

Board of Okanogan County Commissioners
Tuesday, October 11th, 2022, 3:56 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
Lanie Johns (LJ), County Clerk
Esther Milner (EM), Deputy Civil Prosecutor

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Summary of Important Discussions:

- *Details of financing Twisp Emergency Medical Services through levies, combining of Tonasket and Oroville EMS discussed.*
- *Motion passed to finalize 20-year Master (building) Plan for adoption; this is "pre-design", "not set in stone".*
- *Branch to approach cities about enabling residents who are forced to hook up to main sewer system to pay fee gradually through utility bill.*
- *Deputy Prosecutor assigned to help edit County Code advises changing language on search warrants.*

3:56 - **AH** : Here's a letter from the BOCC to the Board of Equalization allowing for an extension of their 28-day regular session because of how long it took the auditor to get stuff out.

Updating agreement with Twisp EMS (Emergency Medical Services) - **AH** : The County collects levy amounts, remits them to the town, the town sends them back to the the EMS district. When the contractor budgets, they're budgeting for the entire amount of our levy, and this (*inaudible*).

... **CB**: We should see with Tonasket about combining (with the Oroville district). We should discuss that with Lifeline as well. We're getting pushed at. I don't know that there's no EMS service in Oroville after 7 p.m. **AH**: We do have info on how many times a fire district was called out for a non-fire call. **CB**: Some fire districts tend to respond to whoever calls.

20-year Master Plan - (*This is a continuing discussion following the bonding of funds for initiating building projects, and hiring an architect, Michael Beaman, who has drawn up plans according to departments' needs.*) **AH**: We can say "This is a pre-design; any floor plans are not set in stone." We should send an email to Mr. Beaman. There's discussion with District Court judges about transportation from the jail (*to the planned Justice Complex south of town*) but there may be finding down the road to move the jail. A lot of moving parts in a 20-year plan. **CB**: Make sure we... spend time with the clerks about the floor plan. **AH**: ...I say anyone being housed here needs to have input as to where the bathrooms are and such. (*The distance to the bathroom on the floor plan was criticized by the Court Clerk's office.*) **CB**: I move to finalize the plan and get it ready

for adoption by the commissioners. That means we'll be able to dial it in and qualify every one of those changes through time and discussion. *He jokes about making the motion "We will not operate in a vacuum."*

CB: I talked to Josh about what kind of changes he's looking for. He said money to replace bridges rather than culverts. **AH:** They don't know, when you have to replace a 4-foot culvert you have to replace a bridge. **CB:** A couple of bridges need to be replaced, road work to go along with it; another thought: on East Lake sewer system some are houses required, if you find there's a failing, to hook up. This is a case we were talking about in the Board of Health meeting. When they hook up to the sewer system there's a fee of about \$3,200. ...I've always wanted a system where they could make their payments through the utility, on that connection fee. They can't—they'll have to pay a sewer fee, it will just be elevated. The city is apprehensive about because it's the County's bill. But if we can work something out, to add on to the utility—**AH:** They'd have to pull it out and send it to us. **CB:** The people wouldn't be so reluctant (to pay). I will lay that on the city, see what they think and we'll be able to tell exactly what the fee is. In that County Code matter the complaint was subject of a violation for a long time. Something about access to a property, it being sold, a right of way possible. Pete might have to help me. I would like to get the public works record. *He asks Esther Milner, Civil Deputy Prosecutor, about a search warrant question (relating to East Lake?)* **EM:** I sent an email today. I found it in the county code and cringed but saw it in other places—kind of raw. Need to tailor it down. We may want to address it.

4:30 - *Discussion of the code was on the day's agenda but now it is too late and the Board goes into an executive session with EM, Pete Palmer and Jeddah M., after which they will adjourn.*