

COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS

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

February 25, 2026 – 9:00 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 Weise moved, Garza seconded, to *approve the agenda as presented*. **Motion carried.**

Board Workshop

City of Ritzville Dispatch Services

Mayor Yaeger, City of Ritzville, reviewed the proposed current costs for dispatch services from Adams County, noting costs for the service have increased substantially in 2026.

Commissioner Weise reviewed revenues and expenditures for Fund #103, noting a potential decrease in Ritzville's dispatch service cost allocations.

Commissioner noted a desire to have final numbers for dispatch costs available by the end of March, 2026.

County personnel present were Undersheriff Coronado and Sheriff Wagner, Adams County Sheriff's Office; and Prosecutor Flyckt. City of Ritzville personnel present were Mayor Yaeger and, Police Chief Suniga.

Integrated Health Care Services Staffing

Integrated Health Care Services Director Guse requested salary designations for several positions in the IHCS department.

Commissioner Weise moved, Garza seconded, to *authorize a salary designation of Range EE6, Step 4, on the Adams County Exempt Salary Schedule, effective March 2, 2026, for Philip Lohman, Mental Health Professional/Designated Crisis Responder, based on education and work history.* **Motion carried unanimously.**

Commissioner Weise moved, Garza seconded, to *authorize a salary designation of Range 13, Step 4, on the Adams County Non-Represented – 8 Hour Salary Schedule, effective March 9, 2026, for Araceli Flores, WISE Care Coordinator, based on prior status, education and work history.* **Motion carried unanimously.**

Commissioner Blankenship moved, Garza seconded, to *authorize a salary designation of Range 3, Step 5, on the Adams County Management Salary Schedule, retroactively effective November 16, 2025, for Yolanda Reyes, Mental Health Clinical Director, based on prior employee status, education and work history.* **Motion carried unanimously.**

Correspondence Sent

The Honorable Patty Murray, United States Senator re: thank you for the support and assistance that Adams County has received for the completion of bridge replacement efforts in furtherance of the Odessa Groundwater Replacement Project

Washington Counties Risk Pool re: letter of support of Senate Bill 6239

Adjournment @ 10:40 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