

COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS

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

December 2, 2025 – 9:00 a.m.
(Tuesday)

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.

Public Comment – None

Board Updates

Commissioner Garza reported participating in the WSAC virtual meeting.

Commissioner Blankenship reported family obligations; reviewing budget items; and, researching additional funding for the Broadband project.

Commissioner Weise reported reviewing financial information from Treasurer Weise.

Approval/Addition of Agenda

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

Consent Agenda

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

Minutes

Approve Preliminary Minutes of October 21 and 22, 2025

Correspondence

North Central Educational Service District 171, Jason Williams, MBA, CSBO, SFO re: certification of tax levies for calendar year 2026 collections (Warden)

Board Discussion/Decision Items

Human Resources

Manager Campbell reviewed information on hiring freeze and reduction in force (RIF) policies.

Public Works

Interim Director Yaeger provided the weekly update on road maintenance activities, noting crews are working on re-establishing ditches, shoulder restoration, and vegetation management. Additional updates were provided on facilities and engineering projects.

2026 Annual Construction Program

Engineer Yaeger reviewed the eleven (11) proposed projects listed in the 2026 Annual Construction Program.

Fiber to the Home – Phase #2 – Othello

Options were reviewed regarding the contract award of the Fiber to the Home – Phase #2 – Othello Broadband project.

Based on the recommendation of the Public Works Department, Commissioner Blankenship moved, Weise seconded, to *award the Fiber to the Home – Phase #2 – Othello, Washington project to Blue Mountain Telecommunications Services, Inc., Walla Walla, Washington, as the lowest responsible bidder in the amount of \$4,749,057.35. Motion carried.* The bid is 86.9% of the engineer's estimate of \$5,465,001.80.

Budget – Public Works

Engineer Yaeger reviewed several public works department budgets, noting the rising cost of liability insurance has necessitated higher allocations in certain budgets.

Other Business – None

Permanent Minutes Signed

October 7 and 8, 2025

October 14 and 15, 2025

Executive Session – None

Capitol Path Consulting

John Culton cancelled his scheduled appointment.

Adjournment @ 11:41 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