

Board of Okanogan County Commissioners
November 29, 2021
Monday AM

JD—Jim DeTro, BOCC, District 3
AH—Andy Hover, BOCC, vice-chair, District 1
CB—Chris Branch, BOCC, chair, District 2
LJ—Lalena Johns-clerk to the Commissioners
MG—Maurice Goodall

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Summary of significant discussions: An initial discussion about GIS staffing in Planning Office. Possible need of another staff member. Short discussion about budget as it relates to possible new hiring; labor costs being recurrent rather than one-time costs. Short Discussion of safety issues in the Court building. Executive session with David G?
3 Public hearings: Road Levy Certification, Supplemental Appropriation Fund 120 Communications, and Supplemental Appropriation Emergency Services Fund 121, all passed. Discussions about flooding in valley, water moratorium and subdivisions in in Tunk area.

NOTES:

9:05: Pledge of Allegiance

9:06: Review of Agenda: **AH** Question about Agenda: can we try to get Karen up here at 10:30?" LJ I can reach out to Karen. We could do 10:30 on Tuesday, till 11:00. **AH** Pete asked to keep the GIS person there. We really need to get a 2nd person in there. We can get by, but... **CB** We've got a very young new guy. **AH** we should have a conversation with Gene. **CB** "She's trying to get backup when we lose people like this. We may want to go out and find someone with a great amount of experience and knowledge. Let's make sure we have a good job description." **AH** my concern is that budget is good this year, if you look at our permanent sources of revenue; but the things we are considering adding to our budget are long term jobs. With labor, those costs will come up every year, unlike others. **CB** difficult to project what the need will be. Both Cmsr's agreed that there is a need for a Civil Atty. **DJ** arrives. Others review with him. **CB** began discussion of budget relating to (Infrastructure Bill?) **CB** "There still is an interim report that is due Oct. 31. Not really worried about it but working on it." (*Budget?*) "There is a short form that is easy to complete and submit. I have been working on it. There are some items we need to go over. There is a way to add in items that are not listed in the categories. That is where we might put in the Court." **AH** "Should we write a resolution for the purchase of the (*Court?*)

We have to include how people have access to the Justice System.” Talking about issues of access and safety in our court. **AH** “Don’t like the language of ‘Operationally Obsolete”
CB I can work with that wording.

9:30: AH I am announcing we are going into Executive Session with David (*Last Name?*) for 10 minutes.

9:54 Reviewing Agenda briefly.

10:00 Public Hearing Expense & Road Levy Cert: **LJ** Asked a question about rounding up or down on Levy items. A couple people are in the audience. Jan (*name?*), Chief Deputy **CB** describes RCW 84.55.120 1% increase considered. Opening the hearing to Public comment if there is nothing more from officials. Short discussion of new construction as it relates to Levy on part of officials present. No discussion from public. **AH** moves to approve Ok Co Levy Certification 1% increase. **CB** Seconded. **AH** Moves, **CB** seconds a series of resolutions. **JD** seconded something, but discussion moving very fast and could not sort it out. **CB** Asks for discussion. There being none, Hearing closed, will submit to Board for consideration.

10:30: A public official at the Mike. **CB** asks for public testimony, there being none, puts it before the board. **AH** moves to approve the resolution 120 Communications, asks for further discussion. **CB** Hearing now closed. Casual banter bet. **CB** and **AH**.

10:35: Proposed Budget Supplemental for Emergency Fund. **MG** makes some commentary. **AH** checks out some facts with **MG**. **CB** asks for Public Testimony, asks for a vote. **JD** Moves to approve Emergency Services Fund 121. **AH** seconded. **CB** Resolution passes, hearing closed.

Questions for Maurice about flooding, brief discussion follows. **CB** asks for other business. **AH** “I do have something” about subdivisions, water moratorium in Tunk Valley. **JD** contributes something but hard to hear. **CB** “something for Planning Commission to chew on.” Reflections continued about water availability. Some discussion about the ACLU, the governor, and social media. **AH** asks question about emails to **LJ**. Looking for an email from Naomi Peasley.

11:06 Meeting Adjourns.