

**Board of Okanogan County Commissioners**  
**Tuesday April 13, 2021 AM**

Present:

Chris Branch (CB) – BOCC Chair, District 1

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

Jim DeTro (JD) – BOCC, District 3

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Summary of Significant Discussions or Actions: Discussion of need to publish, ahead of time, in the case of a special meeting, Emergency Services update, Planning update of Comp Plan timeline, Fairgrounds updates, transfer of Sheriff's Office truck to the Fairgrounds, Solid waste/Public Works updates No afternoon meeting – only Public Health Board meeting @ 1:30.

9:00 – Discussion of requirements to publish Special Meetings notices.

LJ – there is no obligation to publish special meeting notices

9:03 – Maurice Goodall (MG) – Emergency Services Mgr, Vaccinations are going fine. Discussion of the MOU with the Public Health District regarding overtime policies. Different payment codes needed.

9:14 – MG, Car pulled out of the Similkameen on DNR property, paid for by them.

9:15 – Pete Palmer (PP), Planning Director – Critical areas ordinance going to the planning commission for their next regular meeting. Making updates.

AH – where are we with the Comp Plan?

PP – One more review needed for Comp Plan – preparing responses to public comments, then within the next 30 days, the full record will be transported to you (BOCC) along with the supporting documents. Of course, a lot of that information is on the Planning Commission website.

AH – How do we see Zoning Code?

PP – Once Comp Plan is completed, then they will dive into the zoning codes. And be coming to the BOCC for priorities.

CB – Proposing code updates are being done separately from the Comp Plan. PP- yes

AH – will be considering chunking up by area to do zoning appropriately.

City of Winthrop is losing staff. Special meeting called. Current building project  
There is 61 new building projects county-wide.

9:24 – Naomie Peasley, (NP), Fairgrounds Event Coordinator reports the Fair Advisory Board met and is concerned about the electrical problems at the south end RV park. They have allocated \$10,000 for this project.

Also, people are using the arena daily. It is getting very dusty. Water is needed.

Discussion of when we can turn the water on there.

LJ – Irrigation water right starts April 1<sup>st</sup>.

AH – will shoot for the 15<sup>th</sup>, to have the water turned on.

9:39 There are some items left from last weekend' surplus sale auction. Some desks are left.

Will need to contact the Dept heads on what they want to do on their surplus items that did not sell.

Also, discussion of fairground security.

AH has done some checking around for for fixing chain link fence by Main Gate. \$3400 for materials. Would like to start taking it apart, but questions if there are any security issues. All gates are open on May 1<sup>st</sup>.

AH also asking about the sprinkler system for the fairgrounds.

Wants to talk about NP's work schedule. Office is open 9-2:30

Joe Paulsen, Maintenance Supervisor – Filled the new maintenance position.

Will be getting truck from Sheriff's Office transferred to the Fairgrounds staff.

NP – another staff person being hired to work in the office as a temporary position.

Also, May 15<sup>th</sup>, the Fair Advisory Board is having a training they would like to be able to have food also. This needs BOCC approval.

10:25 – Fair Budget reviewed. Moved, seconded and carried to authorize up to \$300 for training expenses/food

10:28 – Joe Paulsen, Maintenance Supervisor – Will be installing new boiler for Court purposes. This will happen between 6/4 & 6/25.

10:30 - Dennis Rabidou, Court Administrator and Judge Culp, along with Shelley from HR.

Changing salary for bilingual staff to \$125 per month Moved, seconded and carried to approve.

10:41 approval of consent agenda, and payment of vouchers for \$725,713.82, \$7,981 for Public Health, .

11:00 – Ken Kovalchenko, Solid Waste Manager reports waiving of tipping fees for fire victims goes until the end of the month.

Has contract for new software for scale systems at the Landfill. Moved, seconded, and carried to approve contract with Paradigm Software, LLC

11:09 – Update from Josh Thomson, County Engineer. - doing the crushing operation, current road projects are getting underway. Also, the 2 new shops. Price of materials keeps climbing – driving up the costs.

CB talks about possible portable bridge being available for \$6000. Some discussion

11:28 – approval of amendment on CDCG contracts due to changes based on COVID funding.

Thursday 1:00 hearing for the Tri-County Pest Control - JD to attend.

Superior Court will be needing BOCC hearing room on June 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> for a fact-finding dependency trial.

11:42 – Meeting Adjourned. BOCC will not be coming back for afternoon meeting.  
Public Health Board Meeting at 1:30 today.

It was noted that Cowlitz, Pierce, and Whitman counties have reverted back to Phase 2 of reopening plan.