

Board of Okanogan County Commissioners
Tuesday, October 12th, 2021, 4:00 p.m.

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Present:

Chris Branch (CB), BOCC District 1
Jim Detro (JD), BOCC District 3
Andy Hover (AH), BOCC District 2
Lanie Johns (LJ), County Clerk
Aaron Culp (AC), Sheriff's Deputy
Dennis Rabidou (DR), Superior Court

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Summary of Important Discussions: Budget appropriation of \$2M of projects applical to ARPA, including Forest Service Building ; Sheriff's office authorized to spend WASPIC funds on investigation of denied firearms permits ; Administration building and Public Works will soon have electrical backup (HVAC) ; Superior Court will receive \$77,000 to fulfill their spending obligations, half from the county and half from CARES and ARPA funds ; Public Works parking lot to receive extra lights ; Community Action to receive a CDBG grant.

- 4:00 - Budget appropriation of \$2M approved for capital outlay projects applicable to the American Rescue Plan (ARPA). It will appear on one budget line and be redistributed later to others. CB proposes, once the Forest Service building payments start, making another resolution stating the rationale for the expenditure.
- 4:09 - Supplemental granted to Sheriff's office to spend \$2,900 in funds from WASPIC (association of sheriffs and police chiefs) for completed investigations of firearms transactions. AC says they will investigate reasons for denial, including duplication of names or birthdates, to make sure people are not gaming the system. They will be able to charge ineligible persons for a misdemeanor. He answers CB that yes, private transactions must pass through a gun shop.
- 4:15 - HVAC (Electrical Back-up) Systems - AH says beginning cash reserve, extra excise tax and a surplus in Corrections will furnish nearly all that is needed for the Courthouse and Administration building's HVAC systems, \$170,000 each, to come out of next year's budget. The one in the Courthouse is already installed. Motion approved to proceed with Public Works' HVAC system for which they've received a bid of \$114,749. They will have a major upgrade for windows.
- 4:20 - A Superior Court supplemental allocation of \$77,000, to come from contingency reserve, was approved: \$45,000 to go for wages, \$14,000 in Covid-related expenses and \$14,000 for rent of the Agriplex. The latter two sums are reimbursable by the Cares Act and ARPA funds. AH asks DR to provide receipts, invoices, court orders and dates. The Court received the second half of jury software. Price tag: \$50,000, Says they'll have \$49,000 of revenue coming in.

4:42 - CB changes the wording of Public Works' letter to homeowners surrounding the parking lot informing them of installation of new lights: "...notify for your acknowledgement that you have no objection."

4:50 - CB: We ought to have a protocol on how we consult our attorney (who is paid an hourly wage) to avoid driving up costs. AH: At Wednesday's 1:30 session we'll do the budget for Public Works and Solid Waste.

4:51 - LJ: There's a resolution of a CDBG (Community Development Block Grant) public services program grant through Community Action for lower and middle income persons. Approved.

4:55 - Adjourned