

COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS

Adams County Courthouse
Ritzville, Washington
Regular Meeting

February 17, 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 Weise moved, Garza seconded, to *approve the consent agenda as presented*. **Motion carried.**

Minutes

Approve February 3 and 4, 2026 Preliminary Minutes

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	\$ 45,788.31

104	\$ 14,204.16
111	\$ 12,500.00
114	\$ 145.04
122	\$ 36.00
123	\$ 272.34
323A	\$ 2,374.92
502	\$ 17,156.83
108	\$ 1,803.59
115	\$150,381.13
301	\$ 552.08
321	\$ 14,282.85
401	\$ 33,897.25
402	\$ 1,788.00
501	\$ 17,669.53
590	\$ 52,833.58
TOTAL	\$365,685.61

Board Updates

Commissioner Garza reported perusing vouchers.

Commissioner Blankenship reported attending a virtual legislative steering committee meeting, providing updates on that session.

Commissioner Weise reported reviewing Fund #103.

Correspondence

Michael Rio, Rio Foltz, PLLC re: District Court Contract (copy of email received from Prosecutor Flyckt)

Board Discussion/Decision Items

Human Resources

Manager Campbell reviewed the public works director position advertisement. Updates were provided on OSHA reporting and TASC paperwork for ACA.

Tyler Technologies

The City of Othello has expressed interest in participating in the county's jury management program. Tyler Technologies, the provider of the program, has said that it would be an easy transition.

Clerk Sloan attended the session, noting the City of Othello would be using the software, the county clerk would not be providing a service to Othello.

No action was taken pending additional consideration. Commissioner Blankenship noted that whatever is charged an outside entity to join the county's services, a sufficient amount will be billed to re-orient the program.

Public Works

Engineer Yaeger reported on maintenance in all three districts. Crews are burning vegetation that has accumulated the last couple of weeks. The solid waste department continues baling cardboard and processing other recyclables.

The engineering department continues to work with Washington State Department of Transportation to ready projects for advertisement. After the Watson Road culvert project is complete, crews are expected to begin the Harder Road drainage structure replacement project.

Transportation Haul of Solid Waste Refuse

Based on the recommendation of the public works department, Commissioner Weise moved, Garza seconded, to *authorize the Chairman sign Contract for Solid Waste Contracted Haul between Scott Transport, LLC, Othello, Washington, and Adams County from the Adams County transfer stations to Adams County regional landfill at the bid price submitted February 10, 2026, for the period March 2, 2026 through March 31, 2027.* **Motion carried unanimously.**

Solid Waste Advisory Committee

Applications were received for positions on the Solid Waste Advisory Committee. Prosecutor Flyckt will review the procedures for Solid Waste Advisory Committee appointments prior to the Board taking action.

Other Business

Fund #103 Transfer

Commissioner Weise reviewed E911 Fund #103, noting the fund is short on cash. Commissioner Weise has reviewed the language for allowable expenditures from Emergency Communications Systems and Facilities Sales and Use Tax Fund #103A. The Board concurred with the recommendation of Commissioner Weise to transfer funds from Fund

#103A to Fund #103; directing the clerk to prepare a resolution for said transfer.

Prosecution Services

Prosecutor Flyckt reviewed a proposed Agreement for Prosecution Services between Adams County and Rio Foltz, PLLC, to provide legal prosecution services for Adams County. Prosecutor Flyckt, due to a severe shortage of attorneys in his office, recommended his office contract with said firm. The Board **concurred with Prosecutor Flyckt's analysis, authorizing his office to contract with Rio Foltz, PLLC, for prosecution services for Adams County, at a flat fee rate of \$12,000 per month, for the period March 1, 2026 through February 28, 2026.**

Permanent Minutes Signed

January 27 and 28, 2026

Executive Session

At 11:30 a.m. Chairman Garza announced the Board would recess into Executive Session for thirty (30) minutes under RCW 42.30.110(1)(g) – “To evaluate the qualifications of an applicant for public employment or to review the performance of a public employee...”. Prosecutor Flyckt was present. No action was anticipated.

At 12:00 p.m. the Board reconvened from Executive Session. No action taken.

Recess @ 12:00 p.m.

Reconvene @ 1:00 p.m.

Bid Opening – Liquid Asphalt Products

Bids were opened from:

	<u>HFE 150</u>
Ergon Asphalt & Emulsions	\$615.60/ton
3152 Selph Landing Road	\$25/ton freight
Pasco, WA 99301	Demurrage Charge \$140.00/2 hr.
Idaho Asphalt Supply, Inc.	\$589.69/ton
16425 W. Prairie Avenue	\$43.28/ton freight
Hauser, ID 83854	Demurrage Charge \$150.00/2hr

Bid opening closed at 1:33 p.m.

Bid Opening – Bulk Asphalt Products

Bids were opened from:

	Hot Mix 3/8 inch	Hot Mix 1/2 inch	Cold Mix
Inland Asphalt Company 955 Lacy Road Richland, WA 99352	\$72/ton	\$70/ton	\$125/ton
Shamrock Paving Inc. #2 P. O. Box 19263 Spokane, WA 99219	\$75/ton	\$72/ton	\$135/ton
Shamrock Paving Inc. #1 P. O. Box 19263 Spokane, WA 99219	\$84/ton	\$81/ton	\$135/ton
Central Washington Asphalt P. O. Box 939 Moses Lake, WA 98837	\$79/ton	\$75/ton	\$150/ton

Bid opening closed at 1:39 p.m.

Resolution No. R-010-2026

Commissioner Weise moved, Garza seconded, to approve ***Resolution No. R-010-2026 In the Matter of Transferring Funds from Emergency Communications Systems and Facilities Sales and Use Tax Fund #103A to E911 Fund #103 in the amount of \$98,842.*** Motion carried unanimously.

Closed Session

At 2:15 p.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 and Human Resource Manager Campbell were present.

At 3:08 p.m. the Board reconvened from Closed Session.

Adjournment @ 3:09 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-010-2026

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

**IN THE MATTER OF TRANSFERRING FUNDS FROM EMERGENCY
COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEMS AND FACILITIES SALES AND USE TAX FUND #103A
TO E-911 FUND #103**

WHEREAS, Adams County Resolution No. 0-3-09, adopted January 20, 2009, provided for a local sales and use tax in the amount of one tenth of one percent for the purpose of improvements to emergency communications systems and facilities; and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to Adams County Code Chapter 3.44.020. "All funds collected shall be maintained separately from all other funds, and shall be used solely for the purpose of costs associated with financing, design, acquisition, construction, equipping, operating, maintaining, remodeling, repairing, re-equipping, and improvement of emergency communications equipment and facilities", and,

WHEREAS, E-911 Fund #103 is unable to meet budgetary demands; and,

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners approved a transfer of \$98,842. from Emergency Communication Systems and Facilities Sales and Use Tax Fund #103A to E-911 Fund #103 to meet budgetary demands.

THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that ninety-eight thousand eight hundred forty-two and no/100 dollars (\$98,842) be transferred from Emergency Communications Systems and Facilities Sales and Use Tax Fund 103A BARS 597.28.00.00 to E-911 Fund #103 BARS 397.28.00.00.

DATED this 17th 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