

COMMISSIONER'S MEETING MINUTES

June 24, 2025 – 9:30 am

Those present were:

Commissioner Gary Weaver

Commissioner Deena Vietzke

Commissioner Homer Montemayor

Executive Director Chris Faix

Executive Assistant Carmon Derting

Called to order at 9:30 am.

G. Weaver made a motion to approve the agenda; H. Montemayor seconded; the motion passed.

G. Weaver made a motion to approve the minutes; H. Montemayor seconded; the motion passed.

G. Weaver made a motion to approve the vouchers; H. Montemayor seconded; motion passed.

ADAMS COUNTY COMMISSIONER

Met with Commissioners via GoTo online from 9:35-9:45. The County Broadband project was discussed.

AIRPORT

C. Faix spoke with M. Conner about his Hangar building. He has requested payment in full for the Hangar. M. Conner's attorney is drawing up the paperwork. The tenant occupying the building has been told to be out of the hangar by August 1, 2025. The Commissioners requested that we do not get our lawyer involved and to finalize the purchase through Stewart Title in Moses Lake.

H. Montemayor made a motion to purchase the hangar and small building owned by M. Conner for \$400,000, G. Weaver seconded, motion passed unanimously.

Discussion was had about doing both a mechanic and a flight school in the building on a lease agreement. Also, we would allow the leaser to create and run an FBO instead of us making a Pilot's Lounge.

There was a discussion about adding water storage so we can build a 6 bay hanger building. It was requested that C. Faix ask for a variance since we have water storage in our 5-year plan already. It was also requested to investigate putting a water storage unit in the fenced off area.

There has been nothing heard about the K&L issue. C. Faix will keep reaching out.

BRUCE

C. Faix passed out the Site Readiness Flyer. The Commissioners approved the flyer.

HIGHWAY 24

C. Faix is still investigating what would be needed to begin developing the land and meeting with City Planning. It was requested to do brainstorming at the next meeting.

HIGHWAY 26/REYNOLDS

C. Faix contacted the Hampton family. They are not interested in selling the parcel on the corner of Highway 26 and Reynolds. He was told to contact back after the annexation discussions are finished.

C. Faix watched the City of Othello Council meeting on the annexation. The decision has been tabled until July 14th. It does sound like the Hampton annexation might go through, but the Skone & Conners is still being debated.

There was a question about burying the pipe. We have not heard anything except they are looking to do the work fall of 2026. We are waiting for the engineering plan to order the pipe. C. Faix will reach back out.

PROPERTY MANAGEMENT

OTHER

C. Faix presented the RFQ information we received for Aviation and General Engineering we need to do every 5 years.

RFQ were received from:

JUB Engineering for both Aviation and General Engineering

DCI Engineers for General Engineering

Century West for General Engineering

CRW Engineering for General Engineering

RH2 Engineering Inc was disqualified due to arriving late

Varela & Associates Inc was disqualified due to arriving late.

G. Weaver made a motion to retain JUB Engineering as our Engineer on Record for the next 5 years, H. Montemayor second, the motion passed unanimously.

C. Faix and D. Vietzke updated the other Commissioners on the annual ACDC Meeting and the separate meeting with Mr. Joe Wen from the Department of Commerce. The idea of solar panels over the irrigation canal came up and ACDC will look for more information. It is being done in Yakima.

C. Faix presented the budgetary information received from ACDC. It will be discussed with K. Niehenke to begin attending the Commissioner meetings again monthly.

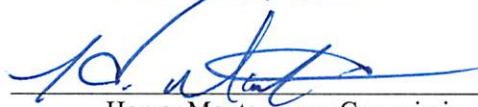
D. Vietzke made a motion to approve the payment of \$10,000 to ACDC as the paperwork requested before payment was to be made has been received. H. Montemayor second, G. Weaver opposed, motion passed.

C. Faix let the Commissioners know that our current IT person is retiring and he has requested that A. Perez begin doing our IT. We have also been told that we need to get new computers due to the fact Windows 10 will no longer be supported and our computers are too old to support Windows 11.

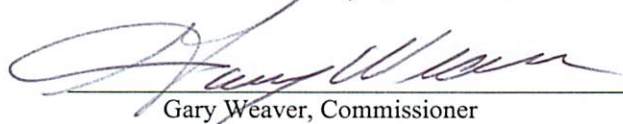
With no further business coming before the Port of Othello Commissioners, the meeting was adjourned at 11:14 am

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Deena Vietzke, Commissioner

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Homer Montemayor, Commissioner

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Gary Weaver, Commissioner

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Carmon Derting, Executive Assistant