

COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS

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

July 15, 2026 – 9:03 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 Workshop

Capitol Path Consulting

Daniel Pailthorp and Kyla Shkerich-Blair appeared virtually. Lobbyist John Culton was unavailable.

Ms. Shkerich-Blair provided updates on the prior legislation session to include the budget deficit; millionaire tax, noting the 9.9% tax is projected to add 3-4 billion, annually, to state revenue; redirected funding from LEOFF 1 pension fund; reductions of state agencies; sales tax exemptions; and, the climate commitment act.

Mr. Pailthorp reviewed HB2442 and the effect it may have on counties. A per-mile charge for drivers contains several issues with logistics, noting with a highway usage fee paid on registration to be more environmentally friendly, citizens will end up paying more.

Shkerich-Blair reviewed what the 2027 legislative session may look like, noting, it will be a long session. Currently, over a dozen retirements have been announced which will produce a different legislature however, the make-up will continue to be a democrat majority.

Skerich-Blair requested the commissioners provide feedback on items Adams County would like to see addressed during the next session, noting the consulting firm would like to review those items in October.

Ritzville District Court Agreement

A review of the Interlocal Agreement between the City of Ritzville and Adams County regarding RCW 39.34.180 was conducted on July 14, 2026, pursuant to Section 4.3(D) of the Agreement, dated April 7, 2015.

Closed Session

At 11:01 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 and Deputy Prosecutor Eugenio were present. Sheriff Wagner attended virtually.

At 12:01 p.m. the Board reconvened from Closed Session.

Adjournment @ 12:01 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