

COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS

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

June 10, 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 of Commissioner Meeting Recess @ 9:02 a.m.

Board of Health Meeting Called to Order @ 9:02 a.m.

Board of Commissioner Meeting Reconvened @ 10:18 a.m.

Recess @ 10:18 a.m.

Reconvene @ 10:30 p.m.

Board Workshop

Integrated Health Care Services

Interlocal Agreement Contract Number CLH32622-0

Commissioner Garza moved, Weise seconded, to *authorize the Chairman sign Contract CLH32622-0, between the State of Washington Department of Health and Adams County Integrated Health Care Services, for the purpose of adding an interlocal section to the contract to cover TB medications used to treat active TB disease in patients who are uninsured or underinsured, or who lack prescription coverage, for the contract period*

January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2029. There are no dollars attached to the interlocal agreement. Motion carried unanimously.

Sale of Surplus County Property

Commissioner Weise moved, Garza seconded, to approve ***Resolution No. R-024-2026 In the Matter of a Determination to Declare Certain County Property as Surplus and Sell to a Government Agency.*** Motion carried unanimously.

SkillSource

Commissioner Garza moved, Weise seconded, to approve *Addendum No. 4 to the Lease Agreement between Adams County and SkillSource.*

Motion carried unanimously. The Addendum extends the terms of the lease for an additional five (5) years commencing on September 1, 2026 through August 31, 2031. Tenant retains the right to extend the term of this lease for one (1) additional successive period of five years. Rent is set at one dollar (\$1.00) per year.

Herman Road Safety Project (CRP-203)

It being the date and time set for the bid opening of Herman Road Safety Project (CRP-203), bids were opened from:

Granite Construction Company 80 Pond Road Yakima, WA	\$2,248,847.00
Hilmes Construction, Inc. 1716 S. Broadway Avenue Othello, WA 99344	\$1,624,230.28
Shamrock Paving, Inc. P. O. Box 19263 Spokane, WA 99219	\$1,810,000.00
Interwest Construction, Inc. 609 North Hill Boulevard Burlington, WA 98233	\$1,882,000.00

Engineer Estimate: \$2,072,422.01

Chairman Blankenship closed the bid opening at 11:04 a.m.

2026 Equipment Rental Rates

Commissioner Weise moved, Garza seconded, to *approve Resolution No. R-025-2026 In the Matter of Establishment of Fuel Surcharge to be in Addition to Rate Established by Resolution No. R-041-2025 for the 2026 Equipment Rental Rates for County Intragovernmental Fund #590.* Motion carried unanimously.

County Graders

Based on the recommendation of the Public Works Department, Commissioner Garza moved, Weise seconded, to *authorize the Chairman sign Lease Purchase Agreement; Delivery and Acknowledgement, and the Physical Damage/Liability Insurance documents, for three (3) new 2026 John Deere 770-P Graders to be leased from Deere Credit for 7 years/5000hrs from 2026 to 2033, with the cost per grader being \$89,436.06, to Adams County over the seven (7) year lease period.* Motion carried unanimously.

Jail Operations

Sheriff Wagner and Jail Commander Watkins met to discuss the number of correction positions necessary for staff to be trained and ready once the jail project starts. Sheriff Wagner noted a desire to keep the matter of additional positions being necessary at the forefront. Commissioner Garza noted the jail project has not yet started and questioned the wisdom of hiring prior to that.

Currently, corrections staff includes one (1) sergeant, eight (8) jailers, one (1) court security position, and one (1) jail commander. At this time, allocated positions cannot be filled. Once positions are filled, the county can coordinate what additional staff may be necessary. Commissioner Weise noted that he is not willing to authorize more positions until the county has a better timeline of the jail improvement project.

Correctional Risk Services (CRS)

Jail Commander Watkins presented a proposal for Correctional Risk Services (CRS) to manage inmate medical claims, noting this company specializes in auditing medical billing, verifying financial responsibilities for jails, negotiating directly with healthcare providers, and applying PPO network pricing, among other services. Additionally, Watkins noted they operate on a contingency fee basis, charging 20% of the savings they generate; if no savings are realized, there is no fee. Additionally, there are no startup costs or annual fees involved.

The matter will be forwarded to the Washington Counties Risk Pool for review.

Recess @ 11:56 a.m.

Reconvene @ 1:00 p.m.

Courthouse Security Grant

Funding for a court security improvement project is being sought. The focus of the project is to upgrade court security cameras in the Ritzville and Othello courts. Approximately \$14,800.00 has been applied for and granted through Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC). The estimate of this project is \$24,000.00, plus sales tax. Judge Benzel believes that eighty-five percent (85%) of the project will be funded through AOC, with Adams County being responsible for fifteen percent (15%) of the project. Judge Benzel requested that the Trial Court Improvement Fund be utilized for the county's share of the cost.

Judge Palubicki reviewed the current camera system in the courthouse and the public services building. Central Services Director Igbinoba was available to explain the camera system parameters.

Commissioner Weise moved, Garza seconded, to *approve Adams County Courts moving forward with the Courthouse Security Improvement Project; and, sign Camtek Proposal #48376-1-0, in the amount of \$23,993.48, plus appropriate sales tax, to be expended out of Trial Court Improvement Fund #119.* **Motion carried unanimously.**

Adjournment @ 1:26 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-024-2026

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

**IN THE MATTER OF A DETERMINATION TO DECLARE CERTAIN COUNTY
PROPERTY AS SURPLUS AND SELL TO A GOVERNMENT AGENCY**

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the County Commissioners of Adams County to dispose of surplus property; and

WHEREAS, the Sheriff's Office has ten (10) Taser 7 devices that are no longer supported by Axon, have been removed from service, and are obsolete and of de minimis value. The serial numbers are as follows:

X4000CXX5;
X4000CXH1;
X4000CXW3;
X4000CXW2;
X4000CXX6;
X4000CRKD;
X4001ETA0;
X4000CRT5;
X4000CXX6;
X4000CRWT; and

WHEREAS, Garfield County, Washington is a government agency and has expressed interest in purchasing said tasers; and

WHEREAS, RCW 39.33.020 exempts sales of surplus equipment from the requirements to publish notice and hold a public hearing when the sale is to a government agency and the value of equipment does not exceed \$50,000.00; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioners may set a reasonable minimum sale price after determining fair market value, and a reasonable minimum sale price of \$1.00 has been established.

THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that ten (10) tasers, with the above-listed serial numbers, shall be declared surplus and may be sold to Garfield County, Washington, for a total sale price of \$1.00.

DATED this 10th day of June, 2026.

ATTEST:
s/Patricia J. Phillips, CMC
Clerk of the Board

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-025-2026

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

**IN THE MATTER OF ESTABLISHMENT OF FUEL SURCHARGE TO BE IN
ADDITION TO RATE ESTABLISHED BY RESOLUTION R-041-2025 FOR THE 2026
EQUIPMENT RENTAL RATES FOR COUNTY INTRAGOVERNMENTAL FUND #590**

WHEREAS, The United States has encountered an increase cost per gallon for fuel and Adams County has a need to add a fuel surcharge to the existing 2026 Equipment Rental Rates established by Resolution R-041-2025 to cover this additional fuel cost until new rental rates are established or the fuel surcharge is no longer needed. A review, and adjustment, is necessary, of equipment rental rates imposed by the Intergovernmental Fund #590; and,

WHEREAS, that review process was completed on June 9, 2026 and rates were modified to include a fuel surcharge as necessary.

THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Adams County Public Works Department – Fuel Surcharge Rental Rates Chart as attached is hereby adopted and becomes effective as of June 1, 2026.

DATED 10th day of June 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