

Board of Okanogan County Commissioners
Tuesday December 5, 2022 AM

Present:

Chris Branch (CB) – BOCC Chair, District 1

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

Jon Neal (JN) – BOCC, District 3

Lanie Johns (LJ) – Clerk of the Board

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Summary of Significant Discussions or Actions:

- No Public Comment.
- Budget Session for Prosecuting Attorney's Office: Pay increase for staff and creating a new position. Approved resolutions with wage changes.
- Public Hearings on Utility Franchises: Oroville and Elmer City.
- Public Works update: quite a bit of overtime due to snowy road conditions. Problems with Cougar Creek Road/Sheridan Road names and on Google Maps. Purchase of truck and snowplow between departments for the fairgrounds.
- Meeting adjourned at 12:02 until the afternoon session.

9:00

Meeting opened, Reviewing previous proceedings.

9:15

No Public Comment

9:30

Budget work session for Prosecuting Attorney's office. Albert Lin (AL)-Prosecutor, Teagen Levine (TL) Administrative Assistant along with the finance committee; Pam Johnson (PJ)-Treasurer, Lisa Schreckengast (LS)-Finance manager.

BOCC considering changing wages for all elected officials and their Chief Deputies at 85% of elected officials' wages. They are also changing a position in the Prosecutors Office to Public Records person, AH asks who all the requests of for. TL explains right now, for television.

AH states that level of skill should determine step or grade. CB – It's important to retain employees.

11:00

Public Hearing -Utility Franchise renewal for Elmer City. No public comment.

BOCC approves franchise renewal.

11:01

BOCC approves Resolution 189-2023 changing the Prosecutor Attorney's salary.

Approves, Resolution 190-2023 Changing legal secretary position to Public Records Staff

11:05

It was moved, seconded, and carried to approve Resolution 192-2023 increasing elected officers' salary with Chief Deputies increased to 85% of elected official's salary.

Also approved, is adding a position to the Prosecutors Attorney's Office. (*Resolution # unknown*)

11:10

Public Hearing – Utility Franchise for Oroville E Smith waterlines, formerly a previous owner.

Moved, Seconded, and Carried to approve Resolution 184-2023 for utility franchise.

11:15

Public Works: There has been quite a bit of overtime due to road conditions. Snow always seem to happen on the weekends. AH asks JT about the plowing of Wolf Creek and Twin Lakes Road. Nobody plows on the weekend per AH.

AH compliments JT on the Public Works budget.

11:21

LJ and BOCC been receiving calls from landowner on Sheridan Road or Cougar Creek Road. There is a problem with Google Maps having the roads marked incorrectly. BOCC has sent a letter to correct the situation. This issue has caused a problem with package delivery. Signage is part of the problem. There was also some talk about road vacation regarding this.

JT reports that he is writing something up for the BOCC regarding changing a position to an at-home teleworking position, part time.

LJ received notification about a position on the Weed Control Board. It was moved, seconded, and carried to rescind Keith Keifer from the Noxious Weed Board.

LJ reports that Katie Peck is asking BOCC for a letter of support.

LJ also did some research regarding how to dispose of unusable/little value County property without having to go out to auction.

11:45

LJ received notification on Nov. 28th of change for the Noxious Weed Board. It was moved, seconded, and carried to rescinding Keith Keifer from the Noxious Weed Board.

LJ reports the BOCC has been asked for a letter of support for Katie Peck (*whom I believe is the farm to table program for Okanogan County*)

LJ shares some research she has done to see how the County can dispose of property without the bid/auction process.

11:53

Shelley Keitzman (SK), HR/Risk Manager in to talk with the Board about the purchase of a truck and plow for the fairgrounds. Will be able to get this truck for less than market value, but will need to purchase a plow for the truck. Jerry Paul has looked the truck over and this is his recommendation. SK asks about the budget process, and need for budget supplemental. AH says to have Jerry Paul order the plow. CB – we can always hire snow plow work done until this deal goes through, if needed.

12:02

Meeting adjourned.