

COMMISSIONER'S MEETING MINUTES

August 24, 2026 – 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.

D. Vietzke made a motion to approve the agenda, H. Montemayor seconded; the motion passed.

D. Vietzke made a motion to approve the minutes; H. Montemayor seconded; the motion passed.

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

AIRPORT

Tiedown Update – Had a preconstruction meeting last week and construction should be starting today. There was a question about a ground water permit, but in researching the permit, it should not be needed for this project.

The East End Hangar tenant has been given the keys and will be starting to move in.

There was discussion of building a new hangar, but the Commissioners were reminded about the water storage issue. This led into the discussion of the CIP. The water storage is listed as part of the CIP in 2030. C. Faix mentioned that the AWOS is listed first on the CIP as it is higher on the priority list due to safety and is set for 2028 or 2029.

The Commissioners suggested doing a workshop to update the 5-year plan for all areas of the Port on September 10th at 9:00am. The Commissioners would like a monthly report of available grants.

BRUCE

The Water Tower Project is still moving forward. C. Faix gave an update on what has been done and what is coming up.

C. Faix is still working on the potential land lease. The changes were reviewed with the Commissioners. The Adams County Assessor has been contacted to try to get the updated deeds.

D. Vietzke made a motion to accept the Burnam lease as written; G. Weaver seconded, the motion passed.

PROPERTY MANAGEMENT

The backflows have been tested. There is an issue with the meter and backflow at the old Pacific Produce building. Although the meter is the responsibility of the customer, since we are upgrading the system, we are paying for the new meter.

C. Faix let the Commissioners know that a turn lane is required to do the building project on Highway 24. C. Faix has tried to call WSDOT and has left 4 messages and still has not returned his call to confirm the turning lane and review the numbers on why it is required when the TA we completed shows otherwise. It was suggested to speak with Mayor and City Administrator. The Commissioner agreed to start the process of getting the building started, knowing that the road issues need to be resolved before it opens.

The appraisal was presented for the property that was being investigated to purchase. The appraisal was \$685,000.

There has been interest in the Broadway and Elm property. The interested party wants to buy the property for a retail store. The Commissioners would be interested in selling the property, so C. Faix will let them know.

G. Weaver made a motion that if \$375,000 is offered, D. Vietzke seconded the motion, the motion passed.

OTHER

C. Faix presented the fact that Port of Warden has gone to legislation about a roundabout at the intersection of 17 going to Warden and received it. It was requested to have Kyle and C. Faix start pressing the local legislator about Highway 26 and Reynolds. Kyle has agreed and will try to set up a meeting at the Port with them.

ACDC

Brought up an opportunity for Bruce. This project could result in the proposed company paying for a water treatment plant. They would be bringing a large financial gain for Adams County as a whole. ACDC is working with the City on try to fix some building ordinances. He gave a report of some of the projects in the County.

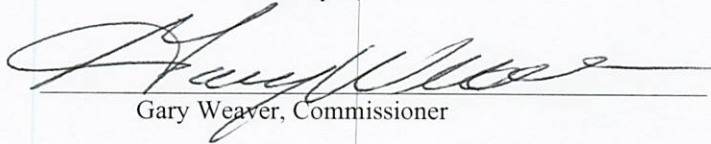
With no further business coming before the Port of Othello Commissioners, the meeting was adjourned at 10:58 am.



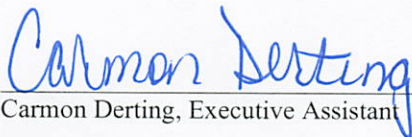
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