

COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS

Regular Meeting
Adams County Courthouse
Ritzville, Washington

October 8, 2025 – 9:00 a.m.
(Wednesday)

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.

Approval/Addition of Agenda

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

Board Workshop – Department Updates

Integrated Health Care Services

IHCS Director Guse reviewed results of the Spokane County Regional Behavioral Health (Administrative Services Organization) 2025 Agency, Crisis, and Clinical Monitoring Report for Adams County Integrated Healthcare Services (IHCS).

The following contracts were presented for approval:

Provider Agreement between Adams County and Coordinated Care Corporation

Commissioner Blankenship moved, Weise seconded, to *authorize the Chairman to sign Provider Agreement between Adams County dba Adams County Integrated Health Care Services, and Coordinated Care*

*Corporation, a Health Maintenance Organization, and Coordinated Care of Washington, Inc., for IHCS to provide certain health care services to individuals of products offered by, or available from, Coordinated Managed Care with payment based on state Medicaid capitated case rates. **Motion carried.***

2025-2027 Consolidated Contract

Commissioner Blankenship moved, Weise seconded, to *authorize the Chairman to sign 2025-2027 Consolidated Contract CLH32041, Amendment No. 6, between the State of Washington Department of Health and Adams County Integrated Health Care Services for a funding increase of \$2,411 for a total contract award of \$2,947,789 for the contract period January 1, 2025, through December 31, 2027. **Motion carried.***

Building and Planning

Director Lorenz provided departmental updates, noting the Planning Commission has reviewed Title 14 and 15, with a final draft being prepared to present to the Board. The next Planning Commission project is battery energy storage systems.

Voluntary Stewardship Program

Commissioner Blankenship moved, Weise seconded, to *approve Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement between Adams County and Columbia Basin Conservation District for the implementation of the Voluntary Stewardship Program (VSP) for the period effective July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2027. **Motion carried.***

The Building and Planning Master Fee Schedule update was reviewed. The matter was tabled until such time the Board can review the schedule.

Fire marshal activity included a house fire on Thiel Road. Fire District #5 will hold an open house event on October 9, 2025

There is no current code enforcement activity to report.

Geographic Information Systems (GIS)

Director Stolsig provided updates on departmental activities, noting the two primary projects were the address updates along Atkinson Road and the annexation of land southeast of Othello. Both projects involved multiple departments. Stolsig is now working on addresses in the Benge

area. Additionally, Stolsig reported working through the new precinct splits map/shape file for the auditor's office.

Emergency Management

Director Duffey reported the following departmental activities: September projects included preparing for fairs; outreach events; WSEMA conference; and, the Othello Prepares event. Additionally, Duffey reported a radiological training event will be held in November; and, she will be attending the Fire District #5 open house event this week.

Central Services

Director Igbinoba provided updates on several ongoing IT activities and upcoming professional development opportunities.

The department has successfully added auto-attendance functionality to county Avaya phone systems, improving call routing and overall user experience; the Windows 11 upgrade is progressing across departments with IT anticipating completing the rollout on schedule with minimum disruption to staff workflows. Currently, 25% of county employees are participating in the pilot program for Duo Multi-factor Authentication (MFA). Full implementation is pending final approval of the new user policy.

Igbinoba attended the 2025 Qualifacts System Administrator customer conference, noting the event provided valuable insight into optimizing county electronic health record systems (IHCS) and enhancing support for county health initiatives.

Additionally, Igbinoba reported the second phase of the county domain name change is scheduled for October 25, 2025, noting the update will bring consistency across systems and better align with county identity.

Executive Session

At 11:10 a.m. Chairman Garza announced the Board would recess into Executive Session for fifteen (15) minutes under RCW 42.30.110(1)(g) – “To evaluate the qualifications of an applicant for public employment or to review the performance of a public employee.” Human Resource Manager Campbell and Prosecutor Flyckt were present.

At 11:25 a.m. the Board reconvened from Executive Session.

Finance Committee

The finance committee did not meet as all members were not available. Treasurer Meise was available to provide a review of county finances, noting revenues have remained stagnant while expenditures have continued to rise. Meise noted other counties are experiencing the same issue.

Adjournment @ 12:15 p.m.

Submitted:

s/Patricia J. Phillips, CMC

Clerk of the Board

Edited and Approved:

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
ADAMS COUNTY, WASHINGTON

-absent-

Miguel A. Garza, Chairman

s/Jay R. Weise, Vice-Chairman

s/Dan C. Blankenship Commissioner