

Board of Okanogan County Commissioners  
Monday, August 15, 2022 AM

JD—Jim DeTro, BOCC, District 3  
AH—Andy Hover, BOCC, Chair, District 1  
CB—Chris Branch, BOCC, Vice Chair, District 2—Absent for the week  
LJ—Lanie Johns, Clerk of the Board  
CHa—Crystal Hawley, Deputy Clerk of the Board  
MG—Maurice Goodall, Emergency Management  
NP—Naomi Peasley, Fairgrounds Manager

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Summary of significant discussions:

*Lanie Johns updates the commissioners. Asks that an unfilled half-time position for a custodian be changed to a six-month full time position for grounds maintenance. Commissioners make the change. Maurice Goodall, Emergency Management has nothing to report. Commissioner Hover says "No news is good news."*

*Naomi Peasley, Fairgrounds Manager updates the Commissioners about various water and electrical problems at the Fairgrounds. The Beef Barn needs a new roof. The fair is just a few weeks away. The mother of the Fair Queen shows the Commissioners several pages she's printed from the county's website showing contradictions about the requirements of the Queen. Also, she shows another page showing that the Queen should receive a scholarship but that last year's Queen has not received any money. Commissioner Hover says he's unaware of a scholarship but he'll look into the matter. If the county has promised to pay, they will pay. Commissioners adjourn at noon until Tuesday at 9:00 AM.*

**1:35**—Pledge of Allegiance.

AH—Asks the CHa to fix a mistake in the Agenda. It mentions three meeting scheduled for Tuesday, August 18, but the 18<sup>th</sup> is on Thursday. Andy would like her to find out if the meetings are on Tuesday or Thursday and fix the agenda.

AH—to JD—pretty cool that the Stampede sold out. Over 7,000 tickets sold.  
JD mentions he's watching the cowboy channel—100 Rodeos in 100 Days.

No public comments.

**20:40**—AH—This needs the chairman to sign an Entrance Letter for the State Auditor.

JD makes a motion for the chairman to sign the letter. Passes 2-0.

JD makes corrections to the minutes.

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**32:20**—LJ gives the Commissioners her update.

LJ—The Maintenance Department staffing includes 2.5 custodians but the half-time position isn't filled right now. But the two full time custodians are doing a good job. There are also three full time buildings maintenance positions and they're all filled right now. They do grounds maintenance in addition to the building maintenance. I propose we have a temporary six months grounds position, and we'd rehire every summer for that position. Propose we post the position ASAP and hire someone to try to catch up with what needs to be done. HR has approved the notice. Job description would be the same as the building maintenance tech. Includes other maintenance tasks, but mostly grounds keeping.

JD—Move to approve Resolution 118-2022 to change a 50% FTE custodian position to seasonal temporary full time grounds position. Salary grade 10. Motion passes 2-0.

LJ—Next item—Courthouse window sills are deteriorating. Crumbling and exposing bricks underneath. Needs to be addressed now or in the second phase.

AH—Is there money in the grant you've applied for to cover this?

LJ—I'll talk to my contact there and see if we can shift some money. Tim or I will meet with the waterproofing company to see if they can cover this.

LJ—Joe (Poulin? Maintenance Supervisor) may not be here tomorrow.

LJ—September 12, I'd like to go to a supervisor training workshop in Wenatchee. It's a refresher course. There's money for travel in the budget and there's no charge for the workshop.

LJ—The Clerk's office asked that the September 27 quarterly meeting be held on a different day. There's a meeting that several people will be going to. I'll try to set a different date.

AH—What about October 4?

LJ--OK

LJ—At noon there'll be a virtual assembly of the Washington State Association of Counties. You've got an invitation.

AH—It's about opioid issues and we won't need to talk. Washington state and other states sued pharmaceutical companies. I'm going to attend

LJ—We're in the final stages of statewide settlement. The meeting will provide the next steps that counties need to take.

JD—Ester (Milner, Chief Civil Deputy Prosecutor) will attend, too.

LJ—That's all from me.

**45:30**—AH—Maurice, you're up next. I was driving home the other day and I thought how we haven't had any smoke yet this year.

MG—Fingers crossed. There was just a call to the Fire District because of smoke on Beaver Creek, but it was just dust from someone drilling a well. People are calling in a lot of things.

MG—There've been some illegal burns but they're just getting put out. People know about the bans.

MG—Aside from that, nothing's happening. Unless you've got questions for me, I'm done.

AH—No news is good news. But thanks from coming in.

Commissioners continue to correct minutes.

**56:45**—JD to AH—I have a letter from Alan Fahnestock. Says there was a mess up in the papers...

AH—There was a newspaper article. I haven't read it. It didn't say that the Fire District was asking for ARPA money and not county money.

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**2:01:00**—AH—It's 11:00. Time for the public hearing for the Budget Supplemental for Courthouse Maintenance.

LJ—Staff report—This is needed to help the maintenance department pay expenses that the board has previously authorized. Fuel, repairs and maintenance that would have caused the previous budget to go over.

AH—What are the rentals for?

LJ—For the Justice Building air conditioners.

AH—Two lines for repairs.

Discussion of different budget lines and BARS codes.

No public comment.

JD—I move to approve Resolution 117-2022. Budget supplemental to county maintenance fund for \$140,635. Passes 2-0.

**2:31:30**—NP—Fairground update. Lots going on right now. Fair is a few weeks away. Stampede was last week and the RV park was full. We had some water issues we're trying to remedy right now. There was no domestic water to the north end. Pressure related. It's been an issue for quite a while. Since I was in high school. I called O'Connell's and they'll come to check the pressure. See if we need a bigger pump.

AH—Are the animal troughs on domestic water?

NP—No. Something else is.

AH—Somebody was running tanks down there once and it kills the pressure up on top. They'll have to load test it. Septic?

NP—I think people (RVers) were dumping and not flushing. It was backing up. We're not a dump station. We got backed up.

NP—Told the Fair Advisory Committee (FAC) to tell the campers not to do that. It could compromise the system and we'd end up with a smelly situation.

NP—Lots of electrical issues. Vassar's is completing the RV Park. Breakers were tripped a couple of times this weekend.

NP—Another company will check out the horticultural barn. When the walls were removed, that made the uncovered wiring illegal.

NP—It also has tripping hazards. Someone poured asphalt. We hope to take it out next year. Someone on the Fair Committee will help.

NP—Two utility poles fell down because they were rotted. Having them disconnected. And there's electrical conduit lying on the ground. Having it checked out.

AH—How's the North End new (*unintelligible*) doing?

NP—It's fine. There were horseshoers there and it worked fine.

NP—Repairing the roof in the Beef Barn. Apparently there was a fire but the burned frame was just painted over. Rotten wood. I'll put it in the budget for future repair.

JD—Could someone call Tom Fancher. He's the guy who hauls the shavings. He needs someone to call him so he can schedule when he should haul the shavings.

NP—FAC meeting on Thursday.

AH—I'll try to attend.

NP—Currently have close to \$10,000 in kind with (*unintelligible*) grant. Applying for two more grants: Lodging Tax Advisory Committee (LTAC)—one for the fair and one for the fairgrounds. NP leaves.

**2:39:45**—AH—Anything else today?

NP—This person (in the audience) has a Fair issue. When should she come back?

AH—Do you have a written statement?

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Person—It's just some documentation so I can show you the discrepancies. My daughter is the current Fair Queen. Here it says she has to do five events on the county web page about the Fair Queen, and here it says she has to do ten events. She's done more than that, so that's not the issue. But there needs to be some deciding on that.

Person—My other issue is that I talked to last year's Fair Queen and she has not yet been given the scholarship that's also on the Fair Queen web site.

AH—Reads the printed web page and says he'll go ask the clerk of the Board about it.

AH—We'll look into it. Lanie's been here a long time and she can't remember it. It doesn't say here who'll pay the scholarship.

Person—Yes. We're just trying to make sure the Fair Queens get the scholarship money.

AH—If it's something the county said they'd do. Thank you for the info.

Person—Thank you.

AH—Adjourn until 9:00 Tuesday AM.