

Board of Okanogan County Commissioners
Tuesday January 18, 2022 AM

Present:

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

Andy Hover (AH) – BOCC Chair, District 2

Jim DeTro (JD) – BOCC, District 3 (by Zoom)

Lanie Johns (LJ) – Clerk of the Board

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Summary of Significant Discussions or Actions: Discussed with Emergency Manager regarding wage increase and recent incident - security procedures for all county buildings and employees, Discussion with Finance Committee regarding 2022 budget and use of ARPA funds, along with upcoming bond for new building & how to juggle funds around between departments/funds, following RCW guidelines, also strategies regarding bonding, Public Works update; road work and road study for speed limits on county roads and accident trends. Consent Agenda.

No quorum until 9:35, when AH arrived. JD joined meeting on Zoom @9:57.

9:35

Mo Goodall (MG), Emergency Services Manager discussed proposed salary increase d/t being one of the non-bargaining county employees. States he is a contracted employee with some of his salary being paid for by cities and towns.

9:46

LJ tells BOCC that she has 2 documents ready for them to sign: Beeman master plan 20-year agreement and Budget amendment for Public Works Building and Professional Services for \$150,000.

9:49 MG back to let the BOCC know there had been a strange man identified walking around recently, and stresses need to be proactive and get security procedures in place. Key cards and security system both need to be in place for security of employees, along with security procedures.

10:00 Finance Committee discussion; Leah McCormack (LM), Treasurer, Cari Hall (CH), Auditor, and Lisa Schreckengast (LS), staff member of Treasurers Office. LM gave report going forward on 2022 budget – already approved by BOCC in December. They are still making additions and corrections from 2021.

Good news and bad news

Interest rates have changed. AH discusses how he would like to have money in current reserve. Discussion between BOCC and LM. Discussion of how to move money around from the current expense fund. CB states that keeping track of budget issues is a moving target.

10:30

LM discusses 5 questions from Audit. There needs to be more time to discuss this with BOCC. This is scheduled for this coming Monday @2:30.

AH states we need to get the bonding started for the new building (Court Complex). Some discussion between AH & CB regarding strategizing.

10:49

LM asks whether we are ready to bond. AH states yes, we are but we want to make sure we are covered and we doing this right.

More will be revealed next Monday January 24th at 2:30 meeting

11:00

Public Works update with Josh Thomson (JT) County Engineer. Road maintenance report

11:15 JT

Public Works is also doing a road study to get criteria for speed limits on county roads and accident trends.

JD has question for JT regarding contacting Kent on the sawdust deal with the tribe.

Consent Agenda item for Public Works – new letter of intent from County to WDFW as a willing seller.

Also, a Mr. Marchand came into the meeting to talk with BOCC unsure of what it was about, not able to hear.

Meeting adjourned at 11:29