

Board of Okanogan County Commissioners
Tuesday, November 3, 2020, PM

Present:

Jim DeTro (JD) – BOCC Chair, District 3
Chris Branch (CB) – BOCC 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: Fairgrounds update, Mgr duties vs fair advisory group, working on a security system, possible purchase of temporary shelter for emergency services, requests for COVID/CARES act funding for emergency medical services. Solid Waste and road project updates.

9:00 Joe Poulin, Maintenance – discussion of stove/range at the fairgrounds. Use of the \$2500 donated for this purpose.

9:17 – 9:40 *****Executive session 110.1i for potential litigation with Joe Poulin, LJ, and Dave Gecas, Deputy Prosecuting Atty.

9:40 – Naomic Peasley, Fairgrounds mgr – brought the in-kind agreement/contract for the BOCC with Washington Tractor for advertising in exchange for tables and chairs.

Will do a resolution next week and also there is a need for fee schedule (for rentals) change, which could be done at the same time.

Naomie would like to remove herself from duty of recording secretary to fair advisory group.

9:59 intergovernmental agreement with Superior Court for paying for the propane used at the Agriplex while in use by the court.

Also, need to update security at the fairgrounds/Agriplex. Naomie is working on this.

Naomie Peasley reports having serviced 142 families , 150 volunteers, 1500 ton of hay , and stored building material for fire victims, also helped to direct funds to families in need of hay.

10:18 – Maurice Goodall, Emergency Services Mgr, Brought information regarding cost of temporary shelters \$19,00 - \$20,000 for 4 . AH doesn't see need for 4 of these. They would also need generators. No time for discussion today.

10:25

Tanya Craig, HR and Risk Manager – Insurance rates going up for County employees \$13 and \$19 in 2021. AH suggests looking at Union sponsored healthcare as a cost savings.

Need a new resolution for the noxious weed supervisor position due to retirement on 12/31/2020. Need to get an opinion from Deputy PA, David Gecas.

10:35

Tonya Vallance, District #15 Douglas/Okanogan County FD and EMS; requesting \$\$ from CARES act funding to pay for wages during COVID and other expenses. \$210,00 total needed.

AH other EMS districts may also need this. There are 3 others. We need to hear from them first before acting on this one request. There is a possibility these funds could be used for this. Lifeline has also sent some invoices requesting reimbursement under CARES funding. Will put this on Monday agenda.

11:00

Ken (?) from Solid Waste.

Fire debris from Douglas county/Bridgeport continues to be a problem – out of county waste and asbestos material. We shouldn't accept debris from Douglas County. CB states that the Douglas County Commissioners would need to request this in order to consider this.

Josh Tomson, County Engineer, Public Works Updates on current projects. Also, 2021 projects in the afternoon BOCC session.

Kernal Grade is reopened and will get an asphalt patch this Thursday.

Also, working on the Sinlahekin, creek guard but waiting for Fish & Wildlife.

Board Adjourned 11:23