

Board of Okanogan County Commissioners
Tuesday, December 20, 2022 AM

Present:

Chris Branch (CB) – BOCC Vice Chair, District 1

Andy Hover (AH) – BOCC 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:

- Public Comment: clarification of Tunk Basin rezone procedure - currently sent back to Planning who will convene a public hearing on January 23rd, BOCC has extended the moratorium, setting the timeline forward. February 6th discussion will be with the BOCC.
- Short discussion regarding ARPA monies (\$750,000) earmarked for broadband to cover entire County – PUD and OCEC (Former REA – Ok County Electrification Cooperative) to share these dollars.
- Approval of voucher to pay for non-punitive damages – written up by HR and Civil Deputy.
- AH being recommended for Forest Plan Advisory Board/Group.
- Bid Opening for Central Landfill Phase 4 Development.
- Payroll vouchers approved along with Emergency Management Services Districts.
- Adjourn 11:28

9:05

AH discusses with the Board that he will be meeting with OCEC (Okanogan County Electrification Cooperative) and wants to clarify the utilization of ARPA funds for

County-wide Broadband, between OCEC and the PUD. LJ states that the PUD is not looking for the matching funds for the Broadband project but OCEC is applying for \$500,000. \$750,000 has been earmarked for this through Roni Holder, Economic Alliance. BOCC speaks with Roni Holder on the phone to see if their numbers are correct. Apparently, there shouldn't be a need for a match in funding due to Okanogan County being designated as one of 15 distressed counties in the State of Washington
9:16

Public Comment: Ruth Hall asks for clarifications regarding the Tunk Basin Rezoning: February 6th date is for BOCC to act on recommendation from the Planning Commission – it may or may not be at the stage for approval at that time. The Planning Dept is starting process all over and will have a public hearing on January 23rd with different recommendation. CB stated that BOCC had extended the Moratorium date to accommodate this new decision. They were not happy with the previous process and decision.

There will be no BOCC meeting next Monday due to being the Christmas Holiday, but will meet on Tuesday the 27th, however, without CB.

9:30

*****Executive Session under 42.30.110 (1)1 regarding potential litigation *****
with Shelley Keitzman, HR and Esther Milner, Civil Deputy.

10:13

AH asks other BOCC members to write a recommendation for AH to serve on the Forest Plan Advisory Group/Board.

CB also recommends Michael Anderson to be a good person on that Board.

10:21

LJ prints up the Resolution that was created as a result of the Executive Session this morning, by HR and Civil Deputy.

10:23 Moved, Seconded, and Carried to approve Resolution 204-2022 for non-punitive damages.

10:25

Esther Milner, Civil Deputy will reschedule discussion of the code revision for after the first of the year. BOCC is busy today with other more urgent items.

10:29

AH reports that he met with the CTC Board about coordinating computer systems at visitor centers around the County. This was brought up at an LTAC meeting. They had requested \$300,000 of LTAC funds.

10:34

Moved, Seconded, and Carried to send a letter of support regarding matching funds to OCEC – for the \$500,000

10:36

Moved, Seconded, and Carried to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

1. Interlocal agreement – Waterline replacement – Town of Winthrop
2. Interlocal agreement – Building inspection services – Town of Winthrop
3. Approve Amended 2023 LTAC funding allocations
4. Letter – LTAC membership status
5. Resolution 197-2022 – Fingerprint fee increase – Sheriff's Office
6. Resolution 200-2022 – Pest Control Levy 2022
7. Resolution 202-20232 – Reclassify Maintenance Tech

11:00

Bid Opening for Central Landfill Phase 4 Development with Public Works, Shasta Stidman and Ken Kovalchenko, Solid Waste Manager.

There are 6 different bids for this work, with Selland Construction coming in the lowest at \$2,377,952.95. The bids will be sent to Public Works for them to bring back their recommendation to the BOCC

11:20

Moved, Seconded, and Carried to approve payroll and vouchers, also for Public Health. Also, Moved, Seconded, and Carried to pay Emergency Services vouchers for Tonasket EMS District, Oroville EMS, and Methow Valley EMS

11:28

Adjourned until the afternoon session at 1:30