

COMMISSIONERS' MEETING MINUTES

September 8, 2015 – 9:00 a.m.

Commissioner Gary Weaver

Those present were:
Chairman, Commissioner Ken Schutte
Commissioner Terry Thompson

Executive Director, Doyle Palmer Admin Assistant, Angela Davis

Guests: Stephen McFadden, Adams County Economic Development

Tyler Fryberger, Othello Outlook

Chairman Kenny Schutte called the meeting to order.

T. Thompson moved to approve the agenda, G. Weaver second and the agenda was approved. G. Weaver moved to approve the minutes from the meeting on August 25, 2015, T. Thompson second the minutes and they were approved. T. Thompson moved to approve the vouchers for September 8, 2015. G. Weaver second the vouchers and they were approved.

The concrete work has been completed at Building 3 at the airport and looks good.

D. Palmer reported that the short plat has not been completed. The easement for the irrigation water was never recorded at the county even though it is on the maps and has been in place for several years. The owner of the property between Cenex and our property has been asked to please sign the paperwork so the easement can be recorded and our short plat can be completed. The land owner has decided he wants to consult an attorney before he is willing to discuss the easement and will not do so until harvest is over. There was a discussion as to other options which include adverse possession and terminating the water rights. It was decided that D. Palmer will try to talk to the land owner again, and if he cannot get him to sign, then to consult an attorney as the Commissioners do not want to sit and wait to get this completed.

A cost analysis of the water system was requested at the last meeting by the Commissioners. This analysis was presented to the Board and shows that the water system is making money.

A water pipe in the Bruce Industrial Site was broken by an employee of Anderson Organics while mowing. The water has been turned off and as soon as a locate has been done it will be repaired by Vanlandingham. The only business affected by the water being shut off is Union Elevator, and they are not using their facility at the moment. Anderson Organics will be billed for the repairs.

Straight A has requested a draw for the incubator building. It was decided a \$40,000 retainer will be held until the closeout is completed through the state. D. Palmer reminded them that all subs need to be registered with Labor and Industries for Intent to Pay Prevailing Wage.

The Commissioners went in to executive session at 9:30 am to discuss a real estate transaction. The executive session lasted until 10:00 am. The Port has received an offer for one of the parcels in Bruce. The Commissioners decided on a counteroffer, and D. Palmer will submit it to Othello Realty Group.

A Letter of Support was presented to the Commissioners for the Adams County CERB Feasibility Study application for the wastewater facility. G. Weaver made a motion to approve the letter of support and provide \$5750 match for the study, T. Thompson second the motion and it was approved.

There being no further business G. Weaver made a motion to adjourn the meeting, T. Thompson second the motion and the meeting was adjourned.

Kenny Schutte, Chairman

Gary Weaver

Terry Thompson

Attest: Angela Davis, Clerk