

BOCC staff meeting
Tuesday AM August 18, 2020

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8:30 Chris Branch, Andy Hover present with Lanie Johns, Clerk

Pledge of Allegiance

Cari Hall, Auditors Office addressed budget cuts d/t COVID. \$21,000 cut for current fiscal year in the Prosecutors Office. She is proposing to fill out a grant proposal, also citing the rent for the Support Enforcement officers should be paid by the State.

AH asked whether a budget adjustment needed to be completed?

Cari Hall would just like to get the Commissioners okay.

CB stated that the grant may change d/t state paying rent.

AH stated that we pay for deputy prosecutory and 2 support enforcement officers through the current grant.

Prosecutors Office budget is still being worked on.

CB – without information from the Treasurer, not enough information to make a decision re; budget adjustment.

9:00 Jim DeTro (JD) in attendance

Old business; water truck for fairgrounds.

AH suggests waiting until next year. JD also suggests taking Treasurers Advice . Old truck is working, but it is a dinosaur. Fairgrounds revenue is expected to be down \$100,000. 54% of Fairgrounds budget is spent with small amounts over-spent.

Moved, Seconded, and carried to authorize maintenance to purchase a meter for the irrigation at the fairgrounds.

Naomie Peasley & Kyle Haugen, Fairgrounds staff talk about getting a “bridge” to go over the racetrack. JD – rodeo guys want to drive up but they can walk their horses across.

Kyle Haugen also reports starting on the baffle project.

Other personnel information; 2 applicants for the new custodial position, 1 interview held. Will re-advertise the position to get other candidates.

Naomie reported getting ready for the on-line auction of market animals. There is information on the fair facebook page. There is a \$20 participation fee, bidders are free, There may be a different funding source through Wa State Fair Association due to COVID.

3% of sales for the auctioneer.

CB – are there options to pay on-line?

Naomie- No, check or cash only. Gwen is not to open to that at this time.

Naomie & Kyle talked together about moving forward on collagen blocks for track. AH suggest putting this in the budget for next year. JD – or use COVID funds.

Naomie suggesting to close bathrooms due to theft and vandalism. JD – do you think some of the problems are coming down the railroad tracks?

Naomie – No, people are driving into the fairgrounds.

JD – discussed about sophisticated security systems. CB – discussed about security systems that take a picture & sets of alarm & flash. Seems to be effective. Need to find out more about that.

Also, more discussion about key locks for the bathrooms and there should be a camp host next year.

Per Naomie – Lots of people calling for events for next year(2021); she has scheduled 3 rodeos and 2 races so far.

CB – definitely need to take precautions to get COVID thing under control.

Joe Poulin – There was a check written to the County for \$3500 (donation for new kitchen range) has not been used.

JD – Eagles just replaced their entire kitchen and they had an older gas stove that could work for the fair – possibly.

Also, discussion of using fund for new refrigerator. Had that already been replaced?

9:40 – discussion of the capital facilities budget and what is included for the fairgrounds; \$10,000 - \$13,000 to move North End fairground fence, removal of annex carpet, roofing, gutters, 4-h barn maintenance, irrigation, and floors.

More discussion with Joe Poulin, Maintenance regarding other Capital facilities Budget; Phase II @ Court House is already completed. Other projects on tap; Public service windows (completed), HVAC upgrades for Public Works and Admin offices, bullet proof glass for security, new carpet in Grainger Building and Prosecutor and Treasurers office, Sprinkler systems, new well and restroom (fairgrounds). Still need sheriff & jails capital projects to add to list

AH – once the sheriff & jail lists are received, the capital facilities budget can be completed.

10:05 break time

JD checked with Eagles regarding the cookstove. It is still there. Needs to be cleaned up. It's possible they will donate to the fair.

JD asked Lanie to have Joe Poulin to look at the stove. He will do that.

10:35 – update on Public Works, Josh Thompson, County Engineer; shoulder work being done, Pleasant Valley Rd, West has been fixed by DOT, along with some County help.

Some bridge deck work moving forward in Oroville and Ellesforde Bridge, also Boundary Point Road.

JD asked whether WDFW has been contacted regarding bridge structure. There are 2 places for bridge repair; Sinlahekin Road and Loup Loup Canyon.

There is a drainage project at Whitestone Creek.

Discussion of the Small Works Roster maintained by Public Works.

Lanie discussed there are some openings on the L-TAC committee. Interested people need to submit a letter of interest and who they are representing.

11:25

Technical Support person discussing the new AV system. Still working on the fine tuning. There is some scratchiness on the audio. Video seems to be working well. People need to get used to the microphones.

Adjourn 11:35 for lunch.

Reconvene @1:30 PM