

COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS

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

June 2, 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 Weise moved, Garza 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.** (*There were no consent agenda items.*)

Board Updates

Commissioner Garza reported attending the EWCOG meeting in Davenport and attending a WSAC webinar.

Commissioner Blankenship reported activities included reviewing correspondence relating to QUADCO. A meeting is scheduled for May 28, 2026 with state Department of Transportation on the bridge program

Commissioner Weise reported on budgeting, noting a collective bargaining session was held yesterday afternoon.

Correspondence

Adams County Noxious Weed Control Board re: February 10, 2026
Meeting Minutes

Adams County Noxious Weed Control Board re: March 10, 2026
Meeting Minutes

Adams County Noxious Weed Control Board re: March 25, 2026
Special Meeting Minutes

Adams County Noxious Weed Control Board re: April 14, 2026
Meeting Minutes

Board Discussion/Decision Items

Human Resources

Manager Campbell reviewed the job posting for the Clerk of the Board position.

Public Works

Engineer Yaeger reviewed a proposed amendment to Fund #321. An amendment is necessary to show Commerce that the **jail and evidence building projects** are budgeted to the funding level needed in 2026. A public hearing will be scheduled.

Director Reynolds and Engineer Yaeger provided the following updates:

Maintenance – crews are applying mag lig; chip spreader repair is necessary prior to beginning seal coat applications.

Solid waste – shipping of cardboard has been affected by the explosion on May 26, 2026 at a Longview paper mill. Household hazardous waste removal has been rescheduled to later in June.

Staffing – Director Reynolds reported he has been meeting with public works staff. Engineer Yaeger requested the longevity policy be reviewed as it relates to an employee leaving one position for another

Additional updates were provided on the Gottlieb Hille bridge project; High Volume Corridor project; Sackman Road bridge project; and the Danekas Overlay #4 project.

Adams County Fairgrounds

Commissioner Weise reported the Othello fair board is allowing the livestock association to do an expansion of the rabbit barn. The livestock association will have engineered plans and will apply for a building permit for the expansion project.

The livestock association is also wanting to pour a concrete pad in the area where they hold the buyer appreciation dinner during the fair. Facilities Manager Mattson will be asked to contact Brad Boersma for details of where electrical lines, etc. are placed prior to moving forward.

Executive Session

At 10:58 a.m. Chairman Blankenship announced the Board would recess into Executive Session for thirty (30) 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 and Human Resource Manager Campbell were present. No action anticipated.

At 11:28 p.m. the Board reconvened from Executive Session. No action taken.

Other Business

Property Damage Release

Commissioner Blankenship moved, Garza seconded, to *approve Property Damage Release, between Progressive Direct Insurance Company and Elizabeth Glazatcheff, and Adams County, in the amount of \$10,000.00 for damages to Adams County as a result of a traffic accident that occurred on July 21, 2025.* **Motion carried unanimously.**

Adjournment @ 11:39 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