

COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS

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

April 22, 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

Pledge of Allegiance

Chairman Blankenship led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval/Addition of Agenda

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

Board Workshop

Capitol Path Consulting

John Culton provided federal updates pertaining to Adams County, noting funding for Schoonover Road is within the top twenty (20) requests on Representative Baumgartner's community project funding list, with no guarantee of funding. The house appropriations subcommittee will review the projects and make their decision in late May. Federal bridge funding, the surface transportation bill and the farm bill were reviewed.

Kyla Shkerich Blair provided an after-session report, noting Senator Schoesler was instrumental in Adams County receiving \$258,000 for the public safety building. There continues to be a budget shortfall in Washington State with Ms. Shkerich Blair reviewing several ideas being floated in Olympia for balancing the budget. Indigent defense funding for counties will not have any relief.

Daniel Pailthorp, Capitol Path Consulting, was also available online.

Resolution No. R-016-2026

Commissioner Weise moved, Garza seconded, to *approve Resolution No. R-016-2026 In the Matter of Waiving Competitive Bidding Requirements of RCW 36.32.270, and Declaring an Emergency Pursuant to RCW 39.04.280(1)(c)&(e), Waiving the Competitive Bidding Requirements of RCW 57.08.050, and Authorizing and Directing the Public Works Department, Central Services Department, and the Sheriff's Office to Execute the Necessary Contracts and/or Direct the Purchases and Work on the County's Behalf, to Procure Replacement Equipment and Materials and to Make Repairs at the Adams County Othello Radio Communication Shelter.* Motion carried unanimously.

Executive Session

At 11:17 a.m. Chairman Blankenship announced the Board would recess into Executive Session for sixty (60) 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 12:11 p.m. the Board reconvened from Executive Session. No action was taken.

Adjournment @ 12:23 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-016-2026

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

IN THE MATTER OF WAIVING COMPETITIVE BIDDING REQUIREMENTS OF RCW 36.32.270, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY PURSUANT TO RCW 39.04.280(1)(c)&(e), WAIVING THE COMPETITIVE BIDDING REQUIREMENTS OF RCW 57.08.050, AND AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT, CENTRAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT, AND THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE TO EXECUTE THE NECESSARY CONTRACTS AND/OR DIRECT THE PURCHASES AND WORK ON THE COUNTY'S BEHALF, TO PROCURE REPLACEMENT EQUIPMENT AND MATERIALS AND TO MAKE REPAIRS AT THE ADAMS COUNTY OTHELLO RADIO COMMUNICATION SHELTER

WHEREAS, on April 21, 2026, the Interim Public Works Director notified the Adams County Board of Commissioners that, on April 20, 2026, it was discovered a fire had occurred in the radio communication equipment shelter at 2069 W. Hwy. 26, Othello, Washington; and

WHEREAS, the fire occurred in an HVAC unit, disabling the system; and

WHEREAS, damage to IT and radio equipment is still being assessed; and

WHEREAS, the need to replace the HVAC system, and potentially IT and radio equipment, as soon as possible constitutes an emergency due to unforeseen circumstances beyond the control of the County and presents a real, immediate threat, to proper performance of essential functions of the County; and

WHEREAS, RCW 36.32.270 authorizes the governing body, in the event of an emergency, to waive the competitive requirements of said chapter pursuant to RCW 39.04.280, if an exemption contained within that section applies to the purchase of public work; waive competitive bidding requirements and award all necessary contracts on behalf of the county to address the emergency.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that, pursuant to RCW 36.32.270, an emergency is hereby declared pursuant to RCW 39.04.280(1)(c)&(e), for the reasons stated above to procure the necessary purchases and perform the necessary work.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, due to the existence of an emergency, the competitive bidding requirements set forth in RCW 57.08.050 for purchases and public works are hereby waived for the purpose of obtaining replacement equipment and materials and having the work performed as soon as possible.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the Interim Public Works Director, Central Services Director, and/or Sheriff's Office representative are authorized and directed to negotiate, approve, and execute the necessary contracts to make purchases and direct the work on the County's behalf to obtain replacement equipment and materials to repair damage at the radio communication equipment shelter at 2069 W. Hwy. 26, Othello, Washington.

DATED this 22nd 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

Approved as to form:
s/Randy J. Flyckt
Prosecuting Attorney
WSBA #29302