

Board of Okanogan County Commissioners
Tuesday May 25, 2021, AM

Present:

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

Jim DeTro (JD) – BOCC, District 3

Lanie Johns (LJ) – Clerk of Board

Cari Hall (CH) – County Auditor

Lisa S (LS) – Auditor Staffmember

Leah McCormack (LM) – County Treasurer

Pete Palmer (PP) – Planning Director

Naomie Peasley (NP) – Fairgrounds Event Coordinator

Josh Thomson (JT) – County Engineer, Public Works

Ken Kovalchenko (KK) – Solid Waste Manager

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Summary of Significant Discussions or Actions: short report on Critical Area Ordinance hearing from last night, an open position in the Planning Dept and Public Works, Wa State HS Rodeo finals at Fairgrounds this coming weekend, Approval/payment of vouchers for County government and Public Health, Annual Review of Auditor/Treasurer's financial report, Public Hearing on Budget Supplemental Appropriation for Public Works and District Court, Solid Waste and Public Works updates.

Comm Hover and Comm DeTro in attendance this morning. CB absent.

9:04 – PP from the planning Dept. 7 public members at CAO (Critical Areas Ordinance) hearing last night, 4 comments received. Will review.

PP – Do you want a public hearing or meeting for the next part of process? AH states probably just a meeting.

What about advertising for open position in Planning due to retirement 6/30.

9:07 – NP, Ok Co Fairgrounds Event Coordinator – report: Wa State HS Rodeo finals this weekend. Maintenance staff need to be available.

AH – How many positions are there?

NP -2

AH – We don't want to pay overtime.

NP – Will extend open position announcement for another 2 weeks. Only 1 applicant received.
AH & NP will be meeting with Tribe this Friday at 10 AM.

AH is interested in multi-use @ fairgrounds.

9:13 – AH states that Doug Adams is adamant about not just spending \$\$ (*on the fair*)

9:16 – LJ states she is working on extensive Public Records Request on the Kermel Grade Road.

AH – We could do the consent agenda. Are there vouchers that need paid? Yes

Moved, seconded and carried to approve Consent Agenda: (1) town of Nespalem/County reimbursable agreement, (2) Interagency data sharing agreement Ok Co/Wa State Auditor, (3) appointment letter for Solid Waste Advisory Committee, appoint Brent Nourse,

9:20 Moved, seconded and carried to approve \$700,215.64 county vouchers and Public Health Vouchers of \$16,570.

(JD talks on phone a lot as there is no new agenda item until 10:00)

9:50 – CH and LS from Auditors Office, and LM, Treasurer for Annual Report.

AH to CH – The Treasury put out information regarding the Federal \$\$ expected. We could reimburse County for lost revenue during Covid. We need those numbers from the different departments.

AH wants to be prepared so we know the over-all county losses.

10:00

Detailed breakdown of report; Narrative explaining to state auditor, description of county, different funds; general, special, capital projects, debt, bonds, and permanent fund, investment trust fund, and custodial funds.

Funds are restrictive via RCW's. Committed to BOCC – unrestricted funds.

CH – assessments are fees.

10:13

****Covid section**** Is legislative body worried about meeting obligations?

CH – All three of you have stated that you are not worried.

10:23 – description of loss of revenue for Covid's requirements/ vaccinations. Fairgrounds loss from 3/13/2020 – August 2021 is \$116,858 states AH via NP statistics.

LM explains other counties have a specific financial officer hired. All of this is done at the Treasurer's Office. We don't have money for investment purposes.

AH – our objective is to stay liquid and stay afloat.

10:32 – CH – Section: tax assessments, investment & upkeep

10:35 – CH – Section- The Gap.

10:38 – CH- Section – Property taxes

10:39 – CH Section – Risk Management

10:40 – CH- section other closures and reserve funds, transfers.

CH does try to make this report understandable to the public

10:48 – CH Schedule of liabilities

10:49 – CH Paid out, Schedule of federal awards.

10:52 – CH, Can I submit my report as amended?

LM – In March, we start the process all over again.

10:55 – Public Hearing – Budget Supplemental Appropriation; Public Works and District Court Resolution 63-2021; \$1,542,023. Public Works, \$3950 to District Court
Moved, seconded, and carried to approve

11:00

KK – Solid Waste - Paradigm program underway. Had first meeting regarding this new scale systems. Discussion of draining sludge under the pond liner, repairing liner and filling pond back up. Not as much lumber at the landfill.

JT – Maintenance and road schedule. - no serious issues with high flood water.

Public Works currently has 2 open positions. Considering a hiring event in the Methow.

11:14 – AH & JT discuss an after fair project that will need to be sent out for bids in December or January.

LJ was sent an e-mail regarding a county-owned parcel of land in Malott that is being taken over by weeds. Discussion of how to get the spraying done and paid for.

JD – Discussed a \$5,000,000.00 apple warehouse going in north of Wenatchee. DOT says they are having to pay \$6,000,000.00 for a roundabout. *JD got this information from a friend*

No other business

Meeting Adjourned at 11:30