

COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS

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

March 4, 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
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 – Department Updates

Emergency Management

Director Duffey provided updates on the following:

- EFSEC grant for 2027.
- Tier II reports – 85% received.
- The department received a request from a citizen wanting to be considered as a volunteer ham operator.
- Waiting for EMPG and SHSP grants.
- Training events in April, 2026 were reviewed.

Cybersecurity Grant Program Agreement No. E26-153

Commissioner Garza moved, Weise seconded, to *authorize the Chairman to sign Agreement No. E26-153 in the amount of \$38,117 between Adams County, Washington and Washington State Military Department and the U.S. Department of Homeland Security for the period December 13, 2024 through December 31, 2026; and additional documents – Debarment*

Form (Chairman); and Signature Authorization Form (full Board). Motion carried unanimously.

Building and Planning

Director Lorenz provided updates on the following:

- Planning Commission Items
 - Battery energy storage systems public hearing scheduled for April 9, 2026.
 - Amendment to Chapter 17.69 Gun Clubs and Shooting Ranges public hearing scheduled for April 9, 2026.
- Building Permits
 - Ten new building permit applications for the month of February with a total value of \$4,714,508.28 and total fees of \$42,832.95.
- Fire Marshal
 - A house fire occurred on February 24, 2026 at 1110 Rand Road.
- Code Enforcement
 - No new activity in February, continuing to work the active case load.
- Five Year Homeless Housing Plan
 - Reviewing next steps.

Central Services

Director Igbinoba provided updates on the following:

- The department is actively collaborating with the Ritzville Police Department team to deploy a Dell file service and a Cisco 9300 switch to support their new fiber-optic internet connection.
- Jury Cloud-Based System Implementation
 - The department is partnering with County Clerk Sloan and Tyler Technologies to implement a new cloud-based management system.
- T2 Database System – Server OS Build
 - The department is in the process of gathering information from Aumentum Tech (T2) to build and stage the server. The new server will offer a reliable, high-performance platform tailored to the needs of property tax and tax data operations.

Geographic Information Systems

Director Stolsig provided updates on the following:

- Primary Projects

- Splitting parcels for short plats that have been recorded.
- Working on several parcels in Section 28, T15N R36E (Washtucna) for the Assessor's office.
- The Hatton area has several short plats along with new roads.
- There has not been any movement on the Benge area addressing challenges.
- Working on the SSAP (Structure Points) that are flagged as having errors.

County Inventory

Commissioner Blankenship moved, Garza seconded, to *certify, pursuant to RCW 36.32.210, the Adams County Fixed Asset and Departmental Inventory, as presented, for the year ending December 31, 2025; and, to direct the clerk to continue the process of collecting inventories.* **Motion carried unanimously.**

Treasurer Software

Treasurer Meise reviewed a Software and Services Agreement with BTH Holding Group DBA Infrastructure, Bremerton, Washington. The Board requested the agreement be reviewed by legal. Prosecutor Flyckt reviewed the document, requesting one minor change. Treasurer Meise will make the change and send the agreement back to the vendor. The Board provided **consensus authorization for Treasurer Meise to move forward with the purchase of program software from BTH Holding Group DBA Infrastructure, to be expended out of LATCF funds.**

Adjournment @ 11:07 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