

Board of Okanogan County Commissioners
Tuesday November 15, 2022AM

Present:

Andy Hover (AH) – BOCC Chair, District 2

Jim DeTro (JD) – BOCC, District 3

Lanie Johns (LJ) – Clerk of the Board

Chris Branch (CB), BOCC Vice Chair, District 1 away to a County Leadership Conference.

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Summary of Significant Discussions or Actions: Granting of Title 3 Funds for 2023 to Ok County Conservation District and Search & Rescue, Finance Committee Meeting working on 2023 budget, Bid Opening for Chip Spreader for Public Works – 1 bid \$481,622, Recess at 11:09 until 1:30 afternoon session.

9:02

JD & AH open the meeting. Begin working on November 7th proceedings.

9:15 – Public Comment

Ruth Hall asks if Commissioner Branch is out all day. AH states that CB is attending a county leadership conference all day.

9:22

Craig Nelson (CN) Head of Conservation District states that he got a letter from Department of Ecology regarding water banking. More discussion on this later, per AH.

9:30

Discussion regarding authorizing the \$94,928 Title 3 funds received. Two entities applied for these funds; Ok County Conservation District for \$94,000 to increase Firewise work, and Search and Rescue (represented by Connie Humphreys) \$20,000 for equipment and training. No public comments received for the Search & Rescue application, but quite a few for the Conservation District.

AH discusses some of the record keeping for Title 3 funds.

BOCC decides to give \$20,000 to Search & Rescue and the rest of the funds (\$74,928) to Ok County

Conservation for their Firewise efforts.

9:43

Moved, seconded, and carried to authorize the Title 3 funds in the above manner. LJ will write up resolution for BOCC to sign.

AH thanks Search & Rescue and the Conservation District for putting in an application for these funds.

10:00

Finance Committee Meeting with Leah McCormack (LM), County Treasurer and Lisa Schreckengast (LS) Deputy

AH opens Zoom participant in his name to be able to share the Excel spreadsheet (2023 County Budget)

LM discusses budget lines and how they had found an error. Staff go line by line to see if the numbers are correct, and to determine what information is still needed to complete this 2023 Budget.

In looking at the Prosecuting Attorney's office, AH and LM both compare our Prosecuting Attorney's wages to Douglas County \$169,000. Will increase to stay in line with Douglas County. The Prosecuting Attorney is working on a resolution for this.

10:23

Discussion of OBHC, Substance Abuse, and Developmental Disabilities share of funding. As of previous resolution in 2016 (144-2016) 50% of monies are distributed as 30% DD, and 20% Alcohol.

Lots more budget discussion as they are cleaning up and updating the current document. This lasts until just before 11:00.

11:00

Bid Opening for Public Works Chip Spreader with Staff member Jerry Paul(JP)..

Per LJ, there is nothing in the mail this morning. Therefore, there is only 1 bid by PacWest Machinery in Spokane Valley.

Chip Spreader "Bearcat" 310HP bid @\$481,622 with tax included. JD asks when is the estimated time for delivery? JP states, hopefully, in May 2023. It will be built to order. JD wonders if this will be early enough for next year's road work. JP believes this will be good timing if it all works out right.

BOCC to give this bid to Public Works for their recommendation.

Josh Thomson, County Engineer, is at a conference today and won't be available for Public Works Update.

11:09 Meeting is recessed until after lunch, 1:30