

COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS

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

July 8, 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 @ 9:01 a.m.

Board of Health Meeting Called to Order @ 9:01 a.m.

Board of Commissioner Meeting Reconvened @ 10:23 a.m.

Board Workshop

Integrated Health Care Services

Director Guse presented the following contracts for approval:

Agreement No. 1061-34-2031 – Electronic Food Worker Cards

Commissioner Garza moved, Weise seconded, to *authorize the Chairman sign Agreement #1061-34-2031 between Tacoma-Pierce County Health Department and Adams County to allow IHCS to provide online food worker training, testing and card issuance services as a designated agent in accordance with the State of Washington's requirement under WAC 246-217, for the period of January 1, 2027 through December 31, 2032.*

Motion carried unanimously.

2025-2027 Consolidated Contract

Commissioner Weise moved, Garza seconded, to *authorize the Chairman sign 2025-2027 Consolidated Contract CLH32041, Amendment No. 10, between the State of Washington Department of Health and Adams County Integrated Health Care Services, for a funding increase of \$1,106,391.00, for a total contract award of \$4,107,169.000, for the contract period January 1, 2025, through December 31, 2027.* **Motion carried.**

Additionally, Director Guse provided IHCS staffing updates.

Recess @ 10:43 a.m.

Reconvene @ 10:55 a.m.

Closed Session

At 10:55 a.m. Chairman Blankenship announced the Board would recess into Closed Session for sixty-five (65) 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.” Deputy Prosecutor Eugenio and Human Resource Manager Campbell were present.

At 11:48 a.m. the Board reconvened from Closed Session.

Recess @ 11:48 a.m.

Reconvene @ 1:00 p.m.

Board Workshop – Department Updates

Emergency Management

Director Duffey reported the following departmental activities in June:

- Working with Regroup.
- Coordinating with state emergency management division to work on plan update.
- Public education planning for area fairs.
- DNR and fire districts completed MOU's (Odessa and Harder have not completed the MOU (for air support).
- Working with GIS Director Stolsig and have mapped all fire apparatus that can be shared with districts; also, water sources.

- The City of Othello is working on a BRIC grant, due to the state next week, and requested a letter of support from Emergency Management.
- Funding report for Emergency Management grants.
- The Ritzville and Othello fairs will be taking place in September with Emergency Management having an information booth at each.
- Training events were reviewed.

Building and Planning

Director Lorenz provided the following departmental updates:

- Planning Commission
 - Continuing work on periodic comprehensive plan update.
 - Beginning discussion on language for data centers.
- Building Department
 - Building permit activity in June includes two (2) new single family home permits and an office addition to the chicken farm on Damon Road.
- Fire Marshal
 - A house fire occurred at 784 N. Dewald Road.
- Code Enforcement
 - Two (2) new cases in June for construction started without permits.
- Proposed Alternate Work Hours Policy Update
 - No movement yet, bargaining contracts not ratified.

Central Services

Director Igbinoba provided a written report on departmental activities.

Geographic Information Systems (GIS)

Director Stolsig provided the following departmental updates:

- Working on roads with inconsistent addressing (odd and even addresses on the wrong side of the road); the first two being SR17 and Steele Road.
- Working on descriptions of the voting precincts for the Auditor's office.
- Past and future meetings.
- Reviewing what other counties do with the layout of the layers of the new digital mapping system. Some layers may come online later as the data behind them is digitized.

Congressional Fundraiser

The county commissioners are hosting a fundraiser for a congressional candidate on July 28, 2026. No county resources will be used during the event planning.

Adjournment @ 2:23 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