

COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS

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

January 27, 2026 – 9:00 a.m.
(Tuesday)

Call to Order

Chairman Blankenship called the meeting to order.

Present:

Chairman Dan C. Blankenship
Commissioner Jay R. Weise

Absent:

Vice-Chairman Miguel A. Garza

Pledge of Allegiance

Chairman Blankenship led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comment – None

Approval/Addition of Agenda

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

Consent Agenda

Commissioner Weise moved, Blankenship seconded, to *approve the consent agenda with the following addition*:

- Approval of Vouchers.

Motion carried.

Minutes

Approve Preliminary Minutes of January 13 and 14, 2026

Payroll

Approve January 1-15, 2026 Payroll in the amount of \$560,488.48; and, Benefits in the amount of \$88,755.51 (Direct Deposit # Series 88544-88728; Benefit/Deduction # Series 1185009-1185016)

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	\$ 455,367.87
104	\$ 90,115.00
502	\$ 10,570.35
108	\$ 19,479.60
115	\$ 373,170.79
301	\$ 280.50
321	\$ 63,317.00
401	\$ 158,087.51
402	\$ 19,200.09
501	\$ 27,031.63
590	\$ 254,388.28
TOTAL	\$1,471,008.62

Adams County Library District #1 (Othello)

Confirm appointment of Janet Olson, Othello, to Adams County Library District #1 Board

Board Updates

Commissioner Blankenship reported on his trip to Olympia. Additionally, he attended the AACE collective bargaining session yesterday; and, the LSC meeting, noting a lengthy discussion was had on indigent defense.

Commissioner Weise reviewed laws pertaining to juveniles.

Correspondence

Susan Sackmann, Secretary/Treasurer, Adams County Historical Society re: Request for 2026 Adams County Funding Allocation

Roni Holm, Chairperson, Adams County Library Board, #1 re: Janet Olson appointment to fill the current vacant position

Glen R. Stockwell re: 2026 proposal to bring a new 5 million dollar yearly contract to Adams County

Port of Warden (copy of email sent to Wenjuan Zhao) re: 2025 RTIP process)

Patrick Boss re: (copy of email sent to Wenjuan Zhao) re: 2025 RTIP process

Board Discussion/Decision Items

Port of Othello

Port of Othello commissioners reported on the Port water project, noting a groundbreaking ceremony will be held the morning of February 19, 2026. The Adams County Commissioners updated the Port on county matters.

Public Works

Interim Director Yaeger and Assistant Director Reynolds provided the weekly maintenance update, noting the Othello and Lind district tasks include placing delineators; tree trimming; and, dealing with guardrail damage. The Ritzville district is working on culvert issues. When Ritzville completes the culvert tasks, they will assist the Lind district with the Deal Road shoulder project.

Engineer Yaeger reported receiving information back from WSDOT on the Gottlieb-Hille project. Distribution of funding information was received on the Schoonover Road project. Additional updates were provided on the Herman Road Safety project and the High Volume Corridor project.

Updates were provided on the evidence building project and the jail improvement project.

Danekas Road Overlay #4 Project (CRP-206)

Commissioner Weise moved, Blankenship seconded, to *approve Resolution No. R-006-2026 In the Matter of Establishing Danekas Road Overlay #4 Project (CRP-206) for an estimated total project cost of \$1,975,000. Motion carried unanimously.*

Crack Seal Material – Pavement Preservation

The public works department has been using a Crafcro product for crack seal materials for the past several years and it is the best product for use in concert with the county's BST pavement. The department is working with the local Crafcro supplier (Arrow Construction Supply) to deliver the amount of material to complete the planned work. Crafcro is a successful bidder under contract number #050625 CFC through the SourceWell process.

Engineer Yaeger requested and received **consensus authorization to move forward with the delivery of crack seal material, as quoted from Arrow Construction Supply, for the completion of the planned pavement preservation program in 2026, through the SourceWell process.**

Resolution No. R-004-2026

Commissioner Weise moved, Blankenship seconded, to *approve*
Resolution No. R-004-2026 In the Matter of Notice to Contractors / Liquid Asphalt Suppliers. Motion carried unanimously. Bid opening is set for Tuesday, February 17, 2026, at 1:30 p.m., in Room 202, of the Adams Courthouse, Ritzville, Washington.

Resolution No. R-005-2026

Commissioner Weise moved, Blankenship seconded, to *approve*
Resolution No. R-005-2026 In the Matter of Notice to Contractors / Bulk Asphalt Suppliers. Motion carried unanimously. Bid opening is set for Tuesday, February 17, 2026, at 1:30 p.m., or as soon thereafter as possible, in Room 202, of the Adams Courthouse, Ritzville, Washington.

Public Works Equipment

Engineer Yaeger reviewed the current leases on John Deere graders. Six (6) John Deere grader leases expire this year. The first three (3) leases expire in June, with the additional three (3) leases expiring in October and December, 2026. John Deere provided the public works department with new lease terms for John Deere graders with a buy back for the current graders.

Commissioner Weise moved, Blankenship seconded, to *authorize the public works department to move forward with the lease of three (3) John Deere 2026, Model 770P, motor graders from Pape Machinery, Inc, for a term of eighty-four (84) months and 5,000 hours through the SourceWell #032515-JDC agreement. Motion carried unanimously. These units are planned for delivery in June 2026.*

Closed Session

At 10:45 a.m. Chairman Blankenship announced the Board would recess into Closed Session for sixty (60) minutes under RCW 42.30.140(4)(b) – “that portion of a meeting during which the governing body is planning or adopting the strategy or position to be taken by the governing body during the course of any collective bargaining, professional negotiations, or grievance or mediation proceedings, or reviewing the proposals made in the negotiations or proceedings while in progress.” Prosecutor Flyckt; Engineer Yaeger; Assistant Public Works Director Reynolds; and, Human Resource Manager Campbell were present.

At 11:45 a.m. the Board reconvened from Closed Session.

Closed Session

At 11:45 a.m. Chairman Blankenship announced the Board would recess back into Closed Session for forty (40) minutes under RCW 42.30.140(4)(b) – “that portion of a meeting during which the governing body is planning or adopting the strategy or position to be taken by the governing body during the course of any collective bargaining, professional negotiations, or grievance or mediation proceedings, or reviewing the proposals made in the negotiations or proceedings while in progress.” Prosecutor Flyckt; Engineer Yaeger; Assistant Public Works Director Reynolds; and, Human Resource Manager Campbell were present.

At 12:25 a.m. the Board reconvened from Closed Session.

Other Business – None**Permanent Minutes Signed**

December 15, 2026
December 16 and 17, 2026
December 23, 2026

Executive Session – None**Adjournment @ 12:56 p.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
-absent-
Miguel A. Garza, Vice-Chairman
s/Jay R. Weise, Commissioner

RESOLUTION NO. R-004-2026

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS / LIQUID ASPHALT SUPPLIERS

**County of Adams
Department of Public Works
Ritzville, Washington**

Adams County is soliciting bids from qualified firms with expertise in supplying Liquid Asphalt.

Sealed bids will be received by Adams County at the office of the Board of County Commissioners located in the courthouse at 210 W. Broadway, Ritzville, Washington 99169, **until 1:30 p.m., Tuesday, February 17, 2026** and will be opened and publicly read on **February 17, 2026** at 1:30 p.m. for the following:

**Liquid Asphalt Products 2026
For the purpose of supplying Liquid Asphalt for the Adams County, 2026 County
Wide Sealcoat / Chip seal program.**

The Board of Adams County Commissioners reserves the right to reject any or all bids, to waive informalities or irregularities in the bids or in the bidding, if the best interest of Adams County will be served, or to accept the bid, which in their opinion best serves the interest of Adams County.

Specifications, and proposals may be obtained from the office of the Department of Public Works, 210 W. Alder, Ritzville, Washington, 99169; phone (509) 659-3276.

The 2026 CAPP MAP for delivery locations can be found at:
http://www.co.adams.wa.us/departments/public_works/maintenance.php

Informational copies of maps, plans and specifications are on file for inspection in the office of the Adams County Engineer in Ritzville, Washington.

Adams County, in accordance with the provisions of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (78 Stat. 252, 42 U.S.C. 2000d to 2000d-4) and the Regulations, hereby notifies all bidders that it will affirmatively ensure that in any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, disadvantaged business enterprises will be afforded full and fair opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, or national origin in consideration for an award."

DATED this 27th day of January, 2026.

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

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

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**Bulk Asphalt Products 2026
For the purpose of supplying Bulk Asphalt for the Adams County, 2026 County
Wide Pre-level/Patching program.**

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Clerk of the Board

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ADAMS COUNTY,
WASHINGTON

In the matter of (Danekas Road Overlay #4 Project)...**Resolution R-006-2026**

County Road Project
No. 206

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS that it is their intention to reconstruct and make improvements to the Danekas Rd #85771 from MP 0.00 to MP 4.20. Work to include pavement repair, Asphalt surfacing and improvements as needed.

Length of project: **4.20 miles** Width of roadbed: **32 feet** Surface: **30 feet**
Type and depth of surfacing: **HMA Surfacing**
Estimated date of beginning: **June 2026**
Estimated date of completion: **December 2031**

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the foregoing proper road there is hereby appropriated the sums in the following detail.

	County Road Fund
Preliminary Engineering	\$ 80,000.00
Right-of-way	\$
<u>Items of Work</u>	
County Force	\$
Contract	\$ 1,820,000.00
Construction Engineering	\$ 75,000.00
TOTAL	\$ 1,975,000.00

The county road purpose herein described is HEREBY DECLARED to be a public necessity and the County Road Engineer is HEREBY ORDERED AND AUTHORIZED to report and proceed thereon as by law provided.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this purpose by Contract in accordance with Standard Road and Bridge Specifications of the State of Washington as adopted by this Board.

Adopted this 27th day of January, 2026

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

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