

**Board of Okanogan County Commissioners Meeting  
Tuesday, December 8, 2020 AM**

Present:

Jim Detro (JD) – Chairman of the Board, District 3  
Andy Hover (AH) – BOCC, District 2  
Chris Branch (CB) – Vice Chair BOCC, District 1 via ZOOM  
Lanie Johns (LJ) – Clerk of Board

Leah McCormack (LM) – County Treasurer  
Lisa (?) - Treasurers office staffmember

Arian Noma (AN) – Prosecuting Attorney  
Other staffmember from Prosecuting Attorney's office

Cari Hall (CH) – Auditor

Tanya Craig (TC) – Human Resources, Risk Manager

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**Summary of significant discussions or actions: The entire morning session was a continuation of the 2021 Budget hearing. Discussion of \$1,000,000 loan/bond for vehicles, payoff of interfund loan first committed /uncommitted funds Homeless Housing through Housing Authority, sewer/water budget, minimum wage increases to \$13.59 January 1<sup>st</sup> 2021, deadline for adopting budget – 12/31/2020. Continued hearing to 9:30 on Monday the 14<sup>th</sup> of December.**

**Staff work session on budget.**

9:00 – 10:00 –

LM – discussion of bond/loan , 3.5% interest to 2.5%, Needed for vehicles, specifics of budgeting. Also, discussing with CH.

10:00 - discussion of pest control district funds collected from orchardists.

10:05 – Sewer/Water budget

10:12 – Affordable housing, invoices coming, contracts run through April 2021

10:57 – more discussion on pest control funding – resolution done every year.

11:07 – LJ to contact Roni @ Economic Alliance for current status.

AH – budget works for now but next year will be out the window. We do not have a sustainable budget at this point.

11:30 – more input from Auditor (CH), on budgeting for mental health/OBHC from real & personal property taxes % to Mental Health, Drug/Alcohol, and Developmental Disabilities (DD). Sending OBHC letter with the resolution.

12/31/2020 is deadline for adopting budget.

*(this continues to be a work in progress, Unable to decipher the budget per discussion, Did not have a copy of the proposed budget and was unable to see the overhead screen on AV capture + AV Capture stopped working around 10:00)*

New work session will be Monday December 14<sup>th</sup> @ 9:30. More time is needed to complete Budget hearing.

CB concerned about hearing protocol, and need for a brief explanation of the process for the public. As is a hearing, will need to be open for public comment.

Adjourned until the afternoon Health District meeting.