

Board of Okanogan County Commissioners
Tuesday, December 21st, 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
Tany Everett, Risk Management, Human Resources

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Summary of Important Discussions: *Mapping precincts for the Comp Plan ; People to give opinions on plan at public meeting the 29th ; Talk of hiring an enterprise resource planning (ERP) company ; collective bargaining agreements ; premium pay using ARPA funds to be awarded for one year to County employees (all ?) deemed essential.*

- 1 :30 - Comprehensive Plan, drawing maps of presinct boundaries - **CB** : Complicated, city ordinances say « to the city limits » but not well defined, City of Okanogan asking County to submit a public inquisition. **JD** : It's going to mess up our timeline. » **CB** : ...*(The maps)* are pretty well done so when we adopt the ordinance, later it can include a legal description. What we adopted, the ordinances in this report, as far as what boundaries are concerned – That in itself is a plan. **AH** : Tomorrow the notice gets published. **LJ** : The plan gets published on the website. People have a week til the 29th to review it, then there's a public meeting. People are to provide their comments then. **AH** : And we adopt it no less than seven days later. **LJ** : Unless there are changes to be made, then process starts over again. **CB** : Like the Comp Plan. *(Laughter)*
- 1 :38 - **AH** : Have you asked Josh (Public Works) about the Munis system (An enterprise resource planning company) ? **CB** : It's doable, adaptable. **JD** : Other counties are doing the same thing. It would help with Cam's converting, would eliminate a step.

LJ asks BOCC about department head evaluations, AH has turned his in, they decide to postpone these until Monday morning but AH will be late because of a medical appointment. A long discussion ensues on rheumatoid arthritis, Pregnazone, JD's friend who had gone into remission but symptoms came back after being vaccinated, auto-immune response, low pressure systems' effects on joints.

2:00 - Executive session with TE.

2:24 - More on redistricting - **CB**: This month has been really good. Been a challenging month. **JD**: *(referring to Comp Plan timeline)* When Martin died, one person was (inaudible), finally there was an executive session and they resolved it thanks to experience and quieter people. **CB**: ...State

redistricting in Idaho has been challenged in court because census data was late coming in, with Covid. ...The Supreme Court said yes, they're late, but they're not going to do anything.

AH (*struggling with GIS maps*): I don't want to see other than the people that live in those census blocks. **JD**: So many of those (*numbers*) are zero. **CB**:...GIS doesn't show relevant layers (*with*) geographical names and all. **JD**: You look at tiny precincts and ask "Why?". **AH**: Hopefully parties will get together and form a consensus on making districts larger. **JD**: It's an auditor's nightmare.

2:42 - *Four collective bargaining agreements are approved between the local Teamsters' Union 760 and: the Roads Division; Solid Waste employees; professional, technical and clerical employees; Public Works.*

Premium pay for employees using Arpa funds - **CB**: We can put discussion off a little on the criteria we apply to employees. **AH**: We have to have a resolution that declares County employees as essential. For the coming year these employees could be paid premium for (*services tied to*) Covid. **CB**: ...To me (inaudible) fundamental, we want to do it.

Still more on redistricting. **AH**: ...Moving that into District 2, those blocks into District 1, then do a recount. ...If we could have road names on boundaries... *They plan to reconvene on Wednesday 1:30 to review maps for Commissioner Districts.*

3:03 - Meeting adjourned.