

Board of Okanogan County Commissioners
Monday, July 25, 2022 AM

JD—Jim DeTro, BOCC, District 3
AH—Andy Hover, BOCC, Chair, District 1--absent
CB—Chris Branch, BOCC, Vice Chair, District 2
LJ—Lanie Johns, Clerk of the Board
CHa—Crystal Hawley, Deputy Clerk of the Board
MG—Maurice Goodall, Emergency Management
NP—Naomi Peasley, Fairgrounds Manager
JP—Joe Poulin, Maintenance Supervisor
IS—Isabelle Spohn, member of the community, making a comment

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Summary of significant discussions:

Commissioners Branch and DeTro hear updates from Lanie Johns (Clerk of the Board), Naomi Peasley (Fairgrounds Manager), Maurice Goodall (Emergency Management), and Joe Poulin (Maintenance Supervisor).

10:20—Public Comments. Isabelle Spohn asks for clarification on two issues:

- Sub-areas. PP sent an announcement to her and two others, asking for suggestions about members for the sub-area committees. But the advertisement doesn't seem to have been published anywhere yet, there's no deadline for applications mentioned and there is no mention of who is qualified to apply.
- Isabelle thinks periodic review for the Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan (MHMP) is a good idea. She hasn't seen the resolution yet from the commissioners accepting and wonders when she'll be able to see it.

CB says he will discuss her two questions with staff members who will appear before the BOCC in this morning's session and hopes he'll have answers for her today. Isabelle will try to stay tuned into the meeting.

29:30—Commissioners' Staff Meeting

LJ—Introduces the Amber (*surname ?*), the new records clerk III. She'll do records management, public records requests, etc. It's nice to have the extra help.

LJ—Applying for a DAHP (Department of Archeology and Historic Preservation) grant. Took three tries to submit the application due to computer problems. Finally got it submitted but so far there's no confirmation email. The process is the same as last year, but much more information is required. LJ also has a letter of support for the Commissioners to sign—saying they support the projects the grant will cover.

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LJ—Grant request was \$625,000. It covers exterior preservation, continuing phase II—elastomeric coating, clock tower windows and window encasements, rehab of interior hall floors, window replacement on the Court House annex. There isn't a cash match, but it's in-kind. Basically our staff will do the work.

LJ—The timeline—some projects to be completed in 2023, some in 2025.

CB—Adds up to \$1,000,000. What's the limit for each application?

LJ—I think it's \$500,000 or \$1,000,000. They may only award for certain work elements. The window replacement in the annex is 50-50. It's not on the historic register.

LJ—If the first three items get done, it'll help keep the Court House being a workable building. And windows and casements on the clock tower are really bad.

CB—You want the letter approved today?

LJ—That would be awesome.

JD moves to approve the support letter. Motion passes 2-0.

LJ—Second item—Washington Department of Commerce had more extensive monitoring on line in lieu of coming to the county. But it turns out they're coming here, too. Week of August 17.

CB—CDBG grants?

LJ—Looking at paper and also computer files.

41:25—LJ—Also have budgets due. Lists numerous county budgets including current expense budgets. Due in the next couple of weeks. Fairgrounds Manager submits that budget.

LJ—Spoke with Ester (Milner, Chief Civil Deputy Prosecutor). If I need help drafting the ARPA resolutions, she'll help with the first drafts and then the BOCC will finish them. One resolution per project.

LJ—Also working on the Aero Methow EMS contract amendment. When we get something we agree on, we'll give it to the BOCC and Ester to look at.

LJ—That's it.

45:05—NP does the Fairgrounds update.

NP—Lots going on. Would like to move forward on the galvanized fence around the fairgrounds. I've got three bids, but I couldn't get them into the format you like until now because of computer problems.

CB—You can do that now and send it to us. We'll look at it tomorrow.

NP—I had the annex bathroom serviced by Mark's Plumbing. Cleaned drains, replaced valves, etc. Reset the fill levels for the toilet tanks. It was 1 gallon, but needed to be more. There shouldn't be problems going forward. The service was a lot less money than buying new toilets.

NP—Several things—

- The RV park bathroom toilets are working well.
- The bleachers have been shipped.
- Prepping for the Stampede.
- Working with maintenance workers about dealing with the heat this week.
- Getting ready to send food and vendor contracts for the Fair.
- DNR is camping at the campsite this week. (MG says it's just the regular people around. No fires.)
- The horse stalls were enlarged, and now there are fewer of them.
- Issues with poultry and the Fair. Some fairs are cancelling their poultry exhibits.

NP—That's all.

51:45—MG gives his update. Had a good meeting last week with fire personnel, EMTs, PUDs. 70 people. Health Departments, Public Works, cities, counties, long term recovery, Red Cross. Met at the annex. The meeting served its purpose. I saw lots of people networking, talking in the parking lot for up to 90

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minutes after the meeting. The topic was “What Do You Need and What Do You Expect From Other Agencies?”

MG—Things are drying out. We need to get to a ban on campfires. DNR isn’t there yet. BLM isn’t allowing campfires.

MG—Conconully letter went off to the state and hope the Governor’s letter will be going to Corps of Engineers. Try to alleviate some of the flooding issues.

CB—Isabelle has a question. I’ll let her ask.

IS—Can I get an update of the MHMP? BOCC voted to adopt it with provision for periodic reviews, but I can’t find a copy of the resolution.

MG—I’ve got the resolution. If it’s not on our website, it soon will be. It’s being sent out to the cities right now to get them to approve it so we can send it off to the state. Our plan doesn’t become 100% until the resolutions with the cities are there.

IS—I’d like to get a copy of the resolution signed by the commissioners. Thanks.

JD—I don’t have a question for MG, but I do for Mike Worden, Dispatch Center. Someone is in the shadow of a Canadian cell tower and so he can’t call 911 in the US. He doesn’t have a land line.

MG—If he’s got internet, he can call me and I’ll tell him how to set it up. Or he could call the Dispatch Center direct.

MG—I’m done.

JD—I haven’t seen the minutes.

CB—I’ll send mine. They came on Friday.

1:12:45—JP gives his update.

JP—Alpha Assessments went through the buildings last week. It’ll take several weeks to draw up their plan. Give us a good baseline of how good the equipment is, dates to replace things.

CB—How comprehensive were there of the jail building?

JP—Looked at pipe chases, ceilings, plumbing, looked at the units. Put bar codes on items and we can look at them on our phones—see the life expectancy, etc.

CB—Douglas and Chelan counties are having early conversations about a regional jail. Chelan County had data about replacing the jail. \$370,000 per bed. It’d be good to have a number like that. They use it to lobby the legislature for assistance. So it’s good to have an assessment. It might be useful for the future of the jail.

JP—A lot of School Districts use it. An asset management tool.

JP—Pioneer Waterproofing started the job. Took a bunch of photo. Waterproofing for the Court House.

JP—Bid from Divco about two HVAC units on this roof. I talked some about putting it into one unit, but ducting would be the main inside work. Getting the supply line to that one unit.

CB—I don’t know about what the ducting looks like. This was a gym, so the ceiling is really high.

CB—Can we go over these bids tomorrow? I want AH to be here tomorrow.

CHa—He’s off all this week.

CB—So we’ll look at them next week.

JP—Just these two bids. Nobody else responded. They don’t want to bid if they can’t get the materials for 6-8 months. I’ve tried Cascade Mechanical. They charge us to show up and look at it, and it doesn’t get taken off the price if they win the bid.

JP—I’m done.

CB tells IS that he’ll get back to her about her question about advisory groups.

IS—Thanks.

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CB—I'll save my briefing about the risk pool until tomorrow with Shelly (Keitzman, Risk Management and HR).

Adjourn at 10:30 until tomorrow at 9:00.