

Board of Okanogan County Commissioners
Tuesday September 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: Discussion of template for ARPA funding disbursements, following State Auditor guidelines. Public Hearing budget supplemental for fairgrounds, Sheriff's Office, and Homeless funds. Need for updated burn ban,-1 more week Update from County Engineer. Meeting Adjourned 11:50

9:00

Discussion regarding use of tax funds for city infrastructure projects. Need Template for other reimbursements of ARPA funds -possibly use Economic Alliance's Resolution. LJ would like direction from BOCC on what they might want her to do in this regard.

9:15

No Public Comments

Continued discussion re: ARPA funding projects under rules/guidelines. Also, worked together for putting together a template for resolution that could be used for various approved projects.

9:22

AH clarifies when he discusses something versus actual action. Just ideas.

9:30

Budget Supplemental for various Departments: \$1800 for Sheriff's Department (represented by Undersheriff, Aaron Culp) for monies received due to illegal firearms grant program (investigation of individuals that are denied firearms due to background check), Fairgrounds \$46,766 for small tools and professional services, \$66,000 Homeless funds. No Public Comment. Moved, Seconded, and Carried to approve Resolution 130-2022.

9:40

Continued Discussion of template for Approved ARPA funding requests.

9:50 JD and AH discuss gas powered vehicles vs electric

11:00

Josh Thomson (JT) County Engineer updates on maintenance and road conditions, too dry to mow or grade roads. Buying sand for future use.

Currently, cold in Public Works Dept - installing HVAC units, and testing them.

Forest Service got Hart's Pass road open again, Highway 20 is also open after mudslide.

Public Works has been sealing bridge decks. 3 in the Methow. 1 at Lost River that needs more attention. JT states there will be more permitting needed for that project. Maybe next fall. Wondering if design work would be eligible for LTAC funding.

UTC did a tour through County looking at Railroad crossings.

Re-working the call for bids on the Ellesford well de-commissioning

City of Brewster wants to re-build Hwy 97 intersection.

11:21

Maurice Goodall (MG), Emergency Services Manager in to talk about extending burn ban, needing to do new resolution for another week or so. MG will write it up and bring back next week.

JT talks about business owner wanting help with the Mazama intersection and possible parking. Some discussion about whether public funds to help this or need for private funding only. CB uses Manson as example of Chelan County doing infrastructure for that town that is also unincorporated.

Suggested that Mazama could create an Improvement District, but it sounds like not every business owner wants the same thing.

JT reports road closure on Salmon Creek Drainage project. October 8th through the 14th. Contractor will be bringing in big chunks of concrete.

11:38

JT states that he still hasn't heard back from OCOG regarding the new position with RTPO (trails) & County. Discussion of liability insurance for this position. CB explains about insurance & risk pools. JT states it would be nice to have that position.

JD lets JT know that he has been getting calls from the Havillah Road residents – various spots have water undermining the asphalt in the ditch. JT will look into this.

11:50

Meeting in recess until 1:30 PM