

**Board of Okanogan County Commissioners**  
**Tuesday, June 22, 2021, AM**

**Present:**

**Chris Branch (CB) – BOCC Chair, District 1**

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

**Jim DeTro (JD) – BOCC, District 3**

**Lanie Johns (LJ) – Clerk of the Board**

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Summary of Significant Discussions or Actions: Discussion of Probation Vacancy in District Court, Road speed limits, Conconully City withdraws from agreement with County Re; enforcements of codes, site analysis, and building inspection. Updates on fairgrounds upgrades, bids, keeping grounds green. Consent Agenda, Approval of Horticultural Pest Control tax on landowners - \$1.61 per parcel county wide; possible apple maggot quarantine, franchise approval to fiber communication on right of way. Public Works update.

**8:30**

*I missed the discussion regarding probation petition vacancy in the District Court*

9:00 Speed Limit discussion, function of BOCC on County Roads

9:07 – Pete Palmer(PP), Planning Director – City of Conconully withdrawing from previous agreement with County on Site analysis, building inspection, and code enforcement.

Director and BOCC do not see a problem with this. Conconully is an incorporated City.

9:11 – Joe Poulin (JP), Maintenance Supervisor – Taking bids for RV hookups -Waiting for other bids. Kruse Electric unable to give a bid. Need to put a deadline of this Friday as work needs to be done ASAP.

JD – can we expedite? By this Friday..

working on HVAC upgrade at Annex, Administration Building, Jail, and Public Works. Waiting for other bids. Kruse Electric unable to give a bid. Need to put a deadline of this Friday as work needs to be done ASAP.

JP – also considering repair of septic system vs replacement.

CB – How is the watering going at the fairgrounds? JP – still dealing with the pressure. AH suggests auto vs manual sprinkling with variable drives. RV Parks and common areas are the priorities.

9:38 – Naomie Peasley (NP), Fairgrounds Event Coordinator, provided revenue and expenditures report. Questions whether any updates on the Superior Court. Answer is no. Also, discussed whether we should purchase additional table and table dollies? Additional tables and chairs would be helpful.

There is another old well on fairgrounds property, hand dug.

AH – discussing about possibly pumping out of the river. County land goes to the river...if water right would allow.

NP – Sheriff posse to have training at fairgrounds next week.

9:54 – Maurice Goodall (MG), Emergency Management – Change on website to access emergency services below Ok County Alerts.

10:00 hearing on horticultural pest control assessment for landowners with Will Carpenter (WC) – Director of tri-county Board. AH wanted to know whether all landowners can get consultant help from this board. Assessment will be \$1.61 per parcel. Orchard owners are already paying a higher assessment for this.

10:15 Moved, seconded, and carried to approve this assessment for horticultural disease and pest control. There will be a news release regarding this decision. Public Hearing closed.

10:18 – Discussion with Will Carpenter regarding possible apple maggot quarantine, There are 2 infestations sites working with right now; Malott and Oroville. Hawthorn trees attract apple maggots. Would like folks not to plant these trees.

WC also works closely with Firewise communities, and Conservation District.

10:30 – JD received call from constituent regarding length of kayak restriction on Green Lake. There are no motors allowed on that lake.

10:35 – AH discussing phone call from constituent regarding PUD bill help from Community Action.

More discussion followed regarding guidelines, who qualifies, and who might be “falling through the cracks” AH – if there is money available to people, they should go get it.

10:50 – Treasurer will not have budget info until later this week or next week.

AH asks Josh Thomson, County Engineer whether HVAC systems have been replaced in Public Works – JT – yes, a year ago we got some replacements.

11:00 Public hearing on Franchise with US Electro-Dynamics, Inc(Fiber communication) on the right of way on Old Hwy 97. This will encompass approx ½ mile.

Moved, Seconded, and carried to approve 72-2021

11:06 – discussion with JT regarding agreement with Public Works in Oroville

11:10 – JT updates on maintenance and roads, Ready for chip seal  
Also, agreement with Fish & Wildlife for cattle guard on LoupLoup Canyon.

Discussion of Open Range in the County. There are 11 herd districts in the county where there is no longer open range. One large district east of Oroville to Chesaw and Havillah have an Open Range section in the middle of that district which becomes problematic.  
JT will be putting up signs where is and isn't open range. Nothing new, just new signage.

11:22 0 Moved Seconded and carried to approve draft resolution for newly trained person to fill position in Public Works. Resolution 76-2021.

more miscellaneous discussion regarding CRAB funds, aggregate funds, and Gebbers' hard, black rock.

11:39 Adjourn for lunch.