

COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS

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

May 14, 2025 – 9:00 a.m.
(Wednesday)

Call to Order

Chairman Garza called the meeting to order.

Present:

Chairman Miguel A. Garza
Vice-Chairman Jay R. Weise
Commissioner Dan C. Blankenship

Pledge of Allegiance

Chairman Garza led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval/Addition of Agenda

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

Board of Commissioner Meeting Recess @ 9:01 a.m.

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

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

Recess @ 10:24 a.m.

Reconvene @ 10:27 a.m.

Board Workshop

Hearing Examiner Agreement

Commissioner Blankenship moved, Weise seconded, to *authorize the Chairman to sign Professional Services Agreement for Hearing Examiner Services between Adams County and Andrew Kottkamp, effective May 1, 2025, at a rate of \$250 per hour*. **Motion carried.**

Integrated Health Care Services

2025-2027 Consolidated Contract

Commissioner Weise moved, Blankenship seconded, to *authorize the Chairman sign 2025-2027 Consolidated Contract CLH32041, Amendment*

No. 3, between the State of Washington Department of Health and Adams County Integrated Health Care Services to reallocate Group A Water allocation through 2027. There is no change to the contract award of \$1,834,244 for the contract period January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2027. Motion carried.

Fiber to the Home Broadband Project

Commissioner Blankenship moved, Weise seconded, to *authorize the Chairman to e-sign Contract Number 22-96810-001, Amendment B, between Washington State Department of Commerce, State Broadband Office, and Adams County, for the purpose of extending the contract end date from June 30, 2025 to December 31, 2026, contingent on State and Federal reappropriation and amended section 9: Billing Procedures and payment to change withholding from 10% to 2%. Motion carried.* (This contract amendment was originally signed during regular session on May 6, 2025. It was later determined that an incorrect date was listed in #16. Amendment Purpose. The state corrected the document and resubmitted for county approval).

Recess @ 10:38 a.m.

Reconvene @ 10:45 a.m.

Adams County Citizens' Commission on Salaries for Elected Officials

Human Resource Manager Campbell reviewed the current process associated with determining elected officials' salaries, noting it is becoming increasingly more difficult to fill necessary volunteer positions to serve on the commission.

Options reviewed moving forward are as follows:

1. Continue the process under Ordinance No. O-01-08 authorizing the establishment of Adams County Citizens' Commission on Salaries for Elected Officials, later amended by Ordinance O-01-2011;
2. Repeal Ordinance No. O-01-2011 and revert to the process prior to the adoption of Ordinance No. O-01-08; or
3. Repeal Ordinance No. O-01-2011 and establish a process that ties elected officials' salaries to a percentage of the salary of the Superior Court Judge.

No decision will be made in this matter prior to conducting a public hearing for the purpose of allowing the public to provide comment.

Adjournment @ 12:13 p.m.

Submitted:

s/Patricia J. Phillips, CMC
Clerk of the Board

Edited and Approved:

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
ADAMS COUNTY, WASHINGTON
s/Miguel A. Garza, Chairman
s/Jay R. Weise, Vice-Chairman
s/Dan C. Blankenship Commissioner