

COMMISSIONERS' MEETING MINUTES

November 9, 2021 – 9:00 am

Those present were:

Commissioner Gary Weaver
Commissioner Deena Vietzke
Commissioner Kenny Schutte

Executive Director Chris Faix
Executive Assistant Carmon Derting

Guests:

Terry Thompson, Adams County Commissioner

Called to order at 9:01 am.

D. Vietzke made a motion to approve the Agenda, G. Weaver second, motion passed

G. Weaver made a motion to approve minutes from October 26th, D. Vietzke second, motion passed

G. Weaver made a motion to approve vouchers, D. Vietzke, motion passed. There were questions on the CIAW and JR Massey invoices

Terry Thompson reported that the Adams County Commissioners are heavy in their budgeting process. There is currently a shortfall. The Pomeroy hospital has had 50% of their staff laid off due to the mandate. There have been many appointments to office this year.

Hangar 4 Update

The meter for Storage 2 has been installed. A letter will be sent to Straight A to formally request the final paperwork, final invoice and payment of the accrued fines. The first payment for the Hangar 4 loan will be October 2022. There are currently 6 hangars available.

D. Vietzke motioned to raise the lease on Hangar Buildings 1 and 2 to \$2700 per year and Building 3 to \$3000 per year, G. Weaver second motion and it passed.

A letter will go out with the invoices to let the lessees know of the increase that will begin on July 1st, 2022.

Othello Municipal Airport has been allocated \$790,000. C. Faix will research what that allotment is for.

Research will be done about getting internet at the Airport. We will look into both Desert Winds and Starlink.

Bruce Water

DOH has accepted the plans and additional connections. C. Faix will be meeting with JUB. The next step would be to find funding. There is a chance that WIFIA may be an option.

Quit Claim

BOR said that the Quit Claim Deed has been done, but ECID still wants an interceptor drain. C. Faix will see if the Claim has been filed with the courthouse. Future drain issues will be the Port's problem.

C. Simpson has shown interest in trading some of the Andrew's land for ECID land and buildings. One of the issues is that BOR actually owns the land that ECID is currently on, similar to the Airport. There would need to be a title transfer from BOR to ECID and it could take up to 5 years.

The farm lease has been signed for the Andrew's land.

Incubator

Platte River has paid for both units for another month. The Port has been reassured that the wall will be rebuilt between the units. There was a discussion about The Grind renting the second unit. The Commissioners agreed with the understanding that both leases will terminate at the same time. A discussion will be had with Azriel to return to paying full rent by the 10th of each month.

Budget

RESOLUTION 21-3 2022 Budget was signed.

The Commissioners were made aware of the drop in the proposed levy amount that was reflected in the 2022 Budget.

Other

The Commissioners would like to see bank balances compared to the previous year.

C. Faix presented the agenda for the WPPA annual meeting. None of the Commissioners will be attending.

There was an approval to move forward with the full-page ad in the Adams County Magazine done by CBH for \$1100.

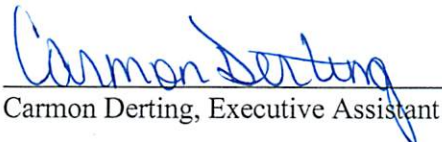
With no further business coming before the Port of Othello Commissioners, the meeting adjourned at 10:35 am by a motion from G. Weaver and a second by D. Vietzke.




Kenny Schutte, Chairperson



Deena Vietzke



Carmon Derting, Executive Assistant



Gary Weaver