

COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS

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

February 4, 2026 – 9:00 a.m.
(Wednesday)

The GoToMeeting system malfunctioned; audio and video were not available.

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.

Approval/Addition of Agenda

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

Board Workshop

Central Services

Director Igbinoba reported on the following departmental activities:

- Duo-Multi-Factor Authentication (MFA) – 100% deployment.
- Zero Trust Program Advancement.
- Jury Cloud-Based System Implementation – working closely with the county clerk's office and Tyler Technologies to implement a new cloud-based jury management system.
- T2 Database System – Server OS Build: Igbinoba met with the Board, county assessor, and county treasurer to begin planning a dedicated, secure server operating system environment for the T2 database system.

Emergency Management

- Director Duffey reported the following departmental updates:
- Working on Emergency Management website on the county website.
- Scope of work for EFSEC grant.
- Review of 2025 REP Plan.
- Waiting for information on EMPG and SHSP – funds still on pause.

Geographic Information Systems

Director Stolsig was not able to appear virtually. A written report on departmental activities was provided beforehand.

Building and Planning

Director Lorenz reported the following departmental updates:

- Planning Commission: a battery energy storage system public hearing is scheduled for March 5, 2026. Developing proposed code language for gun clubs and shooting ranges.
- Hearing Examiner: accessory special event center CUP hearing scheduled for February 17, 2026.
- Building Permits: five (5) residential permits issued for the month of January with \$19,215.97 in fees collected.
- Building and Planning Combined Items: currently working with Cloudpermit on the implementation of a licensing module for operation permits (i.e. accessory special event centers and Airbnb).
- Fire Marshal: one (1) fire in January – car fire on Bench Road started after recent repair work.
- Code Enforcement: no new activity in January, the department is continuing to work the active case load.

Adams County Code Updates

Director Lorenz reviewed proposed amendments to Adams County Code (ACC) Titles 14 and 15. A public hearing is scheduled for March 10, 2026, at 1:30 p.m., in Room 202 of the Adams County Courthouse, Ritzville, Washington.

Employee Work Hours Policy

Director Lorenz reviewed an alternate work schedule for the building and planning department. No action was taken pending additional consideration.

Jail

Sheriff Wagner requested and received **consensus authorization to purchase a replacement dryer for the jail facility in Ritzville at a cost of approximately \$2,000.** The current appliance is not repairable.

Adjournment @ 11:15 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

-absent-

Miguel A. Garza, Vice-Chairman

s/Jay R. Weise, Commissioner