

COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS

Adams County Courthouse
Ritzville, Washington
Regular Meeting

January 20, 2026 – 9:00 a.m.
(Tuesday)

Call to Order

Chairman Blankenship called the meeting to order.

Present:

Chairman Dan C. Blankenship
Vice-Chairman Miguel A. Garza
Commissioner Jay R. Weise

Pledge of Allegiance

Chairman Blankenship led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comment – None

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 as presented*. **Motion carried.**

Minutes

Approve Preliminary Minutes of January 6 and 7, 2026

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	\$192,985.86
001H	\$ 2,135.87
103A	\$ 173.56

104	\$ 4,314.84
116	\$ 36.98
130	\$ 3,652.10
131	\$ 8,163.37
502	\$ 4,190.31
108	\$ 1,916.64
115	\$116,431.07
321	\$ 1,058.74
401	\$ 66,155.24
501	\$ 4,220.43
590	\$ 2,298.59
TOTAL	\$407,733.60

Resolution No. R-003-2026

Approve Resolution No. R-003-2026 In the Matter of Transferring Funds from Current Expense Fund #001 to Courthouse O&M Fund #501

Adams County Library District #1 (Othello)

Confirm appointment of Terry Rice to a four year term

Adams County Library District #1 (Ritzville)

Confirm appointments of Nathaneil Christman; Hollie Banner; Maria Greenwalt; Morgane Plager-Roth; Amy Wellsandt

Board Updates

Commissioner Garza reported attending a P.A.I.D. meeting on Thursday in Othello; zooming in to the Aging and Adult Care meeting in Wenatchee last week; and, perusing vouchers.

Commissioner Weise had no updates to report.

Commissioner Blankenship reported reviewing vouchers. Additionally, he attended the virtual legislative update, providing highlights of upcoming legislation.

Correspondence

Evelyn Braden, Treasurer, Lind Senior Center re: Request for 2026 Adams County Funding Allocation

Wanda Staley, Treasurer, H.E. Gritman Senior Center re: Request for 2026 Adams County Funding Allocation

Chris Faix, Executive Director, Port of Othello re: Water Tower Project

Board Discussion/Decision Items

Human Resources

Manager Campbell reported activities included updating new human resource related items to the website, as well as removing outdated items. She continues to review policies for necessary updates. TASC reporting is nearing completion.

Canvassing

Miguel A. Garza will serve on the canvassing board for the February 10, 2026 Special Election for the time frame of January 22, 2026 through February 20, 2026.

Public Works

Interim Director Yaeger and Assistant Director Reynolds provided the weekly maintenance update for all three districts, noting all areas are reviewing weather forecasts to determine salt brine application. Other tasks include mowing, ditching, and culvert work.

Engineer Yaeger provided updates on the Sackman Road bridge; Gottlieb-Hille Road bridge; and the Herman Road safety projects.

Broadband Project – Phase 2 – Othello

A pre-construction meeting was held last week. The contractor will start the project January 30, 2026 with completion projected by the end of July, 2026.

Interlocal Agreement for Telecommunications Services, Amendment #1

Commissioner Garza moved, Weise seconded, to *authorize the Chairman sign Amendment #1, to Interlocal Agreement for Telecommunications Services, between Perichor Broadband, LLC, Whitman County, Washington, and Adams County, for the purpose of extending the Agreement's expiration date from December 31, 2024, to December 31, 2026..* **Motion carried unanimously.** All other terms and conditions of the Agreement remain in full force and effect.

Rodeo Lake

Engineer Yaeger reported a beaver has been spotted in the north section of Rodeo Lake. Fish and Wildlife will be contacted to relocate the beaver.

Executive Session

At 10:27 a.m. Chairman Blankenship announced the Board would recess into Executive Session for thirty (30) minutes under RCW 42.30.110(1)(g) – "...to review the performance of a public employee. No action is

anticipated. Human Resource Manager Campbell; Interim Public Works Director Yaeger; and, Assistant Director Reynolds were present.

At 10:57 a.m. the Board reconvened from Executive Session. No action was taken

Other Business – None

Permanent Minutes Signed

December 2 and 3, 2025

December 9 and 10, 2025

Executive Session

At 11:05 a.m. Chairman Blankenship announced the Board would recess into Executive Session for twenty (20) minutes under RCW 42.30.110(1)(i) – “To discuss with legal counsel representing the agency matters relating to agency enforcement actions, or to discuss with legal counsel representing the agency litigation or potential litigation...”. No action is anticipated. Prosecutor Flyckt and Human Resource Manager Campbell were present.

At 11:25 a.m. the Board reconvened from Executive Session. No action was taken.

Adjournment @ 11:25 a.m.

Submitted:

s/Patricia J. Phillips, CMC

Clerk of the Board

Edited and Approved:

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
ADAMS COUNTY, WASHINGTON
s/Dan C. Blankenship, Chairman
s/Miguel A. Garza, Vice-Chairman
s/Jay R. Weise, Commissioner

RESOLUTION NO. R-003-2026

**ORDER OF BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
ADAMS COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

**IN THE MATTER OF TRANSFERRING FUNDS FROM CURRENT EXPENSE FUND
#001 TO COURTHOUSE O&M FUND #501**

WHEREAS, funds were allocated in the 2026 Current Expense Fund #001 for the operation of Courthouse O&M Fund #501.

THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that One hundred fifty thousand and no/100 dollars (\$150,000) be transferred from Current Expense Fund #001 BARS 597.18.00.01 to Courthouse O&M Fund #501 BARS 397.18.30.00.

DATED this 20th day of January, 2026.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
ADAMS COUNTY, WASHINGTON
s/Dan C. Blankenship, Chairman
s/Miguel A. Garza, Vice-Chairman
s/Jay R. Weise, Commissioner

ATTEST:
s/Patricia J. Phillips, CMC
Clerk of the Board