

COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS

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

April 8, 2026 – 9:00 a.m.
(Wednesday)

Call to Order

Chairman Blankenship called the meeting to order.

Present:

Chairman Dan C. Blankenship

Vice-Chairman Miguel A. Garza

Commissioner Jay R. Weise (*arrived at 10:10 a.m.*)

Pledge of Allegiance

Chairman Blankenship led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval/Addition of Agenda

Commissioner Garza moved, Blankenship seconded, to *approve the agenda as presented*. **Motion carried.**

Board of Commissioner Meeting Recess @ 9:01 a.m.

Board of Health Meeting Called to Order @ 9:01 a.m.

Board of Commissioner Meeting Reconvened @ 9:56 a.m.

Board Workshop

Integrated Health Care Services

ABCD Dental

Commissioner Garza moved, Blankenship seconded, to *authorize the Chairman sign Public Health ABCD – HCA Dental Agreement Contract #K7455, Amendment No. 2, between Washington State Health Care Authority and Adams County Health Department to provide ABCD (Access to Baby and Child Dentistry) Local Activities for an additional amount of \$63,800 for a total contract award of \$154,100 through June 30, 2028.*

Motion carried unanimously.

Emergency Housing/Fund 123 Agreement

Commissioner Garza moved, Blankenship seconded, to *authorize the Chairman sign, via DocuSign, Washington State Department of Commerce Interagency Agreement with Adams County through Housing Division Homelessness Assistance Unit, Contract No. 26-46108-100, Amendment A, for an additional amount of \$29,179 for a total contract award of \$56,472 for SFY26 and SFY27 Document Recording Fee Backfill Funds, for the period February 1, 2026 through June 30, 2026 (SFY26 funds); and July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027 (SFY27 funds).* **Motion carried unanimously.**

Executive Session

At 10:15 a.m. Chairman Blankenship announced the Board would recess into Executive Session for twenty (20) minutes under RCW 42.30.110(1)(g) – “To evaluate the qualifications of an applicant for public employment or to review the performance of a public employee...”. Deputy Prosecutor Eugenio; IHCS Director Guse; Dr. Brzezny; and BOH member Karen Potts was present. No action is anticipated.

At 10:35 a.m. the Board reconvened from Executive Session. No action taken.

Recess @ 10:53 a.m.

Reconvene @ 11:00 a.m.

Recess @ 11:24 a.m.

Reconvene @ 1:00 p.m.

Board Workshop – Department Updates

Central Services

Director Igbinoba provided updates on current IT initiatives and highlights and important strategic consideration regarding ongoing operations and risk management. Key IT projects include:

- Ritzville Police Department – working with the RPD team to deploy a file server and switch to support their new fiber-optic connection. This effort will enhance network speed, reliability, and overall performance.
- Jury Cloud-Based System Implementation – continuing to work with the county clerk’s office and Tyler Technologies to implement a

cloud-based jury management system to modernize jury processes, including summoning, qualification, notifications, and administrative workflows.

- T2 Database System – successfully staged a new server environment to support property and tax data operations with improved performance and reliability. Next steps include operating system configuration, followed by data migration planning, testing, and deployment in collaboration with the Assessor and Treasurer offices.

Geographic Information Systems (GIS)

Director Stolsig provided an update on current projects in his department. Primary projects have been parcel edits; plat reviews; a mapping project for the emergency management department; and edits and additions to the address points.

Stolsig has been working with the sheriff's office on the data preparation for the Motorola CAD system.

Emergency Management

Director Duffey provided updates on the following projects during the month of March:

- Notification systems.
- CF Industries tabletop exercise.
- Tier II reports.
- Public education and outreach.
- Coordination with State Department of Commerce – fuel planning.

Additional updates were provided on budgetary matters. Duffey has applied for a booth at the Wheat Land Community Fair.

Emergency Notification System

Duffey has notified the CodeRED notification system that she does not plan to renew the current contract. Duffey has been researching other notification systems along with pricing. Duffey requested and received **consensus authorization to move forward with securing a notification system, to take effect in September, when the current CodeRED contract expires.**

Building and Planning

Director Lorenz provided updates on the following:

- Planning Commission
 - New Chapter 17.73 Battery Energy Storage Systems. The planning commission has set a public hearing on the matter for April 9, 2026.
 - Amendment to Chapter 17.69 adding Gun Clubs and Shooting ranges. The planning commission has set a public hearing on the matter for April 9, 2026.
 - Homeless Housing Plan
- Building Department
 - Twenty-four (24) building permits have been issued in 2026 with an approximate value of \$13,749,560.45 and total fees of \$65,394.64.
- Fire Marshal – no activity to report.
- Code Enforcement – no new activity to report.

Resolution No. R-014-2026

Commissioner Weise moved, Garza seconded, to *approve Resolution No. R-014-2026 In the Matter of Transferring Funds from Adams County Distressed Counties/Economic Development Fund #122 to Adams County Broadband Project Fund #001I-0019*. Motion carried unanimously.

Executive Session

At 2:26 p.m. Chairman Blankenship announced the Board would recess into Executive Session for sixty (60) minutes under RCW 42.30.110(1)(g) – “To evaluate the qualifications of an applicant for public employment or to review the performance of a public employee...”. Prosecutor Flyckt; Human Resource Director Campbell; and Engineer Yaeger were present. No action is anticipated.

At 3:26 p.m. the Board reconvened from Executive Session. No action taken.

Executive Session

At 3:36 p.m. Chairman Blankenship announced the Board would recess into Executive Session for ninety (90) minutes under RCW 42.30.110(1)(g) – “To evaluate the qualifications of an applicant for public employment or to review the performance of a public employee...”. Prosecutor Flyckt; Human Resource Director Campbell; and Engineer Yaeger were present. No action is anticipated.

At 4:51 p.m. the Board reconvened from Executive Session. No action taken.

Adjournment @ 4:51 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-014-2026

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

**IN THE MATTER OF TRANSFERRING FUNDS FROM ADAMS COUNTY
DISTRESSED COUNTIES/ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FUND #122 TO ADAMS
COUNTY BROADBAND PROJECT FUND #0011/0019**

WHEREAS, the Board approved funding for the payment of anticipated expenditures related to the Washington State Broadband Project.

THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that Four Hundred Thousand and no/100's dollars (\$400,000) be transferred from Distressed Counties/Economic Development Fund #122 BARS 597.18.00.01 to Broadband Project Fund #0011 BARS 397.18.30.00.

DATED this 8th day of April, 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