

COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS

Adams County Courthouse
Ritzville, Washington
Regular Meeting

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

Minutes

Approve March 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	\$ 66,490.17
001H	\$ 961.47

103	\$ 1,364.20
103A	\$ 5,848.81
104	\$ 27,670.86
123	\$ 33,875.44
130	\$ 721.83
131	\$ 3,712.54
166	\$ 835.20
502	\$ 10,452.94
108	\$ 172.82
115	\$ 6,274.75
401	\$ 13,089.35
402	\$ 1,842.00
501	\$ 12,054.08
590	\$ 58,894.84
TOTAL	\$244,261.30

Adams County Mosquito Control Board

Appointment

Approve appointment of Kurt Braunwart, Othello, to the Adams County Mosquito Control Board for a two year term, effective April 1, 2026 through March 31, 2028

Board Updates

Commissioner Garza reported participating in on-line meetings.

Commissioner Blankenship reported attending a virtual WSAC meeting, providing updates on legislative matters.

Commissioner Weise reported attending collective bargaining meetings.

Correspondence – None

Board Discussion/Decision Items

Human Resources

Manager Campbell reported posting vacant county positions on the Indeed website; and, making updates to the county website. Additionally, Campbell reported applications for the public works director position are being received.

Public Works

Interim Director Yaeger and Assistant Director Reynolds provided the weekly maintenance update noting all areas will be applying sterilant,

depending on weather. Additional tasks include grading, ditching, and pulling shoulders.

Solid waste recycling is continuing with cardboard prices increasing.

Engineer Yaeger provided updates on the Harder Road drainage structure project; the Herman Road Safety project; the High-Volume Corridor project; and, the Gottlieb-Hille bridge project.

Other Business – None

Permanent Minutes Signed

February 17 and 18, 2026

February 24 and 25, 2026

Correspondence Sent

Representative Michael Baumgartner re: Support for East Adams Rural Hospital Emergency Diagnostic Equipment Replacement

Closed Session

At 10:48 a.m. Chairman Blankenship announced the Board would recess into Closed Session for twelve (12) 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 was present.

At 11:00 a.m. the Board reconvened from Closed Session.

Corrections

Sheriff Wagner and Commander Watkins met to discuss a plan for operations once the jail facility upgrades are completed, noting proposed shift schedules, based on a minimum of thirteen (13) corrections staff positions. Gradually transitioning current staff into full jail operations was also discussed. The Board requested Watkins review what the budget is anticipated to look like in 2027, with all operating costs to house the inmates in Adams County, for a normal operating period.

No action was taken pending additional consideration.

Executive Session – None

Adjournment @ 11:44 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