

Board of Okanogan County Commissioners
Tuesday, March 30, 2021 AM

Present:

Chris Branch (CB) – BOCC Chair, District 1

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

Jim DeTro (JD) – BOCC, District 3

Lanie Johns (LJ) – Clerk of the Board

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Summary of Significant Discussions or Actions:

Discussion of burn bans being consistent between counties, cities, and DNR, Discussion and re-appointment of current Planning Commission Board members, County Fair Event Coordinator updates with upcoming events and dealing with alcohol usage, Maintenance did purchase new multiple use truck, Purchase of new computer program/software to integrate health dept, planning, and other departments – discussion of pros and cons of the proposed DUDE Solutions system, which is in use by Chelan, Kittitas, and Douglas Counties, needing other quotes for upgrade to the UPS (back-up power supply), short HR update

9:03 – Maurice Goodall, Emergency Services; Discussion of Burn bans and desire to coordinate with other counties, cities, and DNR. Fire safety also discussed.

9:12 Pete Palmer, Planning Director discussed the appointing or re-appointing of the Planning Commission. They are 4 year terms.

AH wants to get notices out about new appointments, but then decided to go with the experienced members of the Board.

Moved, Seconded and carried to re-appoint Al Roberts, Verlene Hughes, Dave Schultz

LJ to get letter typed up for signature.

9:21 Naomie Peasley, County Fair Event Coordinator – reported on upgrade projects at RV park and roofing of some buildings, along with the north grounds barn project.

Problems with alcohol usage at different events. Any suggestions from BOCC?

How should security be handled? Security needs to be licensed and bonded – not just volunteers.

Some discussion about this. CB to give Naomie P some names to check into.

Also, discussion about whether and how NP can use comp time versus getting paid for overtime.

The Courts usage of the Agriplex, Annex, and kitchen is still working well. Just need to balance that with the possibility of revenue from other scheduled events.

9:45

Joe Paulsen, Maintenance- brought truck in today to be viewed.

There has been no response to the maintenance position at the fairgrounds.

9:52 – Long discussion regarding the purchase of new software through Dude Solutions that will integrate departments. This was discussed with Pete Palmer, Planning, Dave Hilton, Health Dept, and Debbie Featherly, building dept.

One drawback is they are 6-9 months out on even considering new system. Then it needs to be determined whether this would be a good fit for Okanogan County. Currently, this system is in use in Chelan, Douglas, and Kittitas Counties. More information is needed. There will be a future presentation and AH states that he is most interested in focusing on the health dept side. Will need to check with the other counties to see how it is working for them.

There are some problems with the current system (healthspace) is still not up and running after 2 years per Dave Hilton.

CB also suggested how Public Works could also be integrated in this system.

10:30 Karen Beatty- discussing the UPS system in need of upgrade. Current quote from Kruse Electric but needs to get 2 more quotes to compare.

10:35 *****2 executive sessions regarding public employee performance*****until 11:15

11:15 – Tanyia Craig, HR and Risk Manager reporting of open positions for hiring and requests executive sessions.

11:35 – back from Executive Session.

11:43 Adjourn until 1:30