

COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS

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

June 23, 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 with the following addition:*

Item #8 – Emergency Management Contract #E27-001.

Motion carried.

Consent Agenda

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

Minutes

Approve May 26 and 27, 2026 Preliminary Minutes

Approve June 2 and 3, 2026 Preliminary Minutes

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	\$ 92,942.46
112	\$ 5,297.93
119	\$ 25,912.96
130	\$ 1,162.67
166	\$ 3,018.60
108	\$ 754.32
115	\$256,259.06
321	\$ 4,398.75
401	\$ 28,432.40
402	\$ 1,665.00
501	\$ 4,502.61
590	\$ 21,422.74
TOTAL	\$445,769.50

Board Updates

Commissioner Garza reported perusing vouchers.

Commissioner Blankenship reported answering emails and telephone calls regarding bridge projects

Commissioner Weise reported working on collective bargaining matters; and a draft document regarding longevity language.

Correspondence – None

Board Discussion/Decision Items

Port of Othello

Port of Othello commissioners provided updates on the water tower project and the airport project. The Board provided updates on the jail remodel project and new developments on the work schedule for the sheriff's evidence building project.

Public Works

Director Reynolds and Engineer Yaeger provided updates on maintenance, noting seal coat will commence today; crews are spraying when able. Additional updates were provided on solid waste recycling and facility projects.

The Gottlieb Hille bridge project is expected to begin in July. Cracks are being counted on paved roads for the pavement management system.

Public works staffing was reviewed, noting interviews will be set up for maintenance workers.

Danekas Road Overlay #4 (CRP-206)

Commissioner Garza moved, Weise seconded, to *authorize the Chairman sign Local Agency Agreement, Supplement #1, between Washington State Department of Transportation and Adams County; and, Updated Local Agency Federal Aid Project Prospectus, between Washington State Department of Transportation and Adams County, for the purpose of authorizing construction funding for the Danekas Road Overlay #4 Project (CRP-206).* **Motion carried unanimously.**

Executive Session

At 11:00 a.m. Chairman Blankenship announced the Board would recess into Executive Session for sixty (60) 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 is anticipated.

At 12:00 p.m. the Board reconvened from Executive Session. No action taken.

Other Business – None

Recess @ 12:04 p.m.

Reconvene @ 1:15 p.m.

Emergency Management

Commissioner Weise moved, Garza seconded, to *authorize the Chairman sign Contract #E27-001, between Adams County, the Washington Military Department and the Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council (EFSEC), in the amount of \$39,220, for the period July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027, with included documents – W-9 Form; Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility or Voluntary Exclusion form; and Signature Authorization form (full Board).* **Motion carried.**

Amend 2026 Adams County Budget

It being the time of 1:30 p.m. and the place set for the public hearing to consider an amendment to the 2026 Adams County Budget, Chairman Blankenship convened the public hearing.

Auditor Hunt and Prosecutor Flyckt were present.

No public comment was received.

Chairman Blankenship closed the public hearing at 1:37 p.m.

Amend 2026 Adams County Budget

Commissioner Garza moved, Weise seconded, to *approve Resolution No. R-027-2026 In the Matter of Amending the 2026 Adams County Budget*. Motion carried unanimously.

Executive Session

At 2:00 p.m. Chairman Blankenship announced the Board would recess into Executive Session for one hundred fifty (150) 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 is anticipated.

At 4:28 p.m. the Board reconvened from Executive Session. No action taken.

Adjournment @ 4:30 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-027-2026

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

IN THE MATTER OF AMENDING THE 2026 ADAMS COUNTY BUDGET

WHEREAS, project revenues and expenses have necessitated the need for an amendment to the Adams County 2026 Budget; and,

WHEREAS, the public was legally notified of the hearing in the Ritzville Adams County Journal, June 10, 2026 and June 17, 2026; and,

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held on Tuesday, June 23, 2026, and all comments were heard and considered.

THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the 2026 Adams County Budget is amended as follows:

	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Change</u>	<u>Revised</u>
Capital Improvement #321			
Capital Outlay	\$1,686,000	\$3,322,000	\$5,008,000
TOTAL AMENDMENT		\$3,322,000	

DATED this 23rd 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