

**Board of Okanogan County Commissioners
(BOCC)
February 18, 2020**

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Summary: Fair Events: Rename a building?, NCW Friends of the Fair Auction, Contracts – Entertainment, “Welcome to the Fairgrounds” sign, Work-in-Kind for youth & indigent for rental or usages at Fair, **Exec. Session.**
Potential Litigation, HR & Risk: RFP for new website in progress, **Finance Committee:** Cash on hand, Bank Depository letter, Work-in-Kind @ Fairgrounds, **BOCC:** Review of afternoon business, franchising and franchises on East Lake Sewer, **Public Hearing:** Utility Franchise – Domestic Water - Copple Rd, **Building Department:** PU bid be rejected and then rebid, **Public Works:** Maintenance & Roads, Statler Bridge, **BOCC, Public Comment:** GT & AH discuss PC, **R. Rylander:** Discussion of history and difficulties over plat subdivision, permitting

Staff: DG, NP, AH, LJ

BOCC: AH, CB

DG (Civil Attorney)

- **City of Twisp Building Inspection services** agreement ready for signatures. Move to sign, agreed.
- Processing some **Public Records requests**
- Researching various item for departments
- AH – potential Exec? Yes, later.

NP (Fair Events)

- FAC – Is it OK to **rename a building?** Discussion to change the name of the Commercial Building to History Building. BOCC would need to look into the issue. Basically, do not want to

upset anyone. FAC needs to ask permission and can recommend a change. FAC puts on events, not control grounds.

- Columbia County Fair – The County referred NP to someone else. Need to check with Columbia County Commissioners.
- Will be attending the **NCW Friends of the Fair Auction** to see how it works and may be have for Okanogan.
- **Contracts are going out for entertainment for the Fair (18)**. Process for approval of contract: 1) FAC, 2) NP then 3) BOCC. Need to put in deadlines for return for the various kinds of contracts in the new rewrites.
- Possible **“Welcome to the Fairgrounds” sign**: negotiating a price for painting on the side of Agriplex. Current cost that was quoted is out of the question. Looking for alternatives.
- OK to move ahead on **work-in-kind for youth & indigent for rental or usages at Fair?** Would need to put the need for a justification for any suggested changes to the Fair Fee Schedule. Looking into issues.

Exec. Session. Potential Litigation. DG, AHu & BOCC. At 9:35, return at 10:17.

TC (HR & Risk)

- **RFP for new website is in progress**, it will go to the papers next week.

Finance Committee (CH, LM, PJ)

- **Cash on hand** – very good for this time of year (\$1,357,150.57).
- **Bank Depository letter** – list of Banks that County does business with.
- **Work-in-Kind @ Fairgrounds**: info from SAO (State Auditor Office). AH – need to separate Fair from Fair Grounds. FAC not wanting to offer Work-in-kind, needs the revenue. SAO basically – document, document, document. CH – tracking of hours spent, rate, L & I – all easily done. Need to use fair market value for labor cost of the job duties being performed. Comparable to a similar job elsewhere on the County work force. LM – Concern about consistency, make the same “rate” for equal labor. Document! AH – info request from NP might have been misunderstood. Not for the Fair but Fair grounds. CH – Best justifiable wage rate. Depends on wages being done on staff. Volunteer hours are currently tracked for L & I. AH – would need to carefully state which jobs, what compensation specified. DG would not consider work-in-kind a “gifting of public resources” as it is now defined. AH – a lot of deferred maintenance that could be taken care of through this process. TC – each Department head is responsible for documenting and reporting volunteer hours for L & I. CH – Need to set out a policy of how Fair Market Value is determined. Then just need to follow the policy.
- CH - Is BOCC sending a delegate to the Canvassing Board on Wednesday? CB – yes, probably LJ.

BOCC

- **Review of afternoon business** – JD not in attendance and concern over a lack of quorum due to CB obligation.

11:00 Public Hearing - Utility Franchise – Domestic Water on Copple Rd. Anna Randall – PW

- This is a 50-year franchise agreement. ¼ mile on Copple Rd. Just is the ability to have a franchise, not the details of the franchise. Next step is moving forward on the permit which will involve a lot of details.
- Move to approve 22-2020 Franchise Agreement. Approved.

BOCC

- Discussion of **Franchising and franchises on East Lake Sewer.**

DH (Building Department)

- Received only 1 bid for a new PU. The winning bidder could not locate a vehicle that met the specifications of the bid. Request that the **bid be rejected and then rebid** under the new purchasing policy. Moved and approved.

JT (Public Works)

- **Maintenance & Roads** – A lot of road restrictions have been put in place
- **Statler Bridge** – poured the North wing walls, south side this week, then guard rails to finish. Little time left on contract,
- Consent Agenda items.

BOCC

- Continued discussion on moving agenda items from afternoon due to a lack of quorum.
- Approval of Consent Agenda
- No JD – don't know so making plans to conduct business & no quorum in the afternoon.
- Handling of official meetings – minutes, other discussion when no quorum. Notes only informational on discussions? How much “notes” when a public person speaks in a non-quorum situation? No action possible but information on any discussion with public to be captured?
- GT – public should want to know what is being discussed – in the “air”, so if other public want to add input there is a background.
- Approve County vouchers & Payroll – passed
- Approve Health Dept. Vouchers & payroll – passed
- Discussion of possible need to authorize payment for a JD Visa bill on LJ BOCC credit card. LJ can sign, no need for BOCC action.

12:04 **Adjourn for the day.** (Only AH in attendance the rest of the day)

1:30 **Public Comment.** **GT & AH discuss PC** (Planning Commission) There is a need for informational meetings for the public beyond the regular PC meetings. Possible meeting in Methow Valley. AH to investigate the possibility. GT to bring up at next PC meeting on 2/24.

1:50 **R. Rylander – discussion of history and difficulties over plat subdivision, permitting.**

- Contends having been settled in the past over boundaries and adjustments. Not in the County records.
- Concern over court issues over property, feels a lot of mistakes have been made. Rylander needs to check on the various contacts & phone calls. Wants another opportunity to discuss after clarifications.