

Board of Okanogan County Commissioners
Monday, April 4, 2022 AM

JD—Jim DeTro, BOCC, District 3
AH—Andy Hover, BOCC, Chair, District 1
CB—Chris Branch, BOCC, Vice Chair, District 2--absent
LJ—Lalena Johns-clerk to the Commissioners
CHa—Chrystal Hawley—Deputy Clerk
AC—Aaron Culp—Undersheriff
TH—Tony Hawley—Sheriff
Jerry—Jerry DeBacher, Senior Conservationist, Okanogan Lands Trust
KM—Kate Miller, Executive Director, Okanogan Lands Trust

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Summary of significant discussions:

Commissioners take care of several small items of business. They sign a site analysis application for Alan Fanestock's Mazama well project, ratify a contract assignment for the Public Defender, and approve a sole source justification and get approval for a consultant contract for Aaron Culp. The commissioners hold an executive session with the Sheriff and Undersheriff to discuss negotiations.

Lastly, they hear an update by Jerry DeBacher of the Okanogan Lands Trust about an easement they may acquire.

01:00—Alan Fanestock comes to the BOCC meeting to have a site analysis application signed by them. The commissioners need to sign because the county owns the property. Motion to approve the site analysis application for the Mazama well property passes 2-0.

04:50—AH—Last Wednesday was Melissa MacDougall's last day in the contract. There's an assignability clause in the contract, so we need to ratify contract assignment for public defenders today. JD makes the motion to do so, and it passes 2-0.

30:30—AH corrects minutes and wonders if Aaron Culp is available for the executive session scheduled for 11:00 AM.

37:10—AC and TH arrive.

AC—Want to get a sole source justification approved. And also get the consulting agreement itself approved. Grant assumes a consultant approved contractor to build the program and execute it. Medication for opioid use treatment in jail. Required by law that we provide these meds to inmates that come with a prescription. Required to give them the meds and treatment portion for it if it's funded by

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the legislature. So the funding is in the grant. Have to go through the process of applying for the grant. The person we'd like to contract with is Kathleen Manseau, as a program designer. She designed the ARCO (?) program. Two years ago they were trying to do this with federal dollars and she helped. Nurse Practitioner. Certified for this work. Now works as a consultant. She's the only one in NC Washington who does work outside the clinic.

AC—I have the original consulting agreement that Ester (Milner, County Civil Deputy) signed off on.

AH—We sign the consulting agreement and then get a budget supplemental. And does the sole source need to be approved?

AC—Yes.

JD—Move to approve the sole source justification for Medication Assisted Treatment for Opioid Use Disorder in jails contract. The program design consultant is the sole source.

Motion approved 2-0.

AH—We're going to discuss some negotiation points, so we need to go to Executive Session for 30 minutes with the Sheriff and the Undersheriff.

JD moves to go to Exec. Session for RCW 42.30.140(4)(b)—that portion of a meeting during which the governing body is planning or adopting the strategy or position to be taken by the governing body during the course of any collective bargaining, professional negotiations, or grievance or mediation proceedings, or reviewing the proposals made in the negotiations or proceedings while in progress.

1:24:25—Discussion of the Okanogan Lands Trust with Jerry DeBacher

KM—I'm Kate Miller, new Executive Director of the Okanogan Lands Trust.

Jerry—She's I've been here a year. Was a professor at Western Oregon University.

Jerry—I gave you a map of the proposed project area. We're seeking support from you and we're required to confer with you about proposals we make to the Recreation and Conservation Office.

Putting this proposal in this May. We're trying to secure at least 50% funding for (name unclear) Ranch on Chopaka Road.

Jerry—The river bounds it on the northeast. They (Bob and LaMoine) approached us. Talked two times and they'd like to preserve it. Long description of the parcel. Basic approach will be to have one more home site on the property, and eliminate potential for future subdivision. This would benefit wildlife habitat as well as farm land preservation. Supported by WDFW and seeking support of the Conservation District, Cattlemen's Association. Any questions?

Jerry—I know in the past that you haven't provided a letter of support.

AH—Well, we don't want to write a letter, but...

JD—We're not going to stand in your way.

AH—I'm OK with them doing that.

Jerry—With respect to the Agenda, it's Okanogan Land Trust. We changed the name in 2006.

JD—Since you mentioned wolves, when WDFW was in here the other day, he said they have collar technology and you can set it to GPS lines. In Wyoming, they're collaring wolves and keeping them out of places.

Jerry—Yes. Similar to wireless fencing with dogs. We've been talking to ranchers up the Tunk. Some are inclined to use the collars instead of fences to keep the cattle confined. Big incentive to make it wildlife friendly. The towers you need cost only \$20,000 for a 5 sq mile area.

Jerry—We're seeing good progress with respect to McLoughlin Falls.

JD—That's a unique one.

Jerry—Our involvement with the Working for Wildlife Coalition up there is going on 9 years. I'm surprised sometimes at the direction it goes, but I just continue to work with the ranchers.

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JD—Did CB ever talk to you about a piece in Riverside? Inherited.

Jerry—The challenge to that parcel is that it doesn't have legal, deeded access.

JD—Maybe we could visit with them anyway, and they could work a deal with DNR.

Jerry—It's such a good area. Establishing a canoe trail along the river would be great.

JD—The person who inherited it showed me a picture of a herd of 50 elk.

Jerry—There are lots more elk in the county. Some eat farmers' hay stacks. Interesting that with the pressure of the wolves, we're seeing growth of the elk herd elsewhere.

Jerry—I don't know if we've got any other properties on the horizon that we have to consult with the BOCC on. We've got money for riparian areas damaged by fires. Working with Methow Beaver group.

Jerry—We're done. They leave.

Adjourn until Tuesday morning.