

COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS

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

February 10, 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 (*virtually*)
Commissioner Jay R. Weise

Pledge of Allegiance

Chairman Blankenship led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comment – None

Approval/Addition of Agenda

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

Consent Agenda

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

- Approval of Vouchers.

Motion carried.

Minutes

Approve January 27 and 28, 2026 Preliminary Minutes

Payroll

Approve January 16-31, 2026 Payroll in the amount of \$573,597.49; and, Benefits in the amount of \$292,672.30 (Direct Deposit # Series 88729-88913; Benefit/Deduction # Series 1185017-1185026)

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	\$ 84,804.27
001H	\$ 1,865.78
103	\$ 373.38
103A	\$ 181.79
104	\$102,924.38
106	\$ 263.10
112	\$ 3,789.26
123	\$ 18,693.41
130	\$ 61.53
131	\$ 4,971.15
166	\$ 2,094.57
323A	\$ 337.75
502	\$ 301.60
108	\$ 439.93
115	\$ 17,732.29
321	\$ 2,140.00
401	\$ 7,097.21
501	\$ 3,069.30
590	\$ 13,865.19
TOTAL	\$265,005.89

Resolution No. R-007-2026**Emergency Management**

Approve Resolution No. R-007-2026 In the Matter of Transferring Funds from Current Expense Fund #001 to Emergency Services Fund #106

Board Updates

Commissioner Garza reported reading emails; perusing vouchers; and, reviewing legislative matters.

Commissioner Weise reported working on budgeting.

Commissioner Blankenship reported spending a day in Olympia last week, reviewing several legislative bills being proposed.

Correspondence

Lynette Caruthers, Secretary, Othello Senior Center re: Request for 2026 Adams County Funding Allocation

Mayor Scott Yaeger, City of Ritzville re: Second Request to Negotiate Section 4.2C of the Interlocal Agreement Pursuant to RCW 39.34.180

Other Business – None

Cancellation of Personal Property Taxes

Treasurer Meise filed, pursuant to RCW 84.56.240, a list of personal property taxes which are uncollectible by distress or otherwise.

Commissioner Weise moved, Garza seconded, to *approve **Resolution No. R-008-2026 In the Matter of Cancelling Taxes Assessed Upon Personal Property Pursuant to RCW 84.56.240.*** Motion carried unanimously.

Refunds per RCW 84.69.020

Treasurer Meise, pursuant to RCW 84.69.020, placed on file a report to the county legislative authority a list of all refunds made under this section.

Board Discussion/Decision Items

Public Works

Interim Director Yaeger provided the weekly update, noting maintenance activities in all three districts. Additional updates were provided on solid waste; engineering; and, facilities.

Property/Evidence Processing Facility

Commissioner Garza moved, Weise seconded, to *authorize the Chairman sign Washington State Capital Budget Local Community Programs Working Papers, Grantee Certification, Contract No. 22-96634-001, in the amount of \$882,000. between Washington State Department of Commerce and Adams County for the Adams County Sheriff's Evidence Processing Facility project.* **Motion carried unanimously.**

Farm Lease

Commissioner Weise moved, Garza seconded, to *approve **Resolution No. R-009-2026 In the Matter of Notice to Interested Persons for Solicitation of Bids of a Four (4) Crop Year Farm Lease.*** **Motion carried unanimously.** Bid opening is set for Tuesday, March 24, 2026, at 1:30 p.m. in Room 202 of the Adams County Courthouse, Ritzville.

Public Works Staffing

Interim Director Yaeger reported an employee in the Othello maintenance department will be leaving county employment, noting there will now be a vacancy in that department. Yaeger further noted there are vacancies in all three districts. Yeager requested and received **consensus authorization to advertise for the position of Maintenance Worker 1 in each district for a total of three (3) positions.**

Temporary Summer Help

Interim Director Yaeger requested and received **consensus authorization to begin the process of advertising for temporary summer help.**

Permanent Minutes Signed

January 20 and 21, 2026

Executive Session – None

Recess @ 11:20 a.m.

Reconvene @ 1:01 p.m.

Transportation Haul of Solid Waste Refuse

It being the date and time set for the bid opening of Transportation Haul of Solid Waste Refuse, bids were opened from:

	<u>Bruce to Adams Co. Regional Landfill</u>	<u>Ritzville to Adams Co. Regional Landfill</u>	<u>Ritzville to Bruce</u>
Scott Transport, LLC 415 S. 15 th Avenue Othello, WA 99344	\$295.00	\$240.00	\$295.00
Sam Villarreal Trucking, Inc. 2112 Eddies Lane Othello, WA 99344	\$425.00	\$425.00	\$425.00
Hauling Fox, LLC 1232 W. Yeisley Road Othello, WA 99344	\$380.00	\$310.00	\$380.00
C-line Trucking, LLC 885 S. Broadway Avenue Othello, WA 99344	\$450.00	\$375.00	\$450.00

Transportation Haul of Solid Waste Refuse

Based on the recommendation of the public works department, Commissioner Blankenship moved, Weise seconded, to *enter into contract with Scott Transport LLC, Othello, Washington, as the lowest, responsible bidder, for the transport of solid waste refuse from Adams County transfer stations to Adams County Regional Landfill / Waste Management site, located in Washtucna, Washington, in accordance with the prices shown on the bid tabulation.* **Motion carried unanimously.**

Adjournment @ 2:04 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
s/Miguel A. Garza, Vice-Chairman
s/Jay R. Weise, Commissioner

RESOLUTION NO. R-007-2026

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

**IN THE MATTER OF TRANSFERRING FUNDS FROM CURRENT EXPENSE FUND
#001 TO EMERGENCY SERVICES FUND #106**

WHEREAS, funds were allocated in the 2026 Current Expense Fund #001 for support of Emergency Services Fund #106.

THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that Ninety thousand and no/100's dollars (\$90,000) be transferred from Current Expense Fund #001/099 BARS 597.25.00.01 to Emergency Services Fund #106 BARS 397.25.60.00.

DATED this 10th day of February, 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

RESOLUTION NO. R-008-2026

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

**IN THE MATTER OF CANCELLING TAXES ASSESSED UPON PERSONAL
PROPERTY PURSUANT TO RCW 84.56.240**

WHEREAS, RCW 84.56.240 directs the County Treasurer to seek cancellation of Personal Property taxes that are uncollectable; and,

WHEREAS, after diligent search and inquiry if the County Treasurer is unable to collect the personal taxes, for want of goods or chattels whereupon to levy, the County Treasurer is directed to file with the County legislative authority a list of said taxes and an Affidavit stating the inability to collect them, asking the County legislative authority to cancel said taxes from the County tax rolls as uncollectable; and,

WHEREAS, taxes were duly assessed upon the Personal Property shown on the schedule of property appended hereto as **Exhibit B**, which Personal Property taxes are more than four years delinquent, and which assessments were duly extended on the tax rolls of Adams County; and,

WHEREAS, attesting to the same and recommending cancellation, in addition to the list hereto as **Exhibit B**, also attached is the Affidavit of the County Treasurer, **Exhibit A**, attesting that the Treasurer has made diligent search to collect said taxes.

THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the taxes assessed upon the personal property listed on **Exhibit B**, attached hereto, attested by the County Treasurer in **Exhibit A** as uncollectable, are hereby determined to be uncollectable, and such taxes are hereby cancelled from the tax rolls of Adams County pursuant to RCW 84.56.240.

DATED this 10th day of February, 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

RESOLUTION NO. R-009-2026

NOTICE TO INTERESTED PERSONS Adams County Department of Public Works Ritzville, Washington

Adams County is soliciting bids from interested persons to fulfill the terms of a **FARM LEASE**. Bidders shall complete and submit bid documents by 1:30 p.m., Tuesday, March 24, 2026 in a sealed envelope to:

Adams County Board of Commissioners
Room 202, Adams County Courthouse
210 West Broadway
Ritzville, WA 99169

with the bidder's name, address and wording of "**2026/2030 FARM LEASE**" plainly written on the outside of the envelope.

The lease would consist of up to four (4) crop years commencing on the date of execution the execution of Lease Agreement and terminate on November 30, 2030 for the following described real estate situated in the County of Adams, State of Washington.

Tract A, F.U. 45 BLK 140, situated in Adams County, Washington, more particularly described as follows:

Start (POB): N: 536727.600 E: 1977564.968

Beginning at the NW corner, Section 14, Township 15 N., Range 29 E.W.M. of said Tract A; thence South along the West line of said Section, for a distance of 30.00 feet; thence east and parallel to the North line, of said Section for a distance of 30.00 feet; To the True Point of Beginning; thence East and parallel to the North line of said Section for a distance of 1483.05 feet; thence South and parallel to the West line, of said Section for a distance of 846.57 feet; thence an angle of 64 degrees to the right, South Westerly along a line, for a distance of 390.84 feet; thence an angle 27 degrees to the right, a distance of 1131.81 feet; along a line running west and parallel to, the North line of said Section; thence North and parallel to the West line, of said Section a distance of 1023.09 feet; to the True Point of Beginning; Containing an area 34 acres more or less.

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.

Bid proposal with sample lease documents outlining specifications, may be obtained from the office of the Department of Public Works, 210 W. Alder, Ritzville, Washington, 99169; phone (509) 659-3276.

“The recipient, in accordance with 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 10th day of February 2026.

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