

COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS

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

June 16, 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

Board Updates

Commissioner Garza's reported activities included attending the Aging and Adult Care meeting, and reviewing vouchers.

Commissioner Blankenship reported working with other counties in scheduling a Quadco meeting; working on the bridge program; and visiting with John Culton at a social gathering over the weekend.

Commissioner Weise reported reviewing collective bargaining contracts; longevity adjustments; and, E911 agreements.

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.**

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	\$ 64,871.17
001I	\$ 823,904.10
103	\$ 5,382.66
104	\$ 13,776.63
502	\$ 94,114.78
108	\$ 439.93
115	\$ 71,502.46
301	\$ 240.74
321	\$ 218.08
401	\$ 11,250.71
501	\$ 13,760.14
590	\$ 139,012.68
TOTAL	\$1,238,474.08

Correspondence – None

Board Discussion/Decision Items

Human Resources

Manager Campbell was not available for her scheduled appointment.

Office of Public Defense (OPD)

Commissioner Weise moved, Garza seconded, to *authorize the Chairman to e-sign Interagency Agreement No. FY270043, between Washington State Office of Public Defense and Adams County, for the period July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027, for a distribution amount of \$46,987.77.*

Motion carried unanimously.

Emergency Management

Commissioner Weise moved, Garza seconded, to *authorize the Chairman sign Contract #E26-295 between Washington State Military Department and the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) and Adams County, in the amount of \$16,384.00, for the period September 1, 2025 through*

August 31, 2028, with additional documents – Debarment form; and Signature Authorization form (full Board). **Motion carried unanimously.**

Public Works

Director Reynolds and Engineer Yaeger provided the weekly maintenance update, noting mag lig application was completed last week; Othello has areas to apply another application; all districts are getting ready for seal coat next week beginning in the Ritzville area, through Lind, and then Othello. Erosion repair is being conducted on Moody Road. All districts are spraying as weather allows. Additional updates were provided on solid waste activities; engineering; Rodeo Lake; facilities; Broadband; and staffing, noting the master mechanic position has been posted in-house.

Sheriff's Evidence Processing Facility

Director Reynolds reviewed the schematic design, through construction, of the Adams County Evidence Facility, noting substantial completion of the project is scheduled for March, 2028.

Commissioner Garza moved, Weise seconded, to *authorize the Chairman sign Standard Form of Agreement between Mackenzie Engineering, Inc., Seattle, Washington, and Adams County, for professional services for the design and construction contract administration of the Adams County Sheriff's Evidence Building project, in the amount payable of \$276,433.00.*

Motion carried unanimously.

Herman Road Safety Project (CRP-203)

Based on the recommendation of the Public Works Department, Commissioner Garza moved, Weise seconded, to *authorize the Chairman sign Consultant Supplemental Agreement #1, with Anderson Perry & Associates, Inc., Walla Walla, Washington, for construction engineering consulting for the Herman Road Safety Project, CRP-203, in the amount of \$193,308.96, for a new maximum amount payable of \$341,819.89.*

Motion carried unanimously.

Herman Road Safety Project (CRP-203)

Based on the recommendation of the Public Works Department, Commissioner Weise moved, Garza seconded, to *award the Herman Road Safety Project – CRP-203, to Hilmes Construction, Inc., Othello, Washington, as the lowest responsible bidder in the amount of \$1,624,230.28; and approve the Chairman sign the Concurrence to Award.* **Motion carried unanimously.** The bid is 78.4% of the Engineer's Estimate of \$2,072,422.01.

Sackman Road Bridge Replacement Project (CRP-201)

Commissioner Garza moved, Weise seconded, to *approve Resolution No. R-026-2026 In the Matter of Notice to Contractors for the Sackman Road Bridge Replacement Project (CRP-201)*. Motion **carried unanimously**. Bid opening is set for Wednesday, July 22, 2026, at 11:00 a.m., in Room 202 of the Adams County Courthouse, Ritzville, Washington.

Other Business – None

Executive Session – None

Adjournment @ 10:41 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-026-2026

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS

**County of Adams
Department of Public Works
Ritzville, Washington**

Sealed bids will be received by Adams County at the office of the Board of County Commissioners located in the courthouse at 210 W. Broadway, Ritzville, Washington 99169, **until 11:00 a.m., Wednesday, July 22, 2026**, and will be opened and publicly read on **July 22, 2026**, at **11:00 a.m.** for the following construction improvements:

Bridge #411-3 Sackman Road Bridge Replacement Project (CRP-201), M.P. 0.00 to M.P. 0.27 by the removal of the existing structure and replacement with a concrete substructure, precast, pre-stressed concrete superstructure, reconstruct the bridge approaches, installation of guardrail and other work, all in accordance with the attached Contract Plans, these Contract Provisions and the Standard Specifications.

All bid proposals shall be accompanied by a bid proposal deposit in cash, certified check, cashier's check or surety bond in amount equal to five percent (5%) of the amount of such bid proposal. Should the successful bidder fail to enter into such contract and furnish satisfactory performance bond within the time stated in the specifications, the bid proposal deposit shall be forfeited to the County of Adams. All checks and bonds shall be made payable to the Adams County Treasurer.

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.

Maps, plans, specifications, and proposals may be obtained from the office of the Department of Public Works, 210 W. Alder, Ritzville, Washington, 99169; phone (509) 659-3276.

Informational copies of maps, plans and specifications are on file for inspection in the office of the Adams County Engineer in Ritzville, Washington, and the chapter office of the Associated General Contractors of America in Spokane, Washington.

“Adams County, in accordance with the provisions of 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 16th 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