

COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS

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

November 5, 2025 – 9:00 a.m.
(Wednesday)

Call to Order

Chairman Garza called the meeting to order.

Present:

Chairman Miguel A. Garza
Commissioner Dan C. Blankenship

Absent:

Vice-Chairman Jay R. Weise

Pledge of Allegiance

Chairman Garza led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval/Addition of Agenda

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

Board Workshop

Central Services

Director Igbinoba reported on the county's domain name change, noting the second phase of the change was successfully completed and has brought greater consistency across systems and better aligns the county's digital presence with the county's identity.

Currently 65% of county employees are participating in the Duo Multi-Factor Authentication (MFA) pilot program. Igbinoba would like to proceed with full implementation beginning November 17, 2025. Additionally, Igbinoba reported on professional development trainings Central Services staff attended.

Building and Planning

Director Lorenz provided updates on the following:

- Planning Commission – the commission is finalizing a battery energy storage systems working draft and will be moving to a public hearing state in early January.
- Homeless housing plan update.
- Voluntary Stewardship Program (VSP) – the structure and role of Adams County was reviewed. Rules of conduct have been created for the work group.
- Title 14 and Title 15 of the Adams County code are in the final draft state and will be put forth for Board review.
- Code Enforcement – Eleven (11) current cases; thirty (30) cases have been resolved and closed since 2023. Two (2) on-going cases started in 2019 are still being worked toward compliance; and three (3) cases were elevated to the prosecutor's office.

Geographic Information Systems (GIS)

Director Stolsig reported on current GIS projects, noting primary projects have been parcel edits, adding or editing address points, and precinct edits.

During October, Stolsig concentrated the address changes and additions in the southwest corner of the county. Precinct split edits are to ensure proposed lines follow section/township lines, roads or city limits. The parcel edits have normally happened in an area where address points are being reviewed.

Janitorial service in Othello County offices was discussed.

Emergency Management

Director Duffey reported on October projects, noting an Adams County Fire District #5 outreach (open house) event. A potential case of Avian Flu in Adams County (October 10th incident) was reported with Duffey preparing a simple after-action report (AAR). Additional activities reported by Duffey included a CF Industries exercise; a Columbia Generating Station (GCS) drill; and participation in a battery storage meeting.

Fiber to the Home – Phase #2 – Othello

It being 11:00 a.m. and the time duly advertised for the bid opening for

Fiber to the Home – Phase #2 – Othello, bids were opened from:

North Sky 16701 SE McGillivray Blvd. Suite 200 Vancouver, WA 98683	\$6,843,770.85
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AECON 20 Carlson Court Suite 800 Toronto, Ontario Canada, M9W 7K6	\$9,376,727.15
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Cannon Companies 406 Porter Way Milton, WA 98354	\$7,519,597.63
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Blue Mountain Telecom. Serv., Inc. 291 Chamberlin Road Walla Walla, WA 99362	\$4,602,177.35
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Northwest Line Builders 2010 S. Fairview Heights Road Medical Lake, WA 99022	\$7,137,578.56
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Project Estimate: \$5,465,001.80

Treasurer

Treasurer Meise cancelled her scheduled appointment.

Recess @ 11:38 a.m.

Reconvene @ 1:00 p.m.

Radiological Training

Jack Wiley, Washington State Department of Health, Office of Radiation Protection, provided a presentation of radiation protection principles; effects of acute exposure; dose limits; and, emergency planning zones.

Adjournment @ 2:45 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
-absent-
Jay R. Weise, Vice-Chairman
s/Dan C. Blankenship Commissioner