

Board of Okanogan County Commissioners

Tuesday October 27, 2020 AM

Present:

Jim DeTro (JD) – BOCC Chair, District 3

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

Lanie Johns (LJ) – Clerk of Board

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Summary of Significant Discussions or Actions: Discussion with Emergency services regarding \$\$ for reimbursement, mitigation plan, long term recovery, help for ranchers. Update from Assessors Office, discussion of audio recordings during hearing, especially if possibility of litigation. Update from Public Works.

9:00 – Maurice Goodall, Emergency Services Mgr; discussion of mitigation plan, requesting funding/reimbursement through state with federal approval. Agencies to include; PUD, Fire Districts, Conservation District.

Kermel Road sinkhole due to saturated soils. Budget supplemental on November 3rd @ 3:30 to address this.

Cold Springs fire relief requesting government help with hay, up until now the hay donations have been from private individuals. State Dept of Ag may have a source to help ranchers. These requests are due to loss of grazing land.

9:35 Moved, Seconded, and carried to approve 142-2020.

9:40 Pete Palmer, Planning Dept. reported Public hearing heard on previous plans.

****Break****

10:00 – Jan Million, Chief Deputy of Assessors Office reports they are behind schedule due to COVID. Appraisers in re-evaluation are hurrying before heavy snow. Also, beginning levy process – information has gotten out to all school districts. Invited to hearing on the 16th. Then, afterwards the resolutions. Eventing is due 11/30.

10:05 Discussion with LJ and CB regarding the need for hearings to, at least, be audio recorded per RCW. Especially important, if the decision would be challenged. More discussion regarding quasi judicial vs legislative process.

10:26 – Shellie from HR, Risk Management – Reprieve has been granted until 2021.

No vouchers to approve this week, next week. Moved, Seconded, and carried to approve consent agenda for this afternoon.

LJ – discussion this afternoon with OBHC and Economic Alliance, Roni Holder-Diefenbach.

11:00 Josh Tomson, County Engineer, Public Works update; Solid waste cardboard container removed from Eagles.

Discussion of sink hold on Kermel Road, Expects to have road re-opened by the end of the day tomorrow (Wednesday)

Other projects, Sinlahekin Road, Bridge/Culvert projects in 2021. Approval of specs for guardrail project with road repair with asphalt.

Question about snowplowing on Cameron Lake Road - difficult due to fire going through, definitely different now. Changing of which to plow first, PW working through this.

November 2nd, Budget Meeting 9:00 – 12:00

11:20 Adjourned until 1:30 PM