

Board of Okanogan County Commissioners
Tuesday, November 23rd, 2021, 1:30 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
Michael Beeman, Architect
Josh Thomsen (JT), Public Works
Tony Hawley, Sheriff
Joe Poulin (JP), Public Works
Josh Thomsen, Public Works
Leah McCormack (LM), Treasurer

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Summary of Important Discussions: *Brief discussion over a \$40,000 entertainment contract for the Fair ; in **Forest Service building visit debrief** : All court services moving to new building and Public Works building next door. Public Works to Administration building, Sheriff's Office, Dispatch, Public Health and Noxious Weeds to Courthouse ; Architect describes 20-year master plan process ; a question about the proximity of projected Day Care center to prisoners coming to trial. Discussion of position reclassifications and the salary survey ; comparing snowplowing rates for new building : \$495 per plow or \$90/hour.*

- 1 :48 – **Entertainment Contracts** - LJ : It says that whoever we book, the agent gets 10% so for (*inaudible*) night, for example, the budget is \$40,000, so Romeo Entertainment gets \$4,000. CB : we could still agree to have a contract with the artist. LJ : Yes... *Motion to approve this contract not approved by AH who has questions on the wording. Apparently this concerns the Fair.*
- 2 :00 – **Debrief after Forest Service Building visit** - ... MB : You're making the step to decentralize county government... (*opting for*) re-use... You have to re-think the wheel. AH : People think we should build a whole new building but as for paying for it... We'll have all court services in the (*Forest Service and Public Works*) buildings : Superior and District Courts, Juvenile and Court Services and Prosecuting Attorney. Public works is moving to the Administration building's first floor. Public Health, Sheriff's Office, Dispatch and Noxious Weeds will move to the existing Courthouse.
- 2 :10 – MB : You're starting to do a Justice Complex. ...We call this « **Master Planning** ». It takes a lot of discussion between departments. (*JD mentions the process to « make Juvy work », started in 2012, making the master plan « politically bullet-proof » so successors will follow, and that it affects security and safety.*) JD : When they have domestic violence cases, they're all jammed together, hard to keep separate. ...AD : The Sheriff's Office has brought up the jail, all these

different laws, how to expand it appropriately.... We need a Capital Facilities Plan. LM : The opportunity is now because of the revenue stream to pay back a bond. Now is an opportune time to get cohesive, get the right departments together, getting security. We've talked about it for years. ...Though Dennis (Rabidou) is Superior Court Coordinator, he's all about getting other departments in to discussion.. AH : Go around and ask « What are your thoughts ? » *He asks MB about the cost of interviewing everyone, composing the Master Plan. MB says Oregon Youth Authority's 10-year plan cost \$280,000 and Chelan County's \$140,000.* « The hours add up. » :M : Before, it was a log jam. Now you've moved them and you can make it work in the next 20 years. Make a master plan before taking any more steps so people understand what you're doing. AH : The commissioners could easily move to the Courthouse where they (*often*) are anyway. All services where people come are centralized.

2 :50 – TH : What is the timeline ? There's an RCW coming for me so I'm putting up a recorded interview room. How long until this projected move ? AH : If you have to have it by February, do it.

MB : (*Talking about the 20-year plan*) We should ask : Is county government always going to grow ? It's a human tendency to say « I need more space ». There comes a point where we say if we become more efficient we actually need less space. We can't keep growing.

Parking and traffic flow – *Someone in the meeting is concerned about there being only one entry at the Forest Service building ; AH says down there it's a lot better, and with a bulldozer they can do a lot. LJ asks about a metal building on the property. Joe Poulin from Public Works says he'd like to see it taken apart and taken to the Fairgrounds for a Maintenance shop. JP says something about custody, loading and unloading, security, not having to worry about escape, it being better than the Agriplex.*

3 :30 – *Approval of \$19,635 Special Services agreement for Superior Court interim planning, agreement to reclassify positions within the Building Dept. LJ asks about protocol for individual depts. coming in to reclassify instead of asking to raise wages...* AH : the numbers were a 2% across the board raise, not taking into account the (multi-county) salary survey. If our target is 85% of the average and someone is already above that, they don't raise the salary. LJ : Suppose 5 or 6 counties didn't sent info. It's not an accurate survey. AH : The Assessor calls for copies of contracts from counties. Tanya (HR Dept.) does some. LF : And for employees whose duties don't have a counterpart in other counties ? AH : We eye-ball it.

DR : I've been working closely with (Public Works, Central Services), Tim and Eric. We've got water, public bathrooms, heat, internet for December 22nd, got security... a half wall for the jury is going up. *AH says this is temporary, DR says the Clerk's office is excited about going there to stay ; the Agriplex doesn't have a separate building for victim's witnesses.* AH : The budget for Day Care is going in next year. I have no idea if it's legal. CC : I don't know if a toddler is going to want to see a shackled prisoner. *MB says he's optimistic about a remodel for the spring, getting Day Care and Fish and Wildlife in there. AH says they could put F&W somewhere else, DR says that would save a remodel, and he'd like to have a main contact with them.* (3 :27) *Several conversations at once : MB's contract, DR with JT about doors and walls, AH says State Auditor needs to move (from ?) and talks about cameras for Juvenile Services. End of debrief.*

3 :50 – CB : (*regarding allocations for Lodging Tax committee, 2022 LTAC funding appropriations*) And if a commissioner didn't agree, what would we do ? LJ : Send it back to the LTAC committee. AH : The Oroville initiative – I was ready to fund the whole thing. Someone said they don't have a firm bid and suggested we give them half and then wait. *CB presents this in the form of a motion which is approved. There is some laughter over an earlier meeting in which a misspelling of « public », without the « l » got giggles from some women in the back. JD, still on his cell phone, announces the death of Loren Howell from the city crew. LJ is moved.*

AH expresses satisfaction over the meeting with the architect and CB agrees with the concept (of a master plan) : We need a rationale, if you're not around when it's implemented. It's good for asking for grants, especially with a phased system. For five minutes AH describes a road above the Aeneas Valley to the other three, they consult a map on the wall, AH goes on Google. No luck. It turns out that's where he intends to go motorcycle riding in the spring.

LJ : Did the board decide to add the Forest Service building to the 24-7 snowplowing contract or stay with Herriman's ? *They've sent an email. CB talks about process, LJ says there was a verbal agreement. AH says to follow the steps of acquiring property.* LJ : They charge \$495 per plow for that driveway. *AH says they've just renewed their contract with 24-7 which charges \$90 an hour.* JD : I could probably plow it in an hour and a quarter. AH : No other business ? Happy Thanksgiving everybody.

4 :15 – *Meeting adjourned*