

COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS

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

October 22, 2025 – 9:01 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 Garza moved, Weise seconded, to *approve the agenda as presented*. **Motion carried.**

Executive Session

At 9:20 a.m. Chairman Garza announced the Board would recess into Executive Session for thirty (30) 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.” Prosecutor Flyckt and Human Resource Manager Campbell were present.

At 9:50 a.m. the Board reconvened from Executive Session.

Board Workshop

2026 Budget Workshop

Adult Probation

Judge Benzel reviewed the proposed budget for Fund #017, noting no major changes from last year.

District Court, Position 2

Judge Benzel reviewed the proposed budget for Fund #016, noting a request for increased interpreter fees and an increase in pool car mileage. No capital outlay expense was identified.

District Court, Position 1

Judge Russell reviewed the proposed budget for Fund #015, noting a request for increased interpreter fees. No capital outlay expense was identified.

Indigent Defense Contract

The Board provided **consensus authorization to extend an offer of employment to Attorney Senit Lutgen to fill the position being vacated by Attorney Derek Reid, effective January 1, 2026.**

Agreement No. IAA26001

Commissioner Blankenship moved, Weise seconded, to *authorize the Chairman to e-sign, when received via email, Agreement No. IAA26001 between Adams County and Washington State Office of Public Defense for the period January 1, 2026 through June 30, 2026, for a distribution amount of \$57,532.94.* **Motion carried.**

Executive Session

At 11:42 a.m. Chairman Garza announced the Board would recess into Executive Session for eighteen (18) 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.” Prosecutor Flyckt was present.

At 12:00 p.m. the Board reconvened from Executive Session.

Adjournment @ 12:00 p.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