

**Board of Okanogan County Commissioners
(BOCC)
Feb. 20, 2018**

Jim Detro – JD (BOCC)
Chris Branch – CB (BOCC)
Andy Hover – AH (BOCC)
Josh Thomson – JT (Public Works)
Debi Hilts – DH (HR)
Joe Poulin – JP (Maintenance)

Perry Huston – PH (Planning)
Lanie Johns – LJ (BOCC Clerk)
Ben Rough – BR (Public Works)
David Gechas – DG (Civil Att.)
Tanya Craig – TC (Risk Manager)

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DG – Civil Attorney activity, PH (Planning & Admin), JP (Admin Maintenance), DH (Bldg Dept), Exec. Session. Negotiations and review of personal, Well rehab at Fair, PWorks (Engineering: JT, Admin: BR), JD re-election bid to District 3 position, BOCC members attending meetings, Civil Service exams in house, budgeting hypothetical discussion, Bid opening on Grader/packer roller & PU Trucks, Voucher Approvals

9:00 JD, CB & PH present. TC & DH – Human Resources & Risk Management – will return at 10:00 ma when AH is scheduled to be present for an Exec. Session. Finance has canceled their 10:00 am staff meeting.

PH & CB – discuss some details of SB 6091. DG – Dave Gecas, Civil Attorney, DH – Dan Higby arrive.

9:10 Anecdotal discussion of water efficient garden and yard practices and agreement on advisable method of home/domestic usage.

DG – Civil Attorney activity.

- French Creek Rd hearing canceled, Judge had personal issue to deal with. No work on new date.
- Working on a future case,
- Ledum (Sp) case withdrawn
- Brickland (Sp) in discussion.
- Has read Comp. Plan – working on responses
- Cowlitz Co. – Attorney has similar issues with Yakama Nation, they are communicating
- Water Bank presentation in the Methow Monday, DG will attend. (PH – Some talk of a possible water bank in WRIA 49 Okanogan – may be a private group to present a concept.)
- Is reviewing proposed ordinance on ATV signage

- Issue with DoT & Ok. Roads for JT on Trail along/crossing Hwy 20

PH (Planning & Admin)

- Public hearing for Title 20 is set for next Monday @ 3:00 pm. Getting some pushback from realtors for needing some guarantees so they and clients can move forward. They want some sort of assurances to clarify what is needed to meet SB 6091. Permits are now tied to Bldg permits & \$500 fee imposed by SB 6091. When they apply for a Bldg permit they need to have DoE permit and adequate well log to move forward.
- Methow & DoE short plat issue over wells and building permit. BOCC may be getting emails even though BOCC is out of the decision loop under SB 6091. DoE not allowing wells on the site at this time so PH cannot move on possible plat. This kind of application of adjoining short plots are by custom dealt with under a SEPA requirement are more complicated. There was a contested redrawing of zoning are boundaries that involved this site. Until DoE issues well permit(s) PH not going forward.
- Fair: Men's room in Agriplex has a problem with adequate flushing. It was backing up over the weekend at RV Show. Plunging helped temporarily. Obviously needs work, will be getting a snake over to look into the problem. Multiple flushes seem to somewhat ease the problem. Maybe a swale, rough spot, roots where things are hanging up. This needs to be resolved
- There will be a Fair Grounds budget reviewed and approved soon that will allow for easier efforts.
- There is a need for some way to move bleachers and other larger objects around the Fair Grounds. JD has talked with vendors about RV Show at Fairgrounds and it went well. (9:22 AH arrives). They did run out of propane. Rental & purchase discussed, AH will look into possibilities.
- It might be best to move to a keep full contract as opposed to buying on an as needed basis. The different purchase contract would require a new bid process as opposed to buying under a small contracts basis and just choosing the low cost at the moment after asking around. The propane heater at the Agriplex burns about 100 gal. a day under current conditions (about \$160 a day). Some suggestions: install large ceiling fans to push hot air back down to floor area, work on stuck open louver vent at one end of building so it can be closed, install a drop ceiling to limit the volume to be heated.
- JP & LJ will get together to amend current propane contract and pursue a keep full contract.
- AH – some complaints about up front costs to rent Fair buildings. Includes rental, deposit and propane. PH – policy prevents separate checks for each.
- JP & PH need to look into how to close louvered large vent system that is now stuck open.

JP (Admin Maintenance)

- JP has a couple of bids on new Admin Bldg HVAC unit. The estimated cost is below bid threshold. Just a single AC & Heating ceiling mounted heat pump. . AH – need to talk with treasurer about cash flow needs before moving ahead.

- Will check on men's restroom at Agriplex.

DH (Bldg Dept)

- Wants to check on status of Twisp Bldg inspector contract. Twisp City want to assure that enforcement issues won't come up again. DH want to resolve complication. Complications somewhat with property ownership.
- AH & DH : the Brewster contract was passed to Twisp as a template to use but Twisp did extensive rewrites. County does not do Brewster's enforcement, that's their role. Twisp want County to be somewhat of a lead enforcement. Need DG to clarify with Twisp lawyer and move forward. DH wants to avoid enforcement as it puts County in legal jeopardy.
- DH also wants clarity on proposed fee schedule update. OK. Co. is currently below cities and nearby counties. Proposed schedule would put Ok. Co. comparable with other's fees.

10:05 BOCC asks for a resolution to be prepared to change to new fee schedule DH will send schedule and details to PH to write up for submission to BOCC.

10:12 Motion to go to **Exec. Session. Negotiations and review of personal.** TC, DH, & BOCC. 10:27 Return from Exec. Session.

Break

10:50 Back to session. AH discussing **well rehab at Fair:** costs, relocation, drillers recommendations.

10:55 **PWorks:** BR & JT. Anna Randall brings up a Cattle Guard Franchises issue. The Guard in question has been in operation for several years, fees are paid up but there has never been an official approval. Moved to approve and passed.

Engineering: JT

- 114 hours overtime over weekend, mostly on Sunday. AH - asks about Twisp to Carlton Rd plowing and timeliness. Also Sitzmark has clearing issues on Sunday.
- Gravel Crushing: moving alone and will be moving to Bailey Pit next.
- WATV signage: met with PH to amend ordinance to not require signs in most instances, a work in progress (this to meet DoT requirements).
- SRS did not make CR agreement: hopefully to be attached to an Omnibus Bill in later March. Will depend on the level of resistance to attachment to the Omnibus Bill. A lot less likely for a permanent fix and more likely a short term fix if any.
- Grant program not a good fit for Beaver Creek Rd (Twisp Area). AH - check with Fish Enhancement people for funding (to fix a washout and reduce silting). Similar issue at north end of Omak Lake.
- Old guard rail removal on Hwy & near Tonasket. Engineer will look into if the County could use and if so will have the contractor stack and make available. Can stipulate material is for County use and possible for use at Fair Grounds racetrack.

Admin: BR

- Move of weeds & WSU to PWorks Bldg. Costs are >\$500 per month, Utilities \$200 - \$250 per month. Seems that this is greater than Weeds can afford at this time. Currently paying \$2500 per year. The new cost works out to \$1200 more than they can cover and would also need to consider janitorial and maintenance costs. Heating and most lighting is a fixed cost for PWorks and would only be a further splitting of costs, no net gain to PWorks. New tenants (Weeds & WSU) not additional cost but additional revenue. Weeds is thinking Hancock Bldg is a better choice solely based on cost. Currently BR & AL are reviewing and comparing costs between options. BR & AL (Ann Lyons – Weeds) will go over rental details and costs to see what can be done.
- Consent agenda: Sue Christopher contract extension – 6 months or until finished (a shorter time).
- Spot audits are beginning at all transfer stations and PWorks cash drawers. No problems found so far.
- Union MOA – not much happening. BR has contacted the union and has gotten no response.
- SW household hazardous waster testing kit needed. New manager has been reviewing these kinds of oversights and what needed to bring up to requirements
- Tribe is concerned about tipping fees – BR is looking a a meeting to discuss.

12:10 Lunch

1:30 Public Comment – None

JD states that he will be running for **re-election to District 3 position**. There has been no other Republican Party person showing interest.

DG will need to check to see if JD can do canvassing board work. JD can do the job unless specifically on the ballot. He is also a PCO and is concerned about being possible conflict with being on ballot in two places.

PH – has sent over a resolution

There is a discussion of **BOCC members attending meetings** elsewhere and potential complications on schedule and not having 2 members making a quorum at some outside meeting. JD & CB will be at a meeting in Olympia at the same time.

2:00 TC, DH & Sheriffs reps. (Deputies, Corrections, Dispatch). The issue is bringing **Civil Service exams in house**. Currently candidates have to test on west side or some remote location in Eastern Washington. Dispatch prefers local testing while retaining high rigor on state test. AH asks if PST (State Testing) here is the preference – yes. So concern seems to be location of testing while keep current rigor. DH – if PST will allow local proctor more often she would take that choice. DH would keep fees at the current level.

2:10 General work on computers – correspondence.

3:00 AH & LJ have a **budgeting hypothetical discussion** on expense/revenue, carry over, realized revenue, and ending balance, etc.

3:15 PH – brings in notice of irrigation and well grant program. BOCC members have already received. SCS is asking for use of the parking lot for a mulching demonstration. Wants to know if the County has use of the mulched material? After discussion – no.

4:00 **Bid opening on Grader/packer roller & PU Trucks.** Only on bid for each. These will be compared against state bid for low bid. PU Bid from Jess Ford on a variety of PU – JT a little less than estimate. Grader/Packer Roller bid was from a Billings, Mt company - a little over estimate. Bids will be sent to Engineering & ER&R for review and recommendation to be brought back to BOCC

Voucher Approvals:

- Special Voucher approved.
- 4:10 Approve County payroll and vouchers
- Approve PHealth payroll & vouchers
- Approve Consent Agenda
- Resolution on Bldg Dept revised Fee Schedule – Approved
- Resolution on adding Map Segregationist position to Union bargaining unit – Approved
- Due to change in BOCC approach to well bid on Consent Agenda, replace versus repair, that item is brought up by motion to reconsider, which is approved.