

**Board of Okanogan County Commissioners**  
**Tuesday, October 5, 2021 AM**

Present:

Jim DeTro (JD) – BOCC, District 3

Andy Hover (AH) – BOCC Vice Chair, District 2 - On Zoom – 11:00 to 11:10) otherwise, absent

Chris Branch (CB) – BOCC Chair, District 1 – (on family leave)

Lanie Johns (LJ) – Clerk of the Board

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*Most of the morning meeting, there was no quorum. JD only commissioner in attendance until 11:00 for the hearing regarding purchase of truck for Public Works, then AH attended by Zoom until 11:10)*

**Summary of Significant Discussions or Actions: Discussion of how Fairgrounds can pay the B&O tax required – need budget supplement, will need to move funds around, Bids for new trucks (Jess Ford only bidder, bids for HVAC systems, and lighting on south parking lot of courthouse, agenda cancellations due to no quorum, update from emergency manager, Public Works update.**

9:06 JD arrives.

9:07 – Naomie Peasley (NP), Fairgrounds Manager reports the well is now working. B&O taxes need to be paid, does not have enough money to cover, new revenue came up in last month.

JD suggested a budget supplemental. LJ explains options. Budget request will need to be submitted.

Discussion of adding new Fair Advisory Committee (FAC) members.

NP states there will be a \$7000 increase of office position year-round (part time)

9:20 – Joe Poulin, Maintenance Supervisor brings bids for HVAC @ Public Works, and bids for putting lighting up @ south end of parking lot.

JP states that he will need to check with neighbors affected by this change.

LJ – Mike Worden, e-mailed that he would like to re-schedule his update to October 11<sup>th</sup>, in order to have all BOCC in attendance.

9:25 – Maurice Goodall (MG) – emergency manager. Reports he will be in a meeting @1:00 on Thursday by Zoom.

MG reports a new fire recently. He is working on grants and reimbursements for Cold Spring Fire. MG also states there are vaccinations at fairgrounds every Friday.

There is also some discussion between MG and JD regarding drones and problems in fire areas.  
*(Report went until 9:39, at which time meeting was recessed until the hearing @ 11:00. )*

10:55 – AH on Zoom – discussing budgeting of fairgrounds \$\$\$. Would like to wait until Monday for budget of fairgrounds.

11:00 \*\*\* hearing on purchase of 2 trucks\*\*\* – 3 options. Jess Ford only bidder; 1 150 PU with option of diesel \$38,199.35 including sales tax, 1500 Dodge Ram 4x4 for \$48,334.54 including tax – gas motor, Also, 2022 Ford F-150 \$42,660.40 including tax

There was discussion with Jerry Paul, Josh Thomsen, and representative from Jess Ford. AH wondered about the state contracts, but they are not out yet. The only thing decided was to give bids to LJ to staff and come back for recommendations. No decision made today.

AH signed off at 11:10

11:10 – Josh Thomsen (JT), County Engineer update of road maintenance & conditions. Grading done and chip sealing of 2 bridge. Has been having conversation about Omak Mtn Road – hard to know how to respond. It is mostly out of our jurisdictions – on the reservation.

JT also reports that Old Hwy 97 project complete, but hydroseeding happening now.

JT reports that AH has, previously, asked him for an update on the construction of the shops. There is uncertainty in the bidding climate.

Consent Agenda has cattleguard franchise ending.

Update was completed on 11:15

JD adjourned meeting until 1:30