

Board of Okanogan County Commissioners
Tuesday, August «30th, 2022, 9 :00 a.m.

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Present:

Andy Hover (AH), BOCC District 2
Chris Branch (CB), BOCC District 1
Jim Detro (JD), BOCC District 3
Lanie Johns (LJ), County Clerk
Pete Palmer, Planning Director
Shelley Keitzman (SK), Human Resources/Risk Management

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Summary of Important Discussions: *Lazy Lightning long plat approved ; Human Resources/Risk Pool's Shelley Keitzman pleased to report jail position filled, streamlined process for recruitment resulting in more timely hiring, job vacancies cut in half; Tonasket District Ranger Mike Marsh busy with wildfire, unavailable to report as scheduled; Fair contract payments approved, resolution eliminating fair rental fee planned, funding sources discussed, clarification that donations can go to a particular Fair event. Meeting adjourned at 2:59.*

1:39 - *The Lazy Lightning long plat south of Pateros was approved, pending a cultural resources survey.*

1:42 - *Approval of the Economic Alliance Technical Assistance voucher, \$13,333, is put off until more information comes in. Fair vouchers totaling \$6,092 are approved, checks for two contracts are contingent on presentation of paperwork.*

2:00 - Update, Human Resources/Risk Management - *SK received notice from one insurance company of 10% increase (from \$790 to \$853 per person per year). She says the rest of the companies' increases will be at least that much. Recruitment - SK: We'd started a new process of eliminating the oral board, cutting 30 days from the process... We're using questions from the oral board interview. Someone started today at the jail. The positions are getting filled faster. There are openings in dispatch, we're doing interviews. There are only two positions not filled. (In all) we've gone from 50 to 23 vacancies. She will be attending a risk pool conference in October and a day-long arbitration training seminar in November.*

Tonasket Ranger District update with newly-appointed ranger Matt Marsh is postponed. He has called to report that he is working on a wildfire.

Fair - **CB**, reading the *Omak Chronicle*: There's a list of contributions (for the Fair); (they're) thanking the community for its support. *Vouchers worth \$134,632 for Fair contracts approved. Payroll vouchers of \$2,055,092 approved.* **AH**: What is the procedure for contracts that come in late? They'll need Shelley's and the BOCC's signatures. **CB**: I authorize the chair to review and sign. **AH**: With the concurrence of SK. **JD**: I always buy Fair passes... They requested my old John Deere tractor on display. **AH**: It's strange that some people want to be paid but don't put in the paperwork... **CB**: The list of contracts didn't get submitted by the fair manager. We have to sign each one. **LJ**: You still have to sign each one, but I'll give you the list I made out.

2:47 - They discuss writing the resolution to dispense the Fair from paying a Fairgrounds rental fee, starting this year. This was decided in last year's budget talks with the knowledge that added entertainment for the 75th anniversary would make the fair more expensive, and the idea that the Fair is a public service to the County. Also, the EMT crew which had volunteered its ambulance services for the fair has backed out and another company will be paid \$1,036 to fill in. The Fair Manager will draw up a contract. A discussion about WA state fair money as opposed to the Fair Mutual Fund, which comes from horse racing, and is paid to fairs that include 4H. **AH**: There's \$31,000 going into the purse, and 100 horses coming in. **CB**: Is there a policy to specify where donations are going? **AH**: Yes. So Oroville Reman and Reload's original contract was \$1,000. **CB**: So they called out barrel racing and kids' (inaudible)? \$500 more came from the Fireworks stand, for that.

Fee schedule - LJ says they've adopted an Excel spread sheet to replace the previous brochure format.

2:59 - Meeting adjourned until Monday morning.