

COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS

Adams County Courthouse
Ritzville, Washington
Regular Meeting

March 24, 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 10 and 11, 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	\$ 89,584.83
001I	\$ 6,363.36

103	\$ 1,431.60
104	\$ 32,667.69
123	\$ 4,097.05
166	\$ 123.69
108	\$ 1,820.96
115	\$141,383.07
321	\$ 57,093.75
401	\$ 26,457.47
501	\$ 6,222.77
590	\$ 26,774.48
TOTAL	\$394,020.72

Adams County Planning Commission **Appointment**

Approve appointment of Devon Michel, Othello, to the Adams County Planning Commission for a four-year term, effective April 1, 2026 through March 31, 2030

Board Updates

Commissioner Garza's activities included perusing vouchers.

Commissioner Blankenship reported telephoning Congressman Baumgartner to discuss a funding proposal for Schoonover Road; and, completing the LATCF reporting.

Commissioner Weise reported reviewing collective bargaining matters.

Correspondence

Washington State Liquor and Cannabis Board re: Notice of Cannabis License Application (MIKEZHEN LLC, 2310 W. Sutton Road, Ste. A1, Othello)

Washington State Liquor and Cannabis Board re: Notice of Cannabis License Application (CYNDI'S LLC, 2310 W. Sutton Road, Ste. A4, Othello)

Board Discussion/Decision Items

Human Resources

Manager Campbell reviewed the PEBB tiered structure as well as nuances of the plans. Additionally, Campbell noted that the applicant pool for county positions is growing through the Indeed employment website.

Port of Othello

Port of Othello commissioners reported on various port projects. An update of the Adams County Broadband project, currently in the Othello phase, was provided by the Board.

The ability to fund projects with .09 funds was reviewed, with the Board noting additional research is necessary.

Public Works

Interim Director Yaeger and Assistant Director Reynolds provided the weekly update on road maintenance activities; solid waste; facilities; and the Othello phase of the Broadband project.

CRABoard Certification

Commissioner Garza moved, Weise seconded, to *authorize the Chairman to e-Sign the April Engineer Certification for the Adams County 2025 County Road Fund Certification Reports which include the Diversion and Road Fund Expenditure for Traffic Law Enforcement Certification (\$0.00 diversion in 2025); Fish Passage Barrier Removal Certification (n/a); and, Annual Certification for 2025.* **Motion carried unanimously.**

Public Works Union

Commissioner Weise moved, Garza seconded, to *approve the Agreement between Adams County and Adams County Public Works Employees, Washington State Council of County and City Employees, Local 1374, AFL-CIO.* **Motion carried unanimously.** The contract period is January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2028.

Other Business – None

Closed Session

At 11:00 a.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; Katelin Davidson; Deputy Prosecutor Eugenio; and, Human Resource Manager Campbell were present.

At 12:00 p.m. the Board reconvened from Closed Session.

Executive Session – None

Recess @ 12:01 p.m.

Reconvene @ 1:15 p.m.

Farm Lease

The bid opening for the lease of county owned farm ground was set for 1:30 p.m. on March 24, 2026. No bids were received by the county by the date and time specified in the legal notice.

Closed Session

At 1:31 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; Katelin Davidson; Deputy Prosecutor Eugenio; and, Human Resource Manager Campbell were present.

At 2:27 p.m. the Board reconvened from Closed Session.

Adjournment @ 2:27 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