

COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS

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

May 21, 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 Workshop

Adams County Countywide Policies for Housing

Building and Planning Director Lorenz, along with Anne Henning, Community Development Director, City of Othello; presented the proposed Adams County Countywide Planning Policies for Housing. The countywide policies aim to:

- Promote a range of housing options that support affordability, accessibility, and sustainable development.
- Ensure that housing policies align with land use infrastructure, economic development, and transportation planning.
- Encourage the preservation and rehabilitation of existing housing, while supporting new development in appropriate areas.
- Address the unique housing needs of rural communities, agricultural workers, and vulnerable populations.

- Encourage rural housing to align with agricultural land preservation.
- Promote buffer zones between developments and existing farm activities.

A public meeting was held in Othello on April 15, 2025; and in Ritzville on April 22, 2025, to receive comment on the planning policies for housing. The comments were presented to the Adams County Planning Commission for consideration.

The Planning Commission held an open public hearing on May 8, 2025, at which time the Commission voted to recommend the adoption of the Adams County Countywide Planning Policies, as submitted.

The Board set June 17, 2025, at 1:30 p.m., in Room 202 of the Adams County Courthouse, Ritzville, Washington, for the purpose of providing the public with an additional opportunity for comment on the proposed policies.

Memorandum of Understanding Between Adams County and Local 1374, WSCCCE-AFSCME

Commissioner Blankenship moved, Weise seconded, to *authorize the Chairman sign Memorandum of Understanding Between Adams County and Local 1374, WSCCCE-AFSCME.* **Motion carried.**

Coroner

Coroner Cutforth was unavailable for her scheduled appointment.

Adjournment @ 10:44 a.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