

Board of Okanogan County Commissioners
Tuesday May 4, 2021, AM

Present:

Chris Branch (CB), BOCC Chair, District 1

Andy Hover (AH), BOCC Vice Chair, District 2

Jim Detri – Unable to attend today

Lanie Johns (LJ) – Clerk of the Board

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Summary of Significant Discussions or actions: Received quotes for ½ ton 4WD truck with double cab – next week will discuss & decide, discussion of getting fairgrounds track certified for racehorse training, other fairground updates, replacement of air conditioner for Central Services, discussion with Planning Director – change in administrative code, comment period extended for Critical Areas Ordinance to 5PM, May 21 with new hearing date of 5/24/2021, 7 PM, and process discussion for upcoming Shorelines plan and Comprehensive Plan, with notification on website. Meeting adjourned @10:00 for no quorum. Will resume in the PM, 1:30 to 2:30.

9:00 LJ – JD will not be in today.

AH has a meeting @10:00. Changing the agenda for shortened period. Afternoon 1:30 to 2:30.

Naomie Peasley (NP), Fairgrounds Event Planner – Premium books and posters available at the fair office. Also, considering making the OK fairgrounds a certified training facility for racehorses.

Dione Asmussen on Zoom explaining how this might work to get fairgrounds certified. The closest racehorse training ground is in Osooyoos BC. They get completely filled up in the winter and turn people & horses away.

Horse racing Commission is prepared to measure and certify the facility. There will not be any racing but certified clockers will be coming.

CB – This is another revenue source. Concerned that they are aware of liability requirements.

NP – already satisfied with current waiver and notification.

AH – Horseracing is already covered in the RCW's.

AH – can foresee the need for a FT person to take of the horse facilities eventually, once the revenue is there.

Dione Asmussen shared that other facilities charge a deposit or keep a credit card on file on the people do not totally clean up their stalls.

CB – concerned that handicapped doors, etc meet codes.

9:15

Dan Higbee from building dept to discuss quotes received for purchase of a ½ ton, 4WH, double cab truck. Quotes are under \$50,000. Lowers appears to be \$35, 300. More information is needed and decision will be made next week.

Joe Paulsen, Maintenance Supervisor – working on the replacement air conditioner for Central Services, also working on waterlines to the courthouse due to leak.

9:25

Water truck to be delivered tomorrow. Other fairground updates.

9:34 – Pete Paulsen (PP), Planning Director - Couldn't find need for public hearing on updating of County Code – more administrative structure. This is a code that hasn't been used for 30 years. Replace with another ordinance.

LJ to put this on agenda for next week.

PP also rescheduling on meters. Next up is the Shorelines Management Plan. Also received an e-mail from DOE regarding some monies available for counties during the Shorelines Management process. It doesn't appear to need an application for.

On the Critical Areas Ordinance, comment period has been extended to 5/21/2021 at 5 PM. The public hearing scheduled for 5/24/2021. PP wants to be sure to let people know this, via Website, possibly having Emergency Services send out notice.

AH requests PP to put together a schedule so we all know, up front what the review schedule is. He is confused and states others are also.

9:45

AH, PP, & CB discuss process for updating Shorelines Plan, Comprehensive plan, and SEPA reviews.

Discussion of cutting off Public Comment ahead of the scheduled hearing to allow time for Staff and board to read comments, then can act on at the hearing.

PP stated that over 100 comments were received the day of the hearing on Critical Areas so therefore, have had to re-schedule a special hearing to review comments.

AH – yesterday, we (BOCC) directed all departments to send notification to Maurice of Emergency Services to broadcast when appropriate.

PP – only 1 applicant for the Senior Planning position. Will re-post the position as it closes tomorrow. CB suggests other places such as AWC, Planning Association of Washington.

AH – How soon is Zoom or Web-Ex set up for upcoming hearings?

PP stated that Angie does this 2 weeks prior.

AH has to leave for 10:00 meeting.

Meeting is adjourned until 1:30 for lack of quorum.