

COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS

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

April 28, 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 April 14 and 15, 2026 Preliminary Minutes

Payroll

Approve April 1-15, 2026 Payroll in the amount of \$661,406.08; and, Benefits in the amount of \$102,649.22 (Warrant # Series 533341; Direct Deposit # Series 89648-89843; Benefit/Deduction # Series 1185066-1185074)

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	\$222,334.00
103	\$ 13,098.03
103A	\$ 10,556.46
104	\$ 40,242.87
122	\$ 43,750.00
123	\$ 2,725.00
130	\$ 200.00
323A	\$ 3,240.00
502	\$ 86,086.23
108	\$ 1,516.18
115	\$ 7,816.50
321	\$ 49,840.66
401	\$ 1,953.45
402	\$ 228.30
501	\$ 6,647.47
590	\$ 22,522.23
TOTAL	\$512,757.38

Resolution No. R-018-2026

Approve **Resolution No. R-018-2026 In the Matter of Transferring Funds from Current Expense Fund #001 to Adams County Fair Fund #108**

Board Updates

Commissioner Garza reported perusing vouchers.

Commissioner Blankenship reported perusing vouchers and compiling materials for ARPA reporting.

Commissioner Weise reported working on budgeting matters.

Correspondence – None

Board Discussion/Decision Items

Port of Othello

The Port of Othello Commissioners and the Board of County Commissioners updated each other on their respective activities.

Public Works

Interim Director Yaeger and Assistant Director Reynolds provided the weekly update on maintenance projects, noting activities include crack seal; Klein Road repairs; and spraying as weather allows. Additionally, updates were provided on solid waste activities; facilities; and engineering projects.

Farm Lease

Commissioner Weise moved, Garza seconded, to *approve **Resolution No. R-017-2026 In the Matter of Notice to Interested Persons for Solicitation of Bids of a Four (4) Crop Year Farm Lease.** Motion carried unanimously.* Bid opening is set for Wednesday, May 13, 2026, at 11:00 a.m. in Room 202 of the Adams County Courthouse, Ritzville.

HVAC Unit in Central Services IT Room

Based on the recommendation of the Public Works Department, Commissioner Weise moved, Garza seconded, to *award the full unit replacement bid to Apollo Mechanical Contractors, Kennewick, Washington, in the amount of \$22,739.40, to replace the HVAC unit in the Central Services server room, as the repair cost is only \$505.35 less than the replacement cost, has a limited warranty, and is not a desirable or cost-effective solution. **Motion carried.***

Othello Sheriff's Communication Tower HVAC

Interim Director Yaeger reported quotes were received from Apollo Mechanical Contractors, Kennewick, Washington, and Basin Refrigeration and Heating, Moses Lake, Washington for the emergency repairs to the Othello Sheriff's Communication Tower HVAC system. Yaeger reported moving forward with Apollo Mechanical Contractors, Kennewick, Washington, to remove the old units and change the block out plates for the new units. Basin Refrigeration and Heating provided a lower quote; however, their scope of work was not as comprehensive as Apollo Mechanical Contractors.

Gottlieb-Hille Bridge #197-1 Project (CRP-202)

Based on the recommendation of the County Engineer, Commissioner Garza moved, Weise seconded, to *authorize the Chairman to sign the Consultant Supplemental Agreement, #1, between Nichols/Kovich Engineering of Spokane Valley, Washington, for construction engineering consulting for the Gottlieb-Hille Bridge #197 Project, (CRP-202), adding \$18,555.72, for a new maximum payable of \$153,766.56.* **Motion carried unanimously.**

Gottlieb-Hille Bridge #197-1 Project (CRP-202)

Commissioner Garza moved, Weise seconded, to *authorize the Chairman to sign Local Agency Supplemental Agreement, #2, between Washington State Department of Transportation and Adams County; and, Local Agency Federal Aid Project Prospectus, between Washington State Department of Transportation and Adams County, for the purpose of de-obligating, re-distributing, and authorizing construction consultant funding for the Gottlieb-Hille Bridge #197-1 Project (CRP-202).* **Motion carried unanimously.**

Other Business – None

Closed Session

At 10:40 a.m. Chairman Blankenship announced the Board would recess into Closed Session for ten (10) 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 and Deputy Prosecutor Eugenio were present.

At 10:48 a.m. the Board reconvened from Closed Session.

Executive Session

At 11:00 a.m. Chairman Blankenship announced the Board would recess into Executive Session for forty-five (45) 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 and Deputy Prosecutor Eugenio were present.

At 11:44 a.m. the Board reconvened from Executive Session. No action was taken.

Adjournment @ 11:46 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

RESOLUTION NO. R-017-2026

**NOTICE TO INTERESTED PERSONS
Adams County Department of Public Works
Ritzville, Washington**

Adams County is soliciting bids from interested persons to fulfill the terms of a **FARM LEASE**. Bidders shall complete and submit bid documents by 11:00 a.m., Wednesday, May 13, 2026 in a sealed envelope to:

Adams County Board of Commissioners
Room 202, Adams County Courthouse
210 West Broadway
Ritzville, WA 99169

with the bidder's name, address and wording of "**2026/2030 FARM LEASE**" plainly written on the outside of the envelope.

The lease would consist of up to four (4) crop years commencing on the date of execution of Lease Agreement and terminate on November 30, 2030 for the following described real estate situated in the County of Adams, State of Washington.

Tract A, F.U. 45 BLK 140, situated in Adams County, Washington, more particularly described as follows:

Start (POB): N: 536727.600 E: 1977564.968

Beginning at the NW corner, Section 14, Township 15 N., Range 29 E.W.M. of said Tract A; thence South along the West line of said Section, for a distance of 30.00 feet; thence east and parallel to the North line, of said Section for a distance of 30.00 feet; To the True Point of Beginning; thence East and parallel to the North line of said Section for a distance of 1483.05 feet; thence South and parallel to the West line, of said Section for a distance of 846.57 feet; thence an angle of 64 degrees to the right, South Westerly along a line, for a distance of 390.84 feet; thence an angle 27 degrees to the right, a distance of 1131.81 feet; along a line running west and parallel to, the North line of said Section; thence North and parallel to the West line, of said Section a distance of 1023.09 feet; to the True Point of Beginning; Containing an area 34 acres more or less.

The Board of Adams County Commissioners reserves the right to reject any or all bids, to waive informalities or irregularities in the bids or in the bidding, if the best interest of Adams County will be served, or to accept the bid, which in their opinion best serves the interest of Adams County.

Bid proposal with sample lease documents outlining specifications, may be obtained from the office of the Department of Public Works, 210 W. Alder, Ritzville, Washington, 99169; phone (509) 659-3276.

“The recipient, in accordance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, (78 Stat. 252, 42 U.S.C. 2000d to 2000d-4) and the Regulations, hereby notifies all bidders that it will affirmatively ensure that in any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, disadvantaged business enterprises will be afforded full and fair opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, or national origin in consideration for an award.”

DATED this 28th 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

RESOLUTION NO. R-018-2026

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

**IN THE MATTER OF TRANSFERRING FUNDS FROM CURRENT EXPENSE FUND
#001 TO ADAMS COUNTY FAIR FUND #108**

WHEREAS, funds were allocated in Current Expense Fund #001 for support of Adams County Fair Fund #108; and

THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that Twenty thousand and no/100 dollars (\$20,000.00) be transferred from Current Expense Fund #001/099 BARS 597.75.00.01 to Adams County Fair Fund #108 BARS 397.75.00.00.

DATED this 28th 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:
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