

COMMISSIONER'S MEETING MINUTES

April 28, 2026 – 9:30 am

Those present were:

Commissioner Gary Weaver
Commissioner Deena Vietzke
Commissioner Homer Montemayor

Executive Director Chris Faix
Executive Assistant Carmon Derting

Guest: Ben Hoppe, JUB

Called to order at 9:30 am.

D. Vietzke made a motion to approve the agenda with the addition of a discussion on a report of the City Meeting, H. Montemayor; seconded; the motion passed.

D. Vietzke made a motion to approve the minutes; G. Weaver seconded; the motion passed.

D. Vietzke made a motion to approve the vouchers with the voiding of the Sierra Electric check; G. Weaver seconded; motion passed.

ADAM COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

C. Faix reported on the progress of the Water Tower. There was also discussion of the roundabout for 24/Reynolds. There was also discussion of the proposed project on the Hwy 24 property. The Commissioners would like a report on pushbacks that we are getting from the City.

The Adams County Commissioners still have no information on the .09 money that has been requested. They will be having a meeting in May to make some decisions.

D. Vietzke spoke about Kratom and requested the County Commissioners ban it. The County Commissioners need to do research on the subject.

AIRPORT

Changes on the Tie Down project have been made and approved and should be going out to bid in May.

BRUCE

The Water Tower Project is progressing, but it has slowed down. C. Faix requested a change order to add Electronic Meters with Cellular technology was discussed. There has been one quote received, but C. Faix will be collaborating with a local company to gain a second quote. C. Faix spoke with CERB, and it was suggested to make it part of the Water Tower project using the contingency money that has already been built into the project. CERB will review the request at their meeting in May. The Commissioners approved the request. The Commissioners were given the color choices for Well 2 and they chose Buckskin with a green roof.

PROPERTY MANAGEMENT

C. Faix has been made aware of a possible need for a turn lane going into the Hwy 24 property. It was suggested by the Commissioner to see about just doing a turn out. Mr. Horst has been working with the City. A variance to change zoning from Industrial to Commercial will need to be sought. A request for 2 accesses is being discussed. JUB Engineering is looking the information over and will assist where it is needed. A Traffic Analysis may need to be done. JUB suggested the first step is finding out if the access already there is shared or not. Then submit a permit request to the City.

OTHER

The Commissioners were given the choices for the new sign for the office. They requested that we chose.



The Commissioners were presented with dates for CIAW Training, and they requested a date after June 12th.

C. Faix reminded the Commissioners about the June 5th meeting in Moses Lake.

The Spring Conference has run out of rooms. If rooms become available, C. Faix and G. Weaver will be attending.

D. Vietzke spoke about the City Council meeting she attended. A. Garza is the new City Administrator and will also be Acting Chief until a new one is found. The local one-ways are being removed and made into 2-way traffic.

With no further business coming before the Port of Othello Commissioners, the meeting was adjourned at 10:37 am.

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Deena Vietzke, Commissioner

Homer Montemayor, Commissioner

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Gary Weaver, Commissioner

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Carmon Derting, Executive Assistant