

Board of Okanogan County Commissioners
Tuesday, June 7, 2022 AM

Present:

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

Andy Hover (AH) – BOCC 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 with Court Administrator and HR regarding Court Security issue, shut both courts down, approved administrative leave for 5 staff who worked during power outage, Court administrator requests Commissioners hearings room for the 1st & 3rd Thursdays until previous room problem is resolved, Quote for secure doors at Public Works, Public Health and Forest Service Building (Court Annex), discussion of use of other grants, besides ARPA funds, for Duck Lake water system, Planning Director to meet with legal counsel and Veranda Beach this morning, Planning Director reports recent public records requests for zoning map, and scope of work for shoreline management and other revisions, Transfer switch put in at courthouse – working smoothly, Michael Beeman, Architect Consultant meeting with maintenance today, along with other departments. Burn ban/restriction resolution approved – June 15th through October 15th. Emergency Services Manager shows drone picture of Lightning Creek flood this past weekend – on their website. Update from fairgrounds manager quotes for bleachers – should have available by end of day, Clerk of Board responds to position review, (*previous job description from 2013 required unquestioned loyalty to the board*) some lengthy discussion, with review of rules for public comment period. Communications director reports on new transfer switch installation – minimal problems with IT staff, some budgeting discussion regarding current communications project, checking or confirming numbers for projected broadband/communication need in county – will get more numbers for budgeting. Adjourned @11:21 for lunch until 1:30 comment period.

8:15

Meeting with Dennis Rabidou (DR), Court Administrator & Tanya Everett (TE), HR and Risk Manager regarding security issues with the court – previous issue that shut both courts down, 5 Corrections staff remained working. Resolution drawn up to notify BOCC first when this happens. DR requests more flexibility when there is an emergency – inclement weather or power outage. DR requests an executive session regarding possible litigation but will need to await Civil Deputy.

DR also requests use of Commissioners Hearing room for Family Court on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays from 8:00 until noon. This should work as Hearing Examiner uses room on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays. The 2 Court rooms are not available, and the other room which is used by the jail has technical issues; Zoom & camera issues. AH suggests we get this fixed ASAP. DR will continue to work on this issue with the room for family court.

DR also sent a quote for security 'stuff' for the Forest Service Building, which would affect Public Works and Public Health. \$98,947.34 This will secure everything. Public Works could help with financing of this. DR will talk to Josh Thomson. DR to bring more information back to the BOCC next Tuesday during Public Works agenda item.

BOCC moves, seconds, and carried Resolution 78-2022 allowing for use of Administrative Leave in Juvenile Dept.

8:32

Executive Session under 42.30.110(l)(i) until 8:45 for possible Litigation – inviting DR, HR & Risk Manager, and Esther Miller, Civil Deputy.**

8:45

DR would like to talk about the air conditioning in the Justice Complex. BOCC notifies that the maintenance Supervisor is renting an HVAC unit. DR also discusses transformer problem – had a lot of background noise during murder trial. That is the transformer that supplies the power for the building. DR needs to be included in the communication loop.

9:00

AH talked with DOE yesterday regarding Duck Lake water system, they might be eligible for CDBG loan, and is researching other grants.

9:04

Pete Palmer (PP), Planning Director reports hustling around in their department. Attending a meeting of the Veranda Beach and legal counsel this morning @10:00, invites Commissioners to attend. CB to go. PP also discusses PRR by Isabelle Spohn for zoning map, and Lorah Super for scope of work, and shoreline management revisions. To follow correct protocol, will need to do some redacting before releasing. Lorah also wants the Shoreline Permit applications since December 2021.

PP will be out on Friday. Infusion day.

9:09

Joe Poulin (JP), Maintenance Supervisor is asked to plz keep DR in loop about the progress in the Court building.

JP reports the new transfer switch being put in; This runs the courthouse and the annex.

Jail generator does jail, emergency lighting, and dispatch. Michael Beaman (Architect Consultant) here this morning, also doing soil samples.

JP reports that he is taking the portable generator down to Wenatchee this afternoon.

9:15

Maurice Goodall (MG), Emergency Services Manager brings in finished version of the Resolution 79-2022 for burn ban/restriction for 2022 – from June 15th to October 15th. Moved, Seconded, and carried to approve the burn restrictions. This still allows campfires in designated areas. There are 4 fire chiefs on the fire advisory board.

9:21

MG shares drone pictures of the Lightning Creek drainage flood this past weekend. The pictures are

also on the website. This also went into the Bonaparte River. MG has contacted Forest Service. FS 100 Road was affected.

9:38

Naomie Peasley (NP), Fairgrounds Manager (via Zoom) reports that she is moving forward on the lawn mower purchase/repair.

She has received a couple of quotes on the bleachers. They are dependent upon trucking companies.

AH asks NP to check for their liability in case of accident. She will check.

NP reports the event this weekend has been cancelled, and she will be meeting with the Tribal Counsel this Thursday.

9:42

AH asked LJ to provide a list of tasks for BOCC regarding her job description. *Not sure if LJ is just asking for a position review or a raise.* She has brought list for the BOCC to consider and make a decision on her request. *It is notable that her previous job description written in 2013 demands 'unquestioned loyalty to the Board'.* Andy stated this was not right.

9:51

MG is back in the BOCC meeting to report that he is watching the river levels for other potential flooding. Depending on the rain and warmer conditions.

9:56

AH plans on adjusting the agenda to put public comment period at the beginning of the day. *AH & CB go over requirements for public comments.* Public comments are encouraged whenever there is a decision-making process. CB will leave the decision up to the chairman of the Board.

10:19

CB is going to meeting off site.

10:20

LJ asks for a timetable for her request. AH states later.

10:39

Memos of Understanding (MOU's) discussed regarding agreements with other entities, specifically fire districts.

Of note, AV Capture was blinking on and off. LJ stated they would look into this at noon.

11:00

Mike Worden (MW), Communication Officer, Dispatch reports on the new Transfer Switch, IT is having some problems – otherwise, seems to be doing okay.

MW also discussed how to budget their current Capital Improvement project. He will bring invoices and determine where to get the funds within the budget. AH explains that the bond went through, so they will be distributing these monies to departments as previously determined.

@ nearly \$6.00 per gallon, AH discussed with MW maybe not filling the entire 1074 gallon tank – possibly half. During peak usage/ maximum load they can run through that in 3 days – about 300 gallons per day.

11:13

more discussion on how much diesel to purchase. MW also reports that they are evaluating the building on Railroad Ave – digging test holes. MW reports 2 conditional hires and right now, pretty well

staffed.

MW also reports a lot of interagency frustration, but if that can improve, we'll have better relationships. MW reports they are driving around to determine/confirm that the numbers of communication/broadband needs are consistent and accurate.

11:20

MW will get more numbers for budgeting.

11:21

Adjourn for Lunch