

Board of Okanogan County Commissioners
Tuesday, January 18th, 2022, 1:30 p.m.

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Present:

Andy Hover (AH), BOCC District 2
Chris Branch (CB), BOCC District 1
Jim Detro (JD), BOCC District 3 (via Zoom)
Lanie Johns (LJ), County Clerk
Isabelle Spohn, Methow Valley resident
Larry Gilman (LG), Assessor

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Summary of Important Discussions:

*In Public Comment period IS says The title of one document on the Planning Website Posted along with the Comp Plan is incorrect (Should be "Methow Valley More Completely Planned Area," not "Sub Unit B.") Comprehensive Plan mandates advisory groups, gives background on original plan which current plan largely adopts.) AH asks her opinion on having several sub unit plans ; Assessor's office getting big new Chevy trucks ; who is qualified enough to be appointed as interim Prosecuting Attorney ?;
Economic Alliance gets yearly allocation doubled,*

1 :33 – Public Comment – IS calls attention to the title and contents of an attachment to the newly-adopted Comprehensive Plan. Although it's called « Sub-Unit B » the only Methow Valley sub-unit out of five to have a plan is sub-unit A.
IS: (Furthermore) the resolution says the BOCC adopts the More Completely Planned Area (MCPA)... Due to the time...passed between the original adoption of this plan (1976) and its re-adoption (in 2014)... a new advisory committee needs to be appointed by the BOCC. » ...You've been in office five years and no new advisory group has been appointed. She says the advisory committees who contributed to the plan and worked on zoning after that were very diverse, and that they didn't have to be landowners if they were residents. IS : They developed the Methow Valley Review District with 5-acre and 20-acre minimums... The old plan of 1976 should still be part of record... (The website ?) doesn't include history of how that plan was written... Listen to (Planning Director) Pete Palmer about advertising for people to apply for this advisory committee. AH says he will rectify the title : We'll get Pete to change (Sub-Unit B) to Methow Valley MCPA... We should get people working on sub-area plans...Just look at zoning and the Methow Review District. CB : That is my approach. It's just that when we want to talk about what exists... AH asks IS, as someone up on history, if she is thinking about one advisory group for the entire MCPA. IS : That's what we need. AH. Not like adoption of sub-unit B and making that a different one. IS : If you want one for B, C, D and E that's getting very complex. She

said B, C and D should get together to discuss the southern border, disputed since modification of the school district. AH : Do you see MCPA advisory groups to have greater authority than sub-area A now ? IS : That's the way it is now... They're still under the Review District in the use chart. Sub-unit A came later when (the planners) dealt with watershed issues. AH : We're reviewing the Comp Plan now. It says « Prior the the re-adoption of these plans they will be revised after adoption of Comp Plan to insure land use designation and goals and policies within the MVMCPA and the MVMCPA sub-unit A. IS : That clarifies a few things.

2 :00 – Assessor LG : We started the vehicle bid process. Sunrise Chevey was... just a tad over budget. *This was the least expensive of three quotes. He suggests taking \$500 from Emergency Replacement and Repair ,bringing the purchase budget to \$35,273 for the second half-ton truck with crew cab, the first having been budgeted last year . We could have single cabs but don't think they're going to get them. They already have two crew cabs in the lot... AH talks about talking to a young salesman about an extended cab—they didn't know what he was talking about. LG : (New trucks) have gained five inches off the ground, 23% more horsepower. AH : That's crazy.*

2 :32 – AH : Dave Gecas doesn't want to be interim Prosecuting Attorney. ...Felicity says no one wants to do it because we have the murder trials coming up. ... Gonna go down there tomorrow. *(Leaves the room.) CB quotes an AG opinion concerning appointments made by the county when a party's nominees decline a post, says there's nothing there on interim appointments, but he's optimistic : There's someone out there to take the position.*

2 :40 - *CB asks about an amendment to the Economic Alliance contract. \$100,000 will be a yearly and not two-year funding amount. Motion approved.*

2 :49 *(AH returns.) Call in tomorrow. Someone's going to talk about appointing a prosecuting attorney. CB : I'll be talking to the Association of Prosecutors tomorrow morning. AH : Did you happen to have a meeting ? CB : No, I asked for this specifically.*

2 :57 - Meeting adjourned.