

Board of Okanogan County Commissioners
Tuesday September 12th, 2023, 3:50 p.m.

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Present:

Andy Hover (AH), BOCC District 2
John Neil (JN), BOCC District 3
Chris Branch (CB), BOCC District 1
Laney Johns (LJ), Clerk of the Board
Cameron, Clerk trainee

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Summary of Important Discussions:

- *Re-routing of elevator shaft in Courthouse Annex to be contracted*
- *Sally Bowles bowing out of Board of Equalization*
- *Authority of Kathleen Decoteaux (Juvenile Court) extended and stipend approved for youth-in-court housing stability program duties.*
- *Commissioner Hover has Board approve resolution subjecting department agreements of over \$5,000 to review by Board instead of by department administrators, routinely attributed that role*
- *Meeting ends at 4:50 without formal adjournment.*

3:50 - *Vouchers, consent agenda and EMS vouchers approved. Air Methow bill was dated September 1st while the others were dated in August, sparking remarks.*

CB: *It's an Okanogan (valley)-Methow valley thing.*

AH: *They live in a different time zone.*

JN: *Their own little dimension. AH moves to direct the Board Clerk to draw up a contract for Abel Torrez to re-route the elevator shaft in the Courthouse Annex building.*

JN: *We found out that the prevailing wage has to apply.*

CB: *I didn't see any exceptions in that... We once had a bid for a project we were expecting that was low, and everybody else was really high. We found out he was a one-man show so he got out of prevailing wage and he got the lowest bid. *If they are owner or co-owner with no wages to pay, they can out-bid.**

LJ asks for a resolution to pay the credit card late fee out of the Board's budget. CB had gone to Risk Pool conference and filled out the credit card re-imbusement public expense sheet, having used his county credit card. A check was written and, awaiting approval by the board, missed the Visa processing date. It turns out AH saw the expense sheet and assumed it was for a personal credit card, and didn't know a form had to be filled out when using the County credit card, (which doesn't require approval) thus creating

the delay that incurred the late fee. He proposes they use different colors for the two forms. Late fee payment is approved.

LJ: I received a letter of resignation from Sally Bowles. She is resigning as of this year's session from the Board of Equalization. We have one more hearing scheduled.

CB: Was she disgruntled? *LJ doesn't know. Her reasons for leaving, she says, may or may not affect her continued presence on the Planning Commission.*

LJ: *(We have) an MOU (motion of understanding) with the Community Action Council to park their trucks up here. We added language o their temporarily needing to relocate their vehicles because of plowing services and that we're not responsible for any liability. They will have to remove snow from their vehicles and shovel them out if necessary. I worked with *(the attorney)* on this.*

LJ presents a new resolution: (This) gives Kathleen Descoteaux the signing authority for court things including vouchers, time sheets, extended vouchers and agreements on behalf of Juvenile Court. Agreements in excess of \$5,000 should be reviewed by the Juvenile Court administrators.

AH: Should that be reviewed by the Board of Commissioners? If we're obligating over \$5,000 it is us that are obliging funds.

LJ: Many of the other resolutions giving authority to departments have that kind of language.

AH: It should be specific to say if it's over \$5,000 the County Commissioners should look at it... I would suggest we have that changed. ...I would move to stipulate that any contract entered into by a department would require a Commissioner review if over \$5,000. *Motion approved.*

LJ: Resolution 121-2023 authorizes a stipend of \$1,111 a month for Kathleen Descoteaux for administering the Housing Stability for Youth in Courts program as long as WMCA funding is received from the program. *Motion approved, along with Community Action's parking resolution.*

AH moves to approve the contract between the County and Kelly (inaudible), an auction of fair rodeo stock contract in the amount of \$10,500, including weekend passes. Motion approved. He then moves to approve the contract with (Fair performer) Liberty Linklater for \$800 and two weekend passes. Motion approved. (Liberty's last name gets the commissioners reminiscing about 1960s tv shows.

LJ says she'll be gone the following Monday. That day there will be the Court Clerk's office coming to talk with the board, and a staff meeting.

4:29 - *Meeting comes to an end in an informal manner.*