

**Okanogan Board of Commissioners meeting  
Tuesday November 17<sup>th</sup>, 2020 AM**

Present:

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

Andy Hover (AH) – BOCC, District 2

Jim DeTro (JD) – BOCC Chair, District 3 via phone

Lanie Johns (LJ) – Clerk of the Board

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**Summary of Significant Discussions or Actions: Security and contract updates by Fairgrounds Staff, Discussion and process for getting CARES \$\$ claims in by November 30<sup>th</sup>, No BOCC meetings next week – back on the 30<sup>th</sup>. List of prioritization projects from Economic Alliance for 2021 & BOCC approval, Budget Supplemental hearings, Public Works projects updates.**

*(very difficult to hear Zoom or AV Capture at first. 2 people spoke with BOCC – unable to hear what they had to say)*

9:10 Naomi Peasley, Fairgrounds Mgr – Follow up on changing fee schedule before completing contract with business for advertising in exchange for tables & chairs.

There will be drive thru services for people in need during the holidays.

Fair Advisory Group approved changes to procedures.

Court to pay for propane while using AgriPlex. Bill sent.

Security System contract/information to be to BOCC by tomorrow

9:30 Maurice Goodall, Emergency Services Mgr - more discussion about the emergency shelters and generators to service them. 4 are being asked for, but may be able to go with 2 for now. 2 for \$60,000 with with generator to service both – total is \$75,000. Will have aye or nay by end of day from BOCC.

Joe Poulin, Maintenance Supervisor – not available to day as attending Zoom meeting for Courthouse upgrade to understand language and historical significance.

9:39 – Bill from Sheriffs Office for \$38,071 in wages during COVID time. *(to be considered for CARES \$\$)*

CB – having difficulty finding funding for study on annexations, BOCC verbally agreed to have CB look into this.

10:15 – Roni Holder-Diefenbach, Economic Alliance – Presenting listing of priorities projects for the 2021 year, Infrastructure and Community & their rankings; Numerous projects (unable to capture them all – asked for copy of list but not provided) Omak Municipal Airport, Pateros Mall, US 97, Brewster Waste station, Tonasket annexation, etc.  
Community projects; Community kitchen in Brewster, Tonasket art project, etc)

Bond loan payments have an end date for 2022. There has been a moratorium on these projects with the past BOCC.

CB – will need a conversation in 2021 about retiring of the loan and how to move forward. Other suggestions; BioChar project.

BOCC moved, seconded, and carried to approve list. There will need to be a resolution drawn up in support.

10:35 – 10:55 Break Time

10:55 Hearing for Supplemental Budget with Public Works to correct 2018 expenditure getting paid in 2020. Re: Equipment usage

No public comment.

Moved, Seconded, and carried by BOCC.

11: Hearing for another Supplemental Budget with Public Works Solid Waste and use of CARES \$\$.  
Expenses incurred - \$300,000.

No public comment

Moved, seconded, and carried to approve 157-2020

11:05

Josh Tomson, County Engineer, and other Public Works staff discussing current road work and prioritizing plowing for the Tunk/McLaughlin Canyon Rd

Trying to minimize overtime.

Discussion about COVID protocol,

Kernal Grade asphalt completed, and other projects; sinlahekin Rd

Equipment for purchase; mower and grader.

11:33adjourned until afternoon session