

Board of Okanogan County Commissioners

Tuesday February 2, 2021 AM

Present:

Chris Branch (CB) – BOCC Chair, District 1

Andy Hover (AH) – BOCC Vice-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:

Future of Superior Court at the Fairgrounds/Agriplex, possible new public building to be used for holding court/ in process, possible use of other fairgrounds buildings with minimal modifications, other projects/expenses at fairgrounds. Recovery from cyber-attack is reported. Pretty much back to normal with a few exceptions, but not critical to operations. Some upgrades/software and server changes needed. Generators for back-up are on order. No bids received for removal of refrigerants. Public Works and Solid Waste updates.

9:05 Chris Branch ratified/ signed ongoing agreement with Snohomish County for autopsies.

9:06 – Cari Hall, Auditor - new server needed after cyber-attack. \$1300. A supplemental Budget needed. She will write it up and submit.

9:10 – Naomie Peasley, Fairgrounds Manager – to discuss future of the Superior Court at the Fairgrounds/Agriplex.

Dennis Rabidou – Superior Court Administrator & Judge Chris Culp also in attendance.

Contract needs to be renewed due to Covid mandates, unable to do court business in court rooms.

AH – public building is still in process. Architect are in place, but this will not be available soon enough.

Contract will go from February 1st through May for Superior Court. Naomie Peasley will write this up.

Judge Culp noted that Okanogan County has been doing more jury trials since November than other larger counties (*due to fairgrounds use*)

9:20 Naomie Peasley – more fairground information. Many events are already schedule beginning in April. Security system has not been paid for yet.

AH suggested to go through all upcoming events and determine the size in order to accommodate in other buildings.

9:27 – Joe Paulson, Maintenance – upcoming projects/expenses for the fairgrounds; LPAC billboards, new power run to small arena, purchase of stove for kitchen (AH moves to approve stove purchase if okayed by fair manager (Naomi P) seconded and carried. Large fans with ozone filters \$4500 each with the filter. Tree trimming by propane tank and water system. Horse racer panels need replaced, possible purchase of quonset hut.

10:00 – Tanya Craig, HR & Risk Manager. Reports that specialists are continuing to work on computer systems. Afterward, there will be a report and de-brief. Working with a vendor for website. 1700 documents unable to be part of the migration of data. They are going through these to see which are pertinent.

LJ – A lot of things have happened since some of the documents regarding to Comp Plan. There is new information. Some of those older documents may be able to not be included on website.

Tanya Craig – There are three Collective Bargaining Agreements with Teamsters Union to be signed. Others are in process.

Moved, Seconded and carried to approve the CBA with Juvenile #760

10:10 - some discussion about whether to approve request for monthly fee of \$75 to bilingual staff. Sheriff's office pays \$125 per month. Discussion of need for testing for certification of bilingual skills. Will look into this some more.

10:30 – Mike Worden, Communications Manager – Recovery pretty much back to normal, with the exception of one system, but this is not critical to operations.

There is one position open in the dispatch center.

Radio network improvements – in negotiations with Ad Com. Keeping an eye on containing costs. Will submit a supplemental budget.

Having difficulties with the Hazard Mitigation Grant Application. Will be bringing 3 different forms for the BOCC to sign and designate agent. This is seeking grant funds for upgrades, generators (on order) Work can get started. We are still on track with this.

10:36 LJ – resolution needed for Reet Software, repairs needed.

10:47 – Executive Session with David Gecas, Deputy Prosecuting Attorney – re: lawsuit with Tribes

10:55 – back from executive session

11:00 – Josh Thompson, County Engineer and Solid Waste Manager

No Bids for Removal of Refrigerants – will do this in-house. Discussion followed about getting some people certified for this function. Also, important to have legal place to dump. Currently, there is a place in Spokane.

AH – discussion of capital facilities plan; storm water has 2 issues; solid waste and transportation. Could Public Works check document?

More discussion about illegal dumping. Can health Dept or Sheriff's office issue citations?

Per Solid Waste Supervisor, there is 6-8 weeks left of storage capacity for the wastewater.

Reports on recovery from computer system outage. Pretty much back on track.

Josh Thompson – update on roads. A lot of water on roads.

Reports of system recovery – still finding problems with dates on files, etc. working with Central Services.

Making decision of safety funding for roads. Example, reflective posts. Speed limit reductions
AH – has received several complaints on the East Chewuch pedestrians, bicycles, and skiers on the road. It might be best to discuss with community organizations.

All commissioners in discussion regarding flood plains, levees, and certified dikes.
What is the 100 year flood prediction?

11:45 BOCC needs to re-sign agreement with Community Action. 14-2021 \$7500 Moved, Seconded, and carried.

11:47 – LJ – brings up 2 items on the afternoon consent agenda #4 & #5. filling positions on the pest control board. There are more people who sent in letters of interest than positions. This hasn't been a problem in the past as it is usually difficult to fill these positions.

CB & AH- are also in the discussion regarding the need for a 'written policy' covering these appointments to fill these positions.

LJ – she will work on resolution to devise process for appointments.
CB discusses need for diversity on the different boards.

12:00 – Meeting adjourned until 1:30