

## **Board of Okanogan County Commissioners**

Monday November 2, 2020 PM

Present:

Jim DeTro (JD) – BOCC Chair, District 3

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

Andy Hover (AH) – BOCC, District 2

Lanie Johns (LJ) – Clerk of the Board

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**Summary of Significant Discussions or Actions:** Communication from Department of Defense (DOD) regarding grant and requesting data, discussion with planning dept. discussion of public hearing, especially in regarding to the Comprehensive plan – procedure. Goal is to have Comp Plan adopted by the end of the year, upcoming hearings, Public Hearing for Town of Methow Zoning. Clearing & grading discussion, and budget shortfall discussion with District Court and Treasurers Office.

**1:30 Pete Palmer, Planning Director – budget work, appropriation of \$\$\$ based on millage. Correspondence from Dept of Defense (DOD) requesting data for Washington State Energies Site Evaluation Council for energy development. Discussion of time involved and wondering whether funding attached to this request. Regarding protection of wildlife habitat, renewal energy, development. DOD grant – preserving military training.**

**Pete Palmer to get ahold of DOD folks to see if something can be worked out to our mutual advantage. She had a recent productive conference call with the military. DOD grant application extended to 18 months.**

**AH – we definitely need more people in planning DOD grants could be causing more of a workload. More than the new ½ time planner.**

**1:55 Staffing is down in front office. Advertised this position through Worksource.**

**Projects coming forward; Comp Plan, Critical areas ordinance, Watershed planning, clearing and grading.**

**2:13**

**Lots of discussion regarding procedure for hearings on Comp Plan – is there a need for BOCC hearing if Planning had hearing with public input. Seemed to be a consensus of the board that there**

*should be one with BOCC also.* People need opportunity to make comments to both bodies. This will be on next week's agenda.

Pete Palmer would like a little more leverage to work with landowner who complains to see if something can be worked out before litigation and on the Prosecuting Attorney's desk.

2:30 – Hearing for Town of Methow zoning recommended no less than 5 acre parcels. This ordinance is numbered 2020-3 and 2020- 7.

CB – also need to look at 'minor deviations' in the future. As prudent.

No public comments.

Moved, seconded, and carried to adopt.

2:56 – discussion of funding for drug/alcohol, mental health and Developmentally Disabled.

3:05 District Court Judge, Robert Grimm and Darla Schreckengost , along with Leah McCormack, Treasurer and Lisa (?.. Budget workshop – going over line items to see where there can be some savings. Mostly discussed with AH. There is a budget shortfall in the District Court, and also *it appears in the Superior Court* .Current expenditures above revenue.

4:08 - Considering COVID reimbursement funds where may be appropriate. In Probation; \$160,000 revenue and \$160,000 expenditures. May need to consider temporary layoffs.

Board Adjourned, 4:30