

Board of Okanogan County Commissioners
Wednesday September 1, 2021, AM

Present:

Chris Branch (CB) – BOCC Chair, District 1

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

Jim DeTro (JD) – BOCC, District 3

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Summary of Significant Discussions or actions: 5 budget supplemental hearings, request from fair manager, Naomie Peasley, for funding to do Covid protocols at the fair to make this a safe, successful fair – (CB had facilitated this with NP), NP had met with Fair Advisory Group, Public Health Director, Dr Wallace for strategies- will need to purchase fans, rent more benches for social distancing, etc, Board onboard with this request, Consent Agenda approved, update on Champerty Shores.

9:00 Budget Supplemental hearing opened by AH (on Zoom), Resolution 107-2021. CB completed the hearing for maintenance and facility rentals on the fairgrounds, moved, seconded, and carried.

9:07 – Opened Hearing for Budget Supplemental Prosecutors Office, Resolution 109-2021, \$140,000. \$40,000 decrease due to move from general fund to civil. JD moved to approve, seconded, and carried

9:14 – Budget Supplemental for \$\$ received by Legislators, Resolution 108-2021 for \$168,000. Needs funds allocated. JD moved to approved, seconded, and carried.

9:17 – Budget Supplemental Appropriation for Central Services, 110-2021 for \$95, 654 for security cameras and updated computers – Central Services. Moved, seconded, and carried to approve.

9:23 – Budget Supplemental for Noxious Weed Board, LJ states this is a routine supplemental – Resolution 111-2021 for \$264,687, Moved, Seconded, and carried to approve.

9:29 – CB asks Naomie Peasley (NP), Fairgrounds Manager, to come to the microphone. They had been discussing needs at the fair for public safety. NP states the Fair is one week away. With the new mandates, there is a need to do some safety measures. She had met with Public Health Director, Lauri Jones, Dr Wallace, Emergency Services, and the Fair Advisory Board for strategies on keeping the fair safe for everyone. At first, Public Health recommendation was to not have the fair. However, they did give some advice on safety protocols, which is going to require some purchases. NP will do budget

supplemental afterwards if okay with BOCC. There will be a need for more bleachers to rent, large fans, signage, and cleaning stations. More planning for social distancing, etc.

CB states since we are going forward with the fair, we need to take precautions.

AH asks NP approximately what \$\$ figure are we thinking? NP states upward of \$6000

CB believes we can use ARPA funds under public safety. There seems to be a general agreement among the BOCC members, but no official vote to approve this.

NP wants to have as safe a fair as we can.

On other fair business, AH moves to have BOCC sign fair contracts. Seconded and carried.

AH also moved to approve Consent agenda - Twisp River Bridge Repair, Twisp River Spokane Grade Overlay, Twisp River Reconstruction. Seconded and carried.

CB did short discussion on Champerty Shore – north county development. They are very anxious to get the work done.

9:46 discussion of approval of Commissioners proceedings from 8/16 & 17, and August 23rd & 24th. Approval moved, seconded, and carried. After typos corrected.

Isabelle Spohn comments on the AV Capture, being difficult to hear in real time, but fine in recording. Also, able to hear people with their masks on if they are close to their microphones.

10:01 – Meeting is, apparently, adjourned.