



COMMISSIONERS' MEETING MINUTES

June 30, 2015 – 9:00 a.m.

Those present were:

Chairman, Commissioner Ken Schutte
Commissioner Terry Thompson
Commissioner Gary Weaver

Executive Director, Doyle Palmer
Admin Assistant, Angela Davis

Guests: Stephen McFadden, Adams Co. Economic Development Director
Joey Hansen, Adams County Development Council

Chairman Kenny Schutte called the meeting to order.

D. Palmer requested to amend the agenda to add Stephen McFadden to present information from the Adams County Economic Development. T. Thompson moved to approve the amended agenda, G. Weaver second and the agenda was approved. G. Weaver moved to approve the minutes from the meeting on June 9, 2015, T. Thompson second the minutes and they were approved. T. Thompson moved to approve the vouchers for June 30, 2015. G. Weaver second the vouchers and they were approved.

Stephen McFadden distributed the annual report for the Adams County Development Council which had been presented at their annual banquet, a flier regarding a lunch in Othello with Dan Newhouse, discussed the funds passed by the state budget funding the Connell Railroad project, and presented the Boyd report on food processing plants. S. McFadden discussed the ACDC "Grow Adams County" book they are putting together. T. Thompson made a motion to put a full page ad in the book, G. Weaver second the motion and it was approved.

There are new tenants at the airport in Building 3. They have requested that the area between the hangar and the taxiway. A discussion was held regarding the project and it was decided to put pave in front of the two hangars. D. Palmer will get bids.

D. Palmer reported on the CIP, there will be \$339,000 for 2016, and he suggests looking into doing some new overhead doors in one of the older hangars. T. Thompson made a motion to looking into the cost of putting overhead doors in one of the buildings. G. Weaver second the motion and it was approved.

The Commissioners discussed the possibility of having a courtesy car at the airport as there are a couple of requests per month for one. G. Weaver made a motion to start looking into purchasing a used vehicle for use as a courtesy car at the airport.

It was suggested the Port put up a sign at the airport showing what improvements have been done to the airport. G. Weaver made a motion to explore putting a sign showing improvements up at the airport. T. Thompson second the motion and it was approved.

D. Palmer has been exploring waste water facilities. He went to see the one recently built at Mattawa. The cost of the project was \$3million. He also called the Dept. of Ecology to begin researching what would be required for us to build one. He was told it would not be a possibility to add onto existing ponds, we would need to have our own. The Hutterians have expressed interest in using water from a waste water pond if we were to put one in. For the Port to put a waste water facility in, it would cost approximately \$5 – 6 million.

D. Palmer has been notified a company is renting existing facility in the Bruce facility and will be putting in a Tier 2 marijuana grow and processing facility. They will be in need of water from the Bruce Water System.

A discussion was held regarding the drains at the property on Hwy 26, it was decided to wait until we have a final decision on the Block Grant as to when to begin the project.

D. Palmer reported that concrete has started to be poured at 615 S. Broadway. It was decided that G. Weaver would be monitoring the project.

The properties owned by the port are listed under two different names, Port District of Othello, and Adams County Port Dist #1. It was decided to have all of the properties listed under Port of Othello. This can be done by doing Quit Claim Deeds transferring from old names to new names. It was decided by the Commissioner to begin this process.

The Board went into executive session to discuss Real Estate and do an employee evaluation at 10:15. The meeting went back into regular session at 10:30. T. Thompson moved to give D. Palmer a 5% increase in salary based on his performance evaluation effective July 1. G. Weaver second the motion and it was approved.

There being no further business K. Schutte adjourned the meeting.




Kenny Schutte



Gary Weaver



Terry Thompson



Attest: Angela Davis, Clerk