

COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS

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

February 18, 2026 – 9:01 a.m.
(Wednesday)

Call to Order

Chairman Blankenship called the meeting to order.

Present:

Chairman Dan C. Blankenship
Vice-Chairman Migual A. Garza (*virtually*)
Commissioner Jay R. Weise

Pledge of Allegiance

Chairman Blankenship led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval/Addition of Agenda

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

Board Workshop

City of Othello Dispatch Agreement

Sheriff Wagner provided background on services provided to the City of Othello for dispatch, noting a certified public accountant provided figures to be used for allocation purposes to entities using county dispatch services. Mayor Johnson, City of Othello, noted shock at the price billed the city for services, along with Othello Police Chief Aaron Garza, expressing an eagerness to work through the process.

Commissioner Weise provided a financial recap of state monies to the county from FY2017 to present. Revenues and expenditures for E911 Fund #103 were reviewed.

All parties concurred with extending the effective date of termination from February 28, 2026 for an additional ninety (90) days. No other issues were noted.

County personnel present were Administrative Assistant Gomez, Undersheriff Coronado, Sheriff Wagner, Adams County Sheriff's Office.

City of Othello personnel present were Mayor Johnson, Police Chief Garza, Sergeant McFarlane, and Finance Director Williams. Prosecutor Flyckt arrived at 9:27 a.m.

Closed Session

At 10:50 a.m. Chairman Blankenship announced the Board would recess into Closed Session for twenty (20) 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 and Human Resource Manager Campbell were present.

At 11:10 a.m. the Board reconvened from Closed Session.

Agreement for Use of Jail Facilities

Commissioner Weise moved, Garza seconded, to *authorize the Chairman sign Interlocal Agreement for Jail Booking Services between Adams County and Lincoln County for inmate confinement at Lincoln County’s jail, housing inmates at a daily rate of \$130.00 for the period February 18, 2026 through December 31, 2028.* **Motion carried unanimously.**

Adjournment @ 11:24 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