

COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS

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

March 10, 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 24 and 25, 2026 Preliminary Minutes

Payroll

Approve February 16-28, 2026 Payroll in the amount of \$550,419.59; and, Benefits in the amount of \$288,132.08 (Direct Deposit # Series 89096-89278; Benefit/Deduction # Series 1185036-1185045)

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	\$ 58,412.44
103	\$ 2,278.91
106	\$ 683.10
112	\$ 4,060.99
122	\$ 36.00
130	\$ 30.52
131	\$ 361.04
166	\$ 1,735.00
502	\$ 17,316.20
108	\$ 533.81
115	\$ 31,168.84
401	\$ 6,457.31
402	\$ 2,138.00
501	\$ 6,395.91
590	\$ 7,392.38
TOTAL	\$139,000.45

Inventory Disposal

County Clerk

Approve request to dispose of Inventory Item #12160 (MS 6000 MK II Printer/Reader) that is no longer working or of any value

Board Updates

Commissioner Garza reported studying legislative matters and perusing vouchers.

Commissioner Blankenship reported traveling to Olympia last week for the legislative steering committee meeting, noting the round table speaker at the event on Wednesday was the new director of the State Broadband office. Discussion centered around the proposed income tax bill, noting the Governor is not in favor of funding a portion of indigent defense with proceeds from that bill.

Commissioner Weise reported on the nuances of E911.

Correspondence

David Beus, Adams County Noxious Weed Board re: Mosquito Control Board Member

Board Discussion/Decision Items

Public Works

Interim Director Yaeger and Assistant Director Reynolds provided the weekly update on maintenance in all three districts, noting all districts will be applying sterilant as weather allows. Additional updates were provided for solid waste and engineering. The Adams County fairgrounds are being prepped for the upcoming crane festival.

HVAC Unit Replacement

Engineer Yaeger reported four different bids were received for the replacement of the current three (3) ton HVAC unit at the Ritzville public works building. Angell Heating was the low bidder with a Daikin unit, however, a Daikin unit is not desirable for a replacement of the existing. The second lowest bidder, Basin Refrigeration and Heating, would install a Carrier unit.

Based on the recommendation of the Public Works Department, Commissioner Garza moved, Weise seconded, *to award the bid for the replacement of a three (3) ton HVAC unit at the Ritzville public works building to Basin Refrigeration and Heating, Moses Lake, Washington, as the second lowest bidder, to install a Carrier unit, instead of the lowest bidder's Daikin heat pump unit, which is not desirable for the replacement.*

Motion carried unanimously.

Danekas Road Overlay #4 Project (CRP-206)

Commissioner Garza moved, Weise seconded, *to authorize the Chairman to sign Local Agency Agreement, 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 preliminary engineering funding for the Danekas Road Overlay #4 project (CRP-206).* **Motion carried unanimously.**

Adams County Sheriff's Evidence Processing Facility Project

Commissioner Blankenship moved, Garza seconded, *to authorize the Chairman to e-sign Grant Agreement Number #22-96634-001 between Washington State Department of Commerce and Adams County in the amount of \$882,000.00 for the Adams County Sheriff's Evidence Processing Facility project.* **Motion carried unanimously.**

Building and Planning

Public Participation Plan for the 2027-2047 Comprehensive Plan Update

Emily Weimer (AHBL) and Building and Planning Director Andie Lorenz presented a public participation plan for the 2027 Comprehensive Plan update. Adams County, under the State of Washington's Growth Management Act (GMA), is "partially planning" and is due for a review and update of the comprehensive plan, on or before June 30 2027, and will be required every ten (10) years thereafter.

Weimer reviewed the Growth Management Act periodic update cycle. The previous plan was adopted in 2005 and amended in 2015. The comprehensive plan establishes a blueprint of the county's development and future; and guides the physical development of the county.

Public notices will be sent out to Adams County citizens, along with a community survey. Workshops and formal public hearings will also be scheduled as part of the public participation plan.

Commissioner Garza moved, Weise seconded, to *approve Resolution No. R-012-2026 In the Matter of Initiating the Start of the Adams County Comprehensive Plan Periodic Update and Adopting a Public Participation Plan for the Update*. Motion carried unanimously.

Other Business – None

Executive Session – None

Recess @ 11:39 a.m.

Reconvene @ 1:00 p.m.

Adams County Code – Chapters 14 and 15

It being the time of 1:30 p.m. and the place set for the public hearing to consider Ordinance O-01-2026, Chairman Blankenship convened the public hearing.

Ordinance O-01-2026 proposes to amend Chapters 15.04.010, 15.06.015; and add new Chapters 15.20 and 15.30 of Title 15; and amend Sections 14.30.020, 14.30.70, 14.60.10, and 14.80.050 of Title 14.

Building and Planning Director Lorenz was present, providing a staff report.

There was no public comment.

Chairman Blankenship closed the public hearing at 1:48 p.m.

Adjournment @ 2:16 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-012-2026

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

**IN THE MATTER OF INITIATING THE START OF THE ADAMS COUNTY
COMPREHENSIVE PLAN PERIODIC UPDATE AND ADOPTING A PUBLIC
PARTICIPATION PLAN FOR THE UPDATE**

WHEREAS, Adams County is “partially planning” under the State of Washington’s Growth Management Act (GMA) and a “periodic” review and update of the comprehensive plan is due on or before June 30, 2027, and will be required every ten years thereafter; and

WHEREAS, the County’s Comprehensive Plan was adopted in 2005 via O 02-2005 and updated in 2015 via O-02-2015 to add in the Shoreline Master Plan; and

WHEREAS, Washington State has new regulations that require updates to the plan; and

WHEREAS, the County seeks to facilitate early and continuous public participation in accordance with RCW 36.70A.140; and

WHEREAS, the County will use many tools and resources to evaluate and identify what updates are required, including Washington State Department of Commerce compliance checklists; and

WHEREAS, the County will engage and inform the public throughout the update process.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the County hereby provides this official notice to the public that the process to conduct a Comprehensive Plan Periodic Update is initiated.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County adopts the Comprehensive Plan Periodic Update – Public Participation Plan document, which is attached to this Resolution as **Exhibit A**.

DATED this 10th 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