

COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS

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

November 12, 2025 – 9:00 a.m.
(Wednesday)

Call to Order

Chairman Garza called the meeting to order.

Present:

Chairman Miguel A. Garza (*virtually*)
Vice-Chairman Jay R. Weise (*virtually*)
Commissioner Dan C. Blankenship

Pledge of Allegiance

Commissioner Blankenship led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Acting Chairman

Commissioner Weise moved, Garza seconded, to *authorize Commissioner Blankenship to serve as Chairman for the November 12, 2025 commissioner meeting.* **Motion carried.**

Public Comment – None

Board Updates

Board updates were not provided.

Approval/Addition of Agenda

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

Consent Agenda

Commissioner Weise moved, Garza seconded, to *approve the consent agenda with the addition of:*

b. Approval of Vouchers

Motion carried.

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	\$ 94,692.96
001H	\$ 1,761.85
103	\$ 29,413.28
104	\$ 38,668.03
112	\$ 2,422.50
114	\$ 503.09
123	\$ 599.63
131	\$ 250.00
166	\$ 3,057.85
323A	\$ 462.76
502	\$ 40,726.95
108	\$ 587.37
115	\$ 41,901.80
401	\$ 13,196.26
501	\$ 16,693.34
590	\$ 40,516.21
TOTAL	\$325,453.88

Correspondence

Shawn Logan, Mayor, City of Othello (via email) re: E-911 and Spillman Services

Anthony Dailey, Othello Fair Association (via email) re: Proposal of New Fair Office at Adams County Fairgrounds

Adams County Noxious Weed Control Board re: March 18, 2025 Meeting Minutes

Adams County Noxious Weed Control Board re: April 15, 2025 Meeting Minutes

Adams County Noxious Weed Control Board re: May 13, 2025 Meeting Minutes

Adams County Noxious Weed Control Board re: June 10, 2025 Meeting Minutes

Adams County Noxious Weed Control Board re: September 9, 2025 Meeting Minutes

Board Discussion/Decision Items

Molina Healthcare of Washington Mutual Amendment to the Provider Services Agreement

Commissioner Blankenship moved, Weise seconded, to *authorize Acting Chairman Blankenship sign Amendment MHI v12142020.102025, to*

Provider Services Agreement, between Molina Healthcare of Washington, Inc., and Adams County for the provision of Medicaid health care services to members for a decrease of the WISE monthly case rate, from \$4,663.08 to \$4,614.54, per individual served, effective January 1, 2026. Motion carried.

2025-2027 Consolidated Contract

Commissioner Blankenship moved, Weise seconded, to *authorize Acting Chairman Blankenship sign 2025-2027 Consolidated Contract CLH32041, Amendment No. 7, between the State of Washington Department of Health and Adams County Integrated Health Care Services, for a funding increase of \$22,150, for a total contract award of \$2,969,939, for the contract period January 1, 2025, through December 31, 2027. Motion carried.*

Public Works

Engineer Yaeger and Assistant Director Reynolds provided the weekly update on maintenance, noting projects include gravel road maintenance; culvert cleaning; and, mowing as time allows. A permanent culvert repair on Cunningham Road is being prepared. Snow stakes are being installed on county roads. The old trailer that was sold via surplus was not picked up by the buyer and was dismantled and put in a garbage trailer after adequate notice was provided. Additional updates were provided on solid waste recycling operations.

The Schoonover Road project is complete. Additional updates were provided on the status of upcoming road projects.

Fiber to the Home – Phase #2 – Othello

Engineer Yaeger reported that, after reviewing the bids received on November 5, 2025, for the Fiber to the Home – Phase #2, of the Othello project, there were discrepancies to the bids. The public works department reviewed the bid tabulations with Calvin Johanson, Petrichor; and Mark Kennedy, Zero dB Communications; and were prepared to move forward with awarding the contract to the apparent low bidder, Blue Mountain Communications, Walla Walla, Washington.

An email was sent to Blue Mountain Communications on November 7, 2025, requesting review of the corrected bid and to notify the county of their intent to move forward with award. Mark Fortune of Blue Mountain emailed back, as well as speaking with Assistant Public Works Director

Reynolds, that his bid contained several other errors and he would not be able to honor the submitted bid.

Engineer Yaeger recommended rejecting all project bids, and either securing additional funding or scaling the project down to fit within the available funding, which will add to design cost. No action was taken pending additional consideration.

2026 Equipment Rental Rates

Interim Director Yaeger reviewed proposed equipment rental rates, noting calculations.

Sheriff's Evidence Building

Commissioner Blankenship moved, Weise seconded, to *authorize Acting Chairman Blankenship sign Professional Services Consultant Agreement between Budinger & Associates, Inc., Spokane, Washington, and Adams County for professional services, with a maximum amount payable of \$34,534.22, related to the Adams County Sheriff's Evidence Building project.* **Motion carried.**

Other Business – None

Meeting Cancellation

Commissioner meetings, scheduled for November 18 and 19, 2025, are cancelled. The Board will be attending the County Leadership Conference in Spokane, Washington. No county business will be discussed or any decision made on any matter. Press will be notified.

Adams County Budget 2026

Public hearings on the preliminary 2026 Adams County budget are set for Tuesday, December 9, 2025, at 1:30 p.m. in Room 202 of the Adams County Courthouse, 210 W. Broadway, Ritzville, Washington; and, Wednesday, December 10, 2025, at 10:30 a.m. in the Building and Planning conference room, 445 E. Cedar, Suite A, Othello, Washington.

City of Othello

Commissioner Blankenship moved, Garza seconded, to *authorize Chairman Garza, upon his return, sign a letter to the City of Othello, dated November 13, 2025, notifying Mayor Logan of Adams County's intent to extend the effective date of termination of the Interlocal Agreement for Dispatch Services, from December 31, 2025 to February 28, 2026, to provide for a successor agreement to be in place for continuation of dispatch services.* **Motion carried.**

Adjournment @ 11:21 a.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