

COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS

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

April 14, 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 March 24 and 25, 2026

Payroll

Approve March 16-31, 2026 Payroll in the amount of \$583,394.56; and, Benefits in the amount of \$301,159.53 (Direct Deposit # Series 89462-89647; Benefit/Deduction # Series 1185055-1185065)

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	\$ 38,955.37
001H	\$ 1,853.87
001I	\$665,250.52
103A	\$ 183.37
104	\$ 31,599.50
106	\$ 2,114.64
122	\$ 36.00
123	\$ 22.00
131	\$ 8,039.85
166	\$ 961.69
502	\$ 43.20
108	\$ 97.43
115	\$ 1,908.30
401	\$ 3,308.25
402	\$ 1,869.00
501	\$ 13,392.20
590	\$ 42,191.25
TOTAL	\$811,826.44

Board Updates

Commissioner Garza reported attending the Aging and Adult Care meeting in Wenatchee, noting he was able to speak with other commissioners regarding legislative matters. Additionally, Garza reported attending the Law and Justice Committee meeting, noting electronic home monitoring for DUI cases was discussed during the meeting with more research necessary.

Commissioner Blankenship reported catching up on letters and emails, following up on items from last week; and perusing vouchers

Commissioner Weise reported working on collective bargaining agreements and working on the corrections contract draft.

Correspondence

Curt Pavola (DNR) re: Formal comment opportunity for Marcellus Shrub Steppe NAP acquisition grant

Board Discussion/Decision Items

Human Resources

Manager Campbell reported working on the HR portion of the county website, noting she is continuing to work with Central Services on updating the HR website; and the previous week, several county position vacancies were posted on Indeed.

Public Works

Interim Director Yaeger and Assistant Director Reynolds provided updates on maintenance projects in all three districts.

The public works department has been notified that waste management has the renewal contract for Lincoln County waste. Interim Director Yaeger will review the language of the permit to establish how often inspections will be conducted.

The department is obtaining costs of upgrading the boiler-chiller control in the courthouse, with the lowest quote being \$15,000. Quotes are being sought for the AC unit for the IT server room, with quotes expected to be as much as \$29,000. No action was taken pending additional research.

Assistant Director Reynolds provided updates on the Broadband project, the evidence building project and the Adams County fairgrounds farm lease.

Additional updates were provided on the jail improvement project and QUADCO.

County Vehicles

Engineer Yaeger requested authorization to purchase the following 2026 vehicles and equipment:

- Four (4) sheriff vehicles totaling \$243,488.81;
- Two (2) pool cars totaling \$68,421.48; and
- Four (4) pickups totaling \$247,264.48.

All vehicles will be purchased off of state bid and are budgeted expenses. The Board provided **consensus authorization for the public works department to purchase the vehicles, as stated.**

Other Business – None

Permanent Minutes Signed

March 17 and 18, 2026

Closed Session

At 11:09 a.m. Chairman Blankenship announced the Board would recess into Closed Session for five (5) 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 11:14 a.m. the Board reconvened from Closed Session.

Executive Session

At 11:15 a.m. Chairman Blankenship announced the Board would recess into Executive Session for thirty (30) minutes under RCW 42.30.110(1)(i) – “To discuss with legal counsel representing the agency matters relating to agency enforcement actions, or to discuss with legal counsel representing the agency litigation or potential litigation...”. No action is anticipated. Prosecutor Flyckt was present.

At 11:45 a.m. the Board reconvened from Executive Session. No action was taken.

Adjournment @ 11:45 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