

Board of Okanogan County Commissioners
Tuesday December 19, 2022 AM

Present:

Chris Branch (CB) – BOCC Chair, District 1

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

Jon Neal (JN) – BOCC, District 3

Lanie Johns (LJ) – Clerk of the Board

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Summary of Significant Discussions or Actions:

- Continued 2024 budget hearing – Budget approved for 2024 – Resolution 206-2023.
- Board made exception of rolling over unused leave over 240 hours into the next year for Building Supervisor.
- Approved Union Contracts for County Court employees and the Sheriff’s Office,
- Public Works update by County Engineer.
- Meeting adjourned 11:30 – not afternoon meeting or Wednesday meeting.

9:00

AH received phone call from Roni Holder, Economic Alliance for a letter of support for Conconully.

LJ – Community Action Council has a request to transfer \$5,000 from equipment to salaries.

9:15

No Public Comment

9:20

Pam Johnson (PJ), Treasurer and Lisa Schreckengost(LS) Finance Manager in for the continued 2024 Budget Hearing. Auditor out sick. Some changes have been made for Public Works budget.

9:30

It was moved, seconded, and carried to approve the 2024 Budget in its entirety. Resolution 206-2023

LJ -a request from Public Health for \$60,439 in ARPA funding.

Discussion about this request – documentation needed to back up request.

BOCC discusses whether to allow the Building Supervisor, Tim Meadow, to roll over his annual leave into next year – that more than 240 hours.

9:51

It was moved, seconded, and carried to approve consent agenda at presented:

1. Reappointment letter Methow Valley Communication District – Neil Rotstan
2. Reappointment letter Methow Valley Communication District – Becky Studen
3. Reappointment letter Methow Valley Communication District – Janet Varrelman
4. LTAC Contract #23-027 Oroville Chamber of Commerce \$11,500
5. ARPA Request #1 -Salaries/Benefits, Equipment, Supplies, Overhead – Public Health
6. Award – Purchase of Trammel Screen, Dept of Ecology Grant – Public Works
7. Agreement – 2024 Okanogan County Professional/Technical/Clerical Teamsters 760
8. Interlocal agreement – Building inspection Services – Okanogan County & Town of Twisp
9. Resolution 201-2023-2024 Okanogan County Public Infrastructure Project Prioritization

10:51

Moved, seconded, and carried to approve Resolution 207-2023 approving leave carry over to next year for Building Supervisor.

11:04

Josh Thomson (JT) – County Engineer

Public Works update. Maintenance and Roads – Unable to do any road work on the dirt roads until they freeze and set up. JT – I submitted 3 changes to the Public Works Budget.

CB – We've already adopted the budget with those changes.

JT reports he is working on the CRAB report. Everything is electronic now and has to go through Secure Wa to sign electronically even.

LJ – You may be able to sign electronically but it still needs to be in the minutes for the record.

JT – Amy in Public Works will be attending the Trail Collaborative meeting. AH explains the next meeting is January 10th. He will be meeting with Chris Furr, Forest Ranger first.

AH asks JT about the grooming of trails for winter activities. JT explains that the snowmobile group pays for some of the grooming. In the Okanogan Valley, we (the County) do the grooming, and in the Methow Valley, a private organization does the grooming.

Also, some discussion regarding the Forest Service Travel Plan. JT has heard a few complaints. AH – they (the groomers) do what they what, but the travel plan goes out the window, because he believes grooming is not allowed on FS. AH would like JT to check on this.

11:30

Meeting adjourned. There will be no afternoon meeting, and no other business for a Wednesday meeting.