

**Board of Okanogan County Commissioners**  
**Tuesday June 29, 2021, AM**

Present:

Chris Branch (CB) – BOCC Chair, District 1

Jim DeTro (JD) – BOCC, District 3

Lanie Johns (LJ) – Clerk of the Board

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**Summary of Significant Discussions or Actions: Superior Court Update, Communication Tower down and needs to be repaired/replaced, County Fair Event Coordinator resigns, continued upgrades and maintenance at the fairgrounds, Consent agenda approvals. Solid Waste & Public Works updates.**

8:15 – Missed the update from Superior Court Judge and Administrator

8:30 – Travel policy discussed

LJ – Joe Poulin to talk with Kyle (at fairgrounds) about getting off work early due to extreme heat.

9:02 – Maurice Goodall (MG) -Emergency Services Director – discussed about communication tower being down and need for repair. This hinders communications. This is so important, especially in this time of extreme heat. Will discuss funding this with treasurer.

MG & CB – Discussion of banning fireworks vs recommending. MG will speak with the cities to coordinate this effort. DNR is also banning fireworks on their lands.

9:12 – Naomie Peasley (NP) County Fairgrounds Event Coordinator – gave 2 weeks written notice of resignation. CB offered NP an opportunity for executive session to discuss her issues. CB would like to see what issues can be resolved as a systemic issue. NP has been very excited about the progress at the fairgrounds.

9:18 – Joe Poulin (JP), Maintenance Supervisor explained that new bids have been received for work at the fairgrounds. Discussed the septic needing upgrading BOCC will wait for Andy Hover (AH) to get more involved with the fairground issues.

JP is headed to Public Works today to check out their HVAS systems

9:31 – Kent reached out to CB with a new idea, per JD.

LJ is taking this Thursday and Friday off, to coincide with 4<sup>th</sup> of July holiday. She is getting Crystal, new staff member, trained and up to speed on all board meetings.

10:20 0 LJ and CB discussing dynamics at the fairgrounds – takes a special persona to balance all of the things at the fairgrounds.

10:26 Moved, seconded, and carried to approve Consent Agenda.

1. WSLCB – special occasion liquor license 8/21 for Zach Meyer
2. WSLCB – special occasion liquor license 7/10 for J Doran Ranch & Amanda Mott
3. Agreement amendment #1 -Snow pack plowing & grooming, Wa St Parks & Recreations.
4. Reimbursable work request – Chip seal city of Omak.
5. USFS Grant close-out – Methow Trails vaulted toilet
6. Contract – SmartGov – Permit tracking software – Dude solutions
7. Contract E22-029, 911 Dispatch Operations – expense reimbursement Wa St Military Dept

10:36 – some general discussion about making an offer on a building. 1554 Sq feet of building.

10:55 – Public Hearing Budget Supplemental appropriation, Vehicle reserve fund \$10,342. This is from Surplus. Moved, seconded, and carried.

11:00 -

Ken Kovalchenko, (KK) Solid waste manager – learning new software – more user friendly. Good comments are coming from the workers.

KK also discussed Wa Dept of Ag agreement – will postpone due to heat. Need to publicize current fee schedule.

Josh Thompson (JT) – County Engineer, Public Works reports on bridge work: - unable to get girders for project, paving is completed on Old Hwy 97, just waiting for paint.

Guard rail safety project in process.

JT discussed how other counties are utilizing the funds that have come directly to the County Governments from the US Treasurer.

CB and JD discussed what other counties are doing.

11:40 Adjourn