

Board of Okanogan County Commissioners
Tuesday, November 9th, 2021, 3:30 p.m.

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Present:

Andy Hover (AH), BOCC District 2
Jim Detro (JD), BOCC District 3
Lanie Johns (LJ), County Clerk
Michael Beaman, Okanogan County on-call architect

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Summary of Important Discussions: *2022 EMS levies approved; Superior Court scheduled to use BOCC meeting room on 29th and 30th; short discussion on Daylight Savings Time, Superior Court and Fairgrounds supplementals approved, visit from architect working on shops and old Forest Service building.*

3:40 - Emergency Medical Service (EMS) vouchers, 2022 levies and levy certification approved for Tonasket, Oroville and Methow districts. Levies increased by 1% except for Tonasket's which will be raised 1.68% to correct an error in the previous levy.

3:55 - AH: How many days before can Superior Court cancel if they're not going to meet here on the 29th (afternoon) and 30th (of November)? LJ: You'd have a few days to schedule. Their need is contingent on the (former Forest Service) building being ready. (Last month Superior Court canceled their meeting and BOCC had to reschedule its Monday and Tuesday agendas). LJ: It looks like Pete (Palmer)'s dates were off. It's not November 29th but December 29th. But there's still the public hearing November 28th at 10:00 on current expenses and road revenues.

Consent agenda and November 1st minutes approved. AH: Normally the days go by so fast but, maybe because it's getting dark... LJ: Normally we'd be going home now. AH: I thought WA state had voted to stay with Standard Time... I'd rather have it be a little light when you get off work. JR: There's an Indian saying, "Daylight Savings is like cutting two inches off the top of a blanket and sewing it onto the bottom and you think you've accomplishing something." AH: Exactly. (Reading) "Germany was the first to adopt Daylight Savings Time in 1916 during WWI as a way to conserve fuel. The U.S. adopted it in 1918."

4:15 - Budget supplementals from within Current Expense approved for the Superior Court fund (\$57,000), the Trial Court Improvement Fund (\$7,500) and the Fairgrounds fund (\$27,000). JR says B&O Tax coming due. LJ says it applies to Fairgrounds because it includes a lodging tax and there has been camping. AH: Other people need to be held accountable for the B&O. LJ: ...But we should be looking out for each other. AH: You can't do it all. With Capital Facilities, there's no one adept as project manager. LJ: It used to be Nan, and Perry, and me.

(Michal Beaman comes on Zoom) AH: You in for the consent agenda hearing? MB: Yeah. We seem to be doing a lot of potential work up there now, it's no secret we got up there (with the Forest Service building?) for ten years, wanted to be sure it isn't getting overloaded. Thought I'd see how it all went. *(AH and JD interrupt for the public hearing approving a real estate supplemental of \$18,500 and a \$25,000 excize tax.)* AH: We already signed the consent agenda for your (architectural) services... I appreciated your thoughts and ideas, looking at the phases and putting figures on them. It will help with bonding. JD: You'll be working with Josh (Thomson), not only on the two shops but on the new project. MB: ...It's cool working with him. I like to see reasonable projects for the funding available. AH: There's too many projects that you've written up for the county that just sit on the shelf because they're in the tens of millions of dollars. It's nice... but we need to think of ways to pay the bonds back. M: These are challenging times. It's wise to proceed with caution. It's a pleasure to work with you.

4:30 - Meeting Adjourned