

COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS

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

July 7, 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 June 9 and 10, 2026 Preliminary Minutes
Approve June 16 and 17, 2026 Preliminary Minutes

Payroll

Approve June 1-15, 2026 Payroll in the amount of \$591,587.71; and,
Benefits in the amount of \$94,442.25 (Direct Deposit # Series 90429-
90627; Benefit/Deduction # Series 1185103-1185111)

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 Hand Pay	\$ 5,275.46
001 Hand Pay	\$ 13,414.33
001	\$ 81,257.31
103	\$ 1,162.57
103A	\$ 196.89
104	\$ 34,480.43
106	\$ 695.28
112	\$ 3,619.34
123	\$ 4,799.39
130	\$ 381.46
131	\$ 3,296.81
166	\$ 1,477.27
502	\$ 29,640.31
108	\$ 1,987.78
115	\$ 15,213.53
301	\$ 497.34
321	\$ 22,760.46
401	\$ 4,780.12
402	\$ 497.35
501	\$ 1,022.55
590	\$167,281.50
TOTAL	\$393,737.48

Adams County Weed District #1

Approve Appointment of Keith Russell, Othello, to the Adams County Weed District #1 to fill the unexpired term of James Nau, from June 1, 2026 through February 28, 2028.

Board Updates

Commissioner Garza reported attending the Hometown Heroes parade in Ritzville on Friday; and the 4th of July parade in Othello on Saturday.

Commissioner Blankenship reported planning a fundraising event in late July for a congressional candidate.

Commissioner Weise reported working on various county matters.

Correspondence

Attorney Andrea Crumpler re: Public Defense Quarterly Report for 2nd Quarter, 2026

Canvassing

Dan C. Blankenship will serve on the canvassing board for the August 4, 2026 Primary Election for the time frame of July 6, 2026 through August 18, 2026. Commissioner Jay R. Weise was designated to serve in the event Commissioner Blankenship is unavailable.

Clerk of the Board

The Board, following their review of applications, selection of candidates to interview, and conducting interviews, offered the position of Clerk of the Board to Katelin Davidson, Ritzville. Ms. Davidson accepted and will begin July 16, 2026, at a compensation level of EE3/S1. Ms. Davidson will replace Clerk of the Board Phillips when she officially retires on September 8, 2026.

Board Discussion/Decision Items

Human Resources

Manager Campbell reviewed the language of the recently adopted longevity policy. Updates were provided on unemployment and median household income levels in Washington State.

Public Works

Director Reynolds and Engineer Yaeger provided the weekly maintenance update, noting crews are busy with seal coat operations. Additional updates were provided on solid waste activity and miscellaneous facility projects.

Engineering updates were provided for Herman Road Safety project; and, Danekas Road Overlay #4 project. Additional updates were provided on the Broadband project; Rodeo Lake; and, the sheriff's evidence building project.

High Volume Corridors Intersections Project (CRP-204)

Engineer Yaeger filed, pursuant to RCW 36.77.010, the Contract Plans and Provisions for construction of High Volume Corridors Intersections Project (CRP-204).

Bridge #411-3 Sackman Road Bridge Replacement Project (CRP-201)
Engineer Yaeger filed, pursuant to RCW 36.77.010, the Contract Plans and Provisions for construction of Bridge #411-3 Sackman Road Bridge Replacement Project (CRP-201).

Herman Road Safety Project (CRP-203)

Based on the recommendation of the Public Works department, Commissioner Weise moved, Garza seconded, to *approve Contract and Contract Bond, in the amount of \$1,624,230.28, between Adams County and Hilmes Construction, Inc., Othello, Washington, for the Herman Road Safety Project, CRP-203.* **Motion carried unanimously.**

Other Business – None

Closed Session

At 10:58 a.m. Chairman Blankenship announced the Board would recess into Closed Session for sixty (60) 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; Deputy Prosecutor Eugenio; Human Resource Manager Campbell; and Katelin Davidson were present.

At 11:58 a.m. the Board reconvened from Closed Session.

Recess @ 12:00 p.m.

Reconvene @ 1:15 p.m.

High-Volume Corridors Intersection Project (CRP-204)

It being the date and time set for the bid opening of the High-Volume Corridors Intersection Project (CRP-204), bids were opened from:

Specialized Pavement Marking, LLC	\$399,901.00
175 Roy Road, SW, Building C	
Pacific, WA 98047	

Road Products, LLC	\$492,171.00
9915 E. Trent Avenue	
Spokane Valley, WA 99206	

Engineer Estimate: \$487,851.00

Executive Session

At 1:41 p.m. Chairman Blankenship announced the Board would recess into Executive Session for ten (10) 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...”. Prosecutor Flyckt; Deputy Prosecutor Eugenio; and Katelin Davidson were present.

At 1:51 p.m. the Board reconvened from Executive Session. No action was taken.

Closed Session

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At 2:51 p.m. the Board reconvened from Closed Session.

Adjournment @ 2:52 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