

**Board of Okanogan County Commissioners**  
**Tuesday December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020 AM**

Present:

Jim DeTro (JD) – BOCC Chair, District 3

Andy Hover (AH) – BOCC, District 2

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

Lanie Johns (LJ) – Clerk of Board

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**Summary of significant discussions or action:**

November 30<sup>th</sup> cutoff for CARES \$\$; payroll costs for OKPH at 100% , and other expenses that needed to be invoiced by 11/30 and ongoing expenses d/t COVID. Discussion of sub-recipient vs contracted services (ie, Public Health and Economic Alliance), Memo of Understanding (MOU) for non-commissioned employees in Sheriffs Office. HR/Risk manager updates, security system at fairgrounds, report from Communications Mgr – upcoming capital projects to upgrade system for any upcoming emergencies, Bids for purchase of generator for courthouse in event of emergency. Decision made. Bids taken and preliminary decision made for the Countywide guardrail safety project. Public Works updates.

9:10 (*let in to the Zoom meeting*), Discussion of e-mail from Melanie K , lead atty for WASAC regarding 100% of public health payroll being eligible for CARES Act funding and details of whether entities are sub-recipients vs contracted.

Discussion followed; Okanogan Co Public Health is considered contracted, Economic Alliance is a Sub-Recipient of funding. Receipts needed for CARES Act \$\$. There is additional funding coming from the State.

*(ongoing discussions all morning regarding funding from CARES Act)*

9:40 Court services are good with services rendered. Security system ordered by Naomi Peasley, Fairgrounds Mgr, invoice needs to be dated before 11/30

9:45 – discussion of parcel by Mazama Bridge (by CB and AH. owned by DOT. BOCC would like to write letter of interest before this goes for sale. .37 acres, mostly in flood plain. “rural vs natural” zoning.

10:00 – Tanya Craig, Human Resources, Risk Mgr – updates; Still working on funds collected \$525,000 for Public Services Bldg. Also, working on federal grant paperwork – approved for \$50,000 for Public Defender services. There are several L&I claims for county employees. Continuing to deal with COVID protocols/ restrictions.

Sheriff's Office Dispath schedule changed (*MOU approved by BOCC earlier regarding schedule of non-commissioned employees in Sheriff's Office, 12 hour shifts, this was previously negotiated with the Sheriff's Org Union*)

10:05

Discussion of coding/procedure for Maurice Goodall's stipend from OCPH. Vice Chair , CB, needs to sign these due to JD, Board Member of OCPH, voted against increase of wages for COVID duties.

10:09 BOCC approved minutes from 11/2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup>.

10:28 – Mike Worden, Communications officer update – tight budget – will be needing the \$\$ from supplemental budget

Applied for Hazard Mitigation Grant from structure changed.

Upcoming projects;

1. Need to replace Tunk structure; county owned structure, USFS land via special use permit, between \$150,000-\$200,000
2. consultant for radio improvement
3. Generator and transfer switch for court house; 3 bids – will operate entire courthouse in case of emergency.
4. Electrician, inspector already did a pre-walk through PUD will need to replace pole and tranformer. Will need to de-generize courthouse over the weekend.

Looking for decision on generator today. 3 bids. Staff recommending Kohler which will be \$90, 811, not including tax. This would be available in April 2021. Discussion regarding the 3 bids; Generac, Kohler, Cummings.

Moved, Seconded, and carried to accept this (Kohler) bid.

10:50 - This purchase is included in Capital Projects lists due to hazard mitigation. Other discussion on establishing back-up systems in case of emergency. Phones, etc.

11:00 Shasta Stidman, Public Works and Josh Tomsen, County Engineer:

6 bids for the 2019 County Wide guardrail safety Project;

1. M2 Industrial – Ellensburg \$247,937
2. Burley Products/ JR Construction \$228,975
3. Coral Construction Wilsonville, Or \$369,963
4. Peterson Brothers Sumner, Wa \$302,824
5. Dirt & Aggregate Corp Fairview, Or \$318,949
6. Frank Gurney Spokane, Wa. \$289,827

Plan is to give to the lowest bidder, but need to check all specifications first. Will vote on later.

11:10 – Kent K. from Public Works, Solid Waste Program; Started in April, crushing material.

11:15 – Josh Tomsen, County Engineer – Overtime report for snow removal so far.

Cascade Fisheries have been doing evaluation on our rivers and tributaries. Josh Tomsen's group of Engineers attempting to be proactive regarding fish barriers.

Other road work; Sinlahekin Road Project, Twisp River Bridge, Monse Bridge

Grooming has started for snow parks, in communication with snowmobile advisory board.

Moved, seconded, and carried for County offices to close at Noon on Christmas Eve 12/24. This needs to be advertised.

Meeting Adjourned at 11:20