

COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS

Adams County Courthouse Ritzville, Washington Regular Meeting

March 3, 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
Commissioner Jay R. Weise

Pledge of Allegiance

Chairman Blankenship led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comment – None

Approval/Addition of Agenda

Commissioner Garza moved, Weise 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 17 and 18, 2026 Preliminary Minutes

Payroll

Approve February 1-15, 2026 Payroll in the amount of \$540,941.61; and, Benefits in the amount of \$85,743.68 (Direct Deposit # Series 88914-89095; Benefit/Deduction # Series 1185027-1185035)

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	\$ 74,031.83
103	\$ 31,956.31
103A	\$ 1,270.13
112	\$ 22,575.77
116	\$ 250.00
108	\$ 1,779.72
115	\$ 18,698.48
401	\$ 3,668.51
501	\$ 1,578.96
590	\$ 39,994.87
Total	\$195,804.58

Resolution No. R-011-2026

Approve Resolution No. R-011-2026 In the Matter of Transferring Funds from Current Expense Fund #001 to Courthouse O&M Fund #501

Board Updates

Commissioner Blankenship reported on legislative matters, noting the expansion of the paint care program; sheltering of the homeless population; comprehensive plan updates; and, on-site sewage systems certification as items discussed.

Commissioner Weise reported working on budgeting matters as well as employee matters.

Correspondence – None

Board Discussion/Decision Items

Human Resources

Manager Campbell reported on the proposed building and planning department work schedule requested by Director Lorenz. No action was taken pending additional consideration.

Public Works

Interim Director Yaeger and Assistant Director Reynolds reported the following:

Maintenance – the Herman Road culvert extension project was

completed yesterday; Othello is pulling roadside shoulders; readying for sterilant; spot blading and brooming. Lind is completing a culvert extension and Ritzville has finished the Watson Road culvert project.

Solid Waste – recycling of cardboard is continuing; reported issues of lightbulb removal.

Engineering – guardrail damage was reported on Rosenoff Road. The High-Volume Corridor project and the Herman Road Safety project will both be going to bid soon.

Facilities – Yaeger reported meeting with DOH Architects earlier in the day regarding the jail project.

Broadband – Assistant Director Reynolds provided an update on Broadband project activity in Othello.

Gottlieb-Hille Bridge #197-1 (CRP-202)

Commissioner Weise moved, Garza seconded, to *authorize the Chairman to sign Local Agency Agreement, Supplement No. 1, between Washington State Department of Transportation and Adams County; and, Local Agency Federal Aid Project Prospectus, between Washington State Department of Transportation and Adams County, to authorize construction funding and construction engineering funding for the Gottlieb-Hille Bridge #197-1 Project, CRP-202.* **Motion carried unanimously.**

Other Business – None

Closed Session

At 11:00 a.m. Chairman Blankenship announced the Board would recess into Closed Session for thirty (30) 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 Katelin Davidson were present.

At 11:30 a.m. the Board reconvened from Closed Session.

Permanent Minutes Signed

February 10 and 11, 2026

Executive Session

At 11:30 a.m. Chairman Blankenship announced the Board would recess into Executive Session for thirty (30) minutes under RCW 42.30.110(1)(i) – “To discuss with legal counsel representing the agency matters relating to

agency enforcement actions, or to discuss with legal counsel representing the agency litigation or potential litigation...". No action is anticipated. Prosecutor Flyckt was present.

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

Trap Shoot Event – Othello

An Othello group is planning an evening youth trap shoot extravaganza near Edson Tracts. The planned event is expected to be very loud. The current noise control ordinance does not address variance options for one-time events. The Board concurred that the group providing public outreach, prior to the event, may be the best option.

Adjournment @ 12:15 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-011-2026

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

**IN THE MATTER OF TRANSFERRING FUNDS FROM CURRENT EXPENSE FUND
#001 TO COURTHOUSE O&M FUND #501**

WHEREAS, funds were allocated in the 2026 Current Expense Fund #001 for the operation of Courthouse O&M Fund #501.

THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that One hundred fifty thousand and no/100 dollars (\$150,000) be transferred from Current Expense Fund #001 BARS 597.18.00.01 to Courthouse O&M Fund #501 BARS 397.18.30.00.

DATED this 3rd day of March, 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