa, Othello      | Elected Official Salaries |
| Eleanor Brodahl, Othello | Elected Official Salaries |

### **Board Updates**

Commissioner Blankenship reported attending the EWCOG meeting in Davenport, noting wildlife issues dominated the agenda; a suggestion was made for counties to pull together and set aside a workshop session to discuss a "Plan B" regarding indigent defense. Additionally, Blankenship reported attending a Zoom meeting with public works and Petrichor on the next phase of the Broadband project.

Commissioner Weise reported on the Martin Hall meeting held in September, noting a movement to change the sentencing grid to reduce the severity of sentencing. The state is closing facilities. Adams County's day bed rate is currently \$250 and has not increased. Franklin County

has approached the Martin Hall Board with the possibility of joining the consortium. There are a lot of factors that Franklin County needs to factor in, namely first appearances and gang issues where a separation of offenders is necessary. Additionally, a camera project is underway at Martin Hall.

#### **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 following addition/deletion*:

- a. *Addition of Voucher Approval.*
- b. *Deletion of Preliminary September 23 and 24, 2025 Minutes Approval.*

**Motion carried.**

#### **Minutes**

Approve Preliminary Minutes of September 16 and 17, 2025

#### **Payroll**

Approve September 1-15, 2025, Payroll in the amount of \$593,416.35; and, Benefits in the amount of \$91,819. (Direct Deposit # Series 87019-87215; Benefit/Deduction # Series 1184925-1184934)

#### **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>Amount</u> |
|-------------|---------------|
| 001         | \$ 487.65     |
| 108         | \$ 9,499.36   |
| 115         | \$28,032.11   |
| 401         | \$ 9,654.03   |
| 501         | \$ 3,531.68   |
| 590         | \$47,956.79   |
| TOTAL       | \$99,161.62   |

### **Correspondence**

Attorney Andrea Crumpler re: Public Defense Quarterly Report for 3rd Quarter, 2025

### **Board Discussion/Decision Items**

#### **Human Resources**

Manager Campbell reported drafting a job description for the public works director position. Additionally, Campbell reported on the Paid Family Medical Leave (PMFL) program.

#### **Public Works**

Interim Public Works Director Yaeger provided the weekly report on gravel road maintenance and vegetation management. The career day will take place this Thursday in Ritzville and will take place in Othello next Thursday.

Paving is planned for next week on the Schoonover Road project.

#### **Bridge #411-3 – Sackman Road Replacement Project (CRP-201)**

Engineer Yaeger filed, pursuant to RCW 36.77.010, the Contract Plans and Provisions for construction of Bridge #411-3, Sackman Road Bridge Replacement Project – CRP-201.

#### **High-Volume Corridors Intersection Project**

Commissioner Blankenship moved, Weise seconded, to *authorize the Vice-Chairman to sign Professional Services Agreement, No. 201-1, with Ardurra Group, Inc, Meridian, Idaho, for design phase services for the High-Volume Corridors Intersection Project, CRP-204, in an amount not to exceed \$71,531.53.* **Motion carried.**

#### **Broadband Fiber to the Home Project**

Commissioner Blankenship moved, Weise seconded, to *approve Resolution No. R-026-2025 In the Matter of Notice to Contractors for the Fiber to the Home Project – Phase #2, Othello.* **Motion carried.** Bid opening is set for Wednesday, November 5, 2025, at 11:00 a.m., in the Adams County Courthouse, 210 W. Broadway, Ritzville.

#### **Grant of Franchise to Adams County Public Works Department**

The Board provided **consensus authorization to set Tuesday, October 28, 2025, at 1:30 p.m. in Room 202 of the Adams County Courthouse, 210 W. Broadway, Ritzville, Washington, for a public hearing to consider a Grant of Franchise to Adams County Public Works**

**Department to construct, operate, and maintain a new county owned fiber optic communication transmission, distribution lines, facilities, upon, under, over, across, and along the rights-of-ways of the county roads of Adams County, Washington.**

2024 Bridge Inspection Report

County Engineer Yaeger filed the 2024 Bridge Inspection Report as required under WAC 136-20-060 noting inspections; accomplishments; and future plans and recommendations.

**Executive Session**

At 10:30 a.m. Vice-Chairman Weise announced the Board would recess into Executive Session for thirty (30) 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; Human Resource Manager Campbell; Interim Public Works Director Yaeger; and, Assistant Public Works Director Reynolds were present.

At 11:00 a.m. the Board reconvened from Executive Session. No action was taken.

At 11:00 a.m. Vice-Chairman Weise announced the Board would recess back into Executive Session for twenty (20) 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; Human Resource Manager Campbell; Interim Public Works Director Yaeger; and, Assistant Public Works Director Reynolds were present.

At 11:20 a.m. the Board reconvened from Executive Session. No action was taken.

**Day of Remembrance for Charlie Kirk**

Donald J. Trump, President of the United States of America, proclaimed October 14, 2025, as a National Day of Remembrance for Charlie Kirk. Mr. Kirk was a conservative activist who was assassinated September 10, 2025, while speaking at Utah Valley University. The Day of Remembrance is not designated as a federal holiday. As such, Adams County will not consider October 14, 2025, a paid day of absence.

### **2026 Budget Workshop**

Interim Public Works Director Yaeger and Assistant Director Reynolds presented the following budgets:

- Fund #108 Fair – estimated revenues and expenditures were reviewed.
- Fund #110 Paths and Trails – no project requests were identified.
- Fund #301 Rodeo Lake – maintenance costs were reviewed.
- Fund #401 Solid Waste – estimated revenues and expenditures were reviewed.
- Fund #501 Courthouse Maintenance and Operations – estimated revenues were reviewed. No capital outlay items were identified.

**Recess @ 11:55 a.m.**

**Reconvene @ 1:00 p.m.**

### **2026 Budget Workshop**

Interim Public Works Director Yaeger and Assistant Director Reynolds presented the following budgets:

- Fund #115 County Road – estimated revenues and expenditures were reviewed.
- Fund #590 Intergovernmental Service Fund (ERR) – estimated revenues were reviewed; capital outlay in the amount \$1,397,000. was identified.

### **Broadband Contract No. 22-96810-001, Amendment C**

Commissioner Blankenship moved, Weise seconded, to *authorize the Chairman to e-sign Contract Number 22-96810-001, Amendment C, between Washington State Department of Commerce State Broadband Office, and Adams County for additional funds in the amount of \$892,834 for a total contract amount of \$11,213,723. for the period ending December 31, 2026.* **Motion carried.**

### **Canvassing**

Miguel A. Garza will serve on the canvassing board for the November 4, 2025 General Election for the time frame of October 10, 2025, through November 25, 2025.

### **Other Business – None**

**Permanent Minutes Signed**  
September 9 and 10, 2025

**Adjournment @ 2:49 p.m.**

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

Edited and Approved:

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
ADAMS COUNTY, WASHINGTON

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Miguel A. Garza, Chairman  
s/Jay R. Weise, Vice-Chairman  
s/Dan C. Blankenship, Commissioner

**RESOLUTION NO. R-026-2025**

**NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS**  
**County of Adams**  
**Department of Public Works**  
**Ritzville, Washington**

**Fiber To The Home – Phase #2 - Othello**

**Sealed bids will be received** by Adams County at the office of the Board of County Commissioners located in the courthouse at 210 W. Broadway, Ritzville, Washington 99169, **until 11:00 a.m., Wednesday, November 5<sup>th</sup>, 2025**, and will be opened and publicly read on **November 5<sup>th</sup>, 2025, at 11:00 a.m.**, or as soon thereafter as possible, for the following construction improvements:

**Installation of a Fiber Optic line to the home within the surrounding area of the City of Othello, by installation of ariel fiber line, underground fiber line, co-location cabinets by overhead work, underground plowing and open trenching and other work, all in accordance with the Contract Plans, these Contract Provisions and the Standard Specifications. The work on this project includes, but is not limited to the following:**

- **Furnishing all labor, equipment and materials (unless otherwise noted) necessary for the construction of the project.**
- **Completing and complying with all permitting as required**

- **Production of as-builts**

Maps, plans, specifications, and proposals may be obtained by referring to the link below for access to the invitation to bid.

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1xlwOQITjFPLpIpD5CeCO8pK6VXz7tOMz?usp=sharing>

All questions should be directed to Scott Yaeger or Troy Reynolds at (509) 659-3276.

All bid proposals shall be accompanied by a bid proposal deposit in cash, certified check, cashier's check or surety bond in amount equal to five percent (5%) of the amount of such bid proposal. Should the successful bidder fail to enter into such a contract and furnish satisfactory performance bond within the time stated in the specifications, the bid proposal deposit shall be forfeited to the County of Adams. All checks and bonds shall be made payable to the Adams County Treasurer.

The Board of Adams County Commissioners reserves the right to reject any or all bids, to waive informalities or irregularities in the bids or in the bidding, if the best interest of Adams County will be served, or to accept the bid, which in their opinion best serves the interest of Adams County. Bidders must meet the criteria in RCW 39.04.350.

All contractors must be licensed in the State of Washington to conduct business.

- This project has a requirement that state prevailing wages must be paid
- All work performed on this project will be subject to Washington State prevailing wages rates
- The County of Adams is an Equal Opportunity and Affirmative Action Employer
- This project is funded/partially funded, by federal award number SLRFP0002 (ARPA SLFRF) awarded to Washington State Broad Band Office by the U.S. Department of the Treasury.

“Adams County, in accordance with the provisions of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (78 Stat. 252, 42 U.S.C. 2000d to 2000d-4) and the Regulations, hereby notifies all bidders that it will affirmatively ensure that in any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, disadvantaged business enterprises will be afforded full and fair opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, or national origin in consideration for an award”.

**DATED** this 7<sup>th</sup> of October, 2025.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
ADAMS COUNTY, WASHINGTON

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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