

COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS

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

October 29, 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 (*virtually*)
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

Elected Official Forum

An elected official forum was held with the following in attendance:

Auditor Hunt
Judge Russell (*virtually*)
Clerk Sloan
Prosecutor Flyckt
Sheriff Wagner (*virtually*)
Judge Benzel (*virtually*)

Topics reviewed included budgetary issues; internal county issues; and available trainings for all staff, noting many are at no cost through Washington Counties Risk Pool (WCRP).

Each elected official provided a brief review of activities within their respective offices.

Recess @ 9:37 a.m.
Reconvene @ 9:51 a.m.

2026 Budget Workshop

Juvenile Department

Director Olascon reviewed the Juvenile Department budget, Fund #085 with no major changes over 2025.

Superior Court

Judge Palubicki reviewed the proposed budget for 2026 Superior Court, Fund #010, noting an increase in the amount of \$20,000 is requested in the 2026 budget. No capital outlay expense was identified.

Additionally, Trial Court Improvement, Fund #119, was reviewed with Judge Palubicki noting an increase in appropriations to mirror the anticipated revenue in the fund.

Recess @ 11:46 a.m.
Reconvene @ 1:00 p.m.

Commissioner Weise was attending another scheduled meeting and arrived (virtually) at 1:33 p.m.

Capitol Path Consulting

Consultant John Culton was present with Daniel Pailthorp and Kyla Blair attending virtually. Discussion topics included federal monies to fund bridges and county concerns that need to be passed on to legislators.

Schoonover Road is a top priority, should there be another round of requests available. Schoonover Road, Phase 2, is funded, however, it is not scheduled for construction until 2028. Phase 3 will complete the process. Culton will begin developing materials for federal requests. The legislative agenda for state requests was forwarded to the Board for review with Board concurrence on all items.

Adjournment @ 1:59 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