

**Board of Okanogan County Commissioners
(BOCC)
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Summary: Admin & Fair Grds: Possible split system, Lighting in the Agriplex Floor heat at the Agriplex, Fair north end Fence move, County auctions, **Fair Events:** New Fee Schedule and Contract form, In-kind section, Potential camp host, Entertainment contracts, **Exec. Session:** AHu, BOCC, DG – 110.1(i) Potential litigation, **Risk & HR:** Possible shared Senior Planner position, Claims in Public Works, Cleanup on Salmon Creek, **Central Services:** Servers, New Back-up systems, Replacement costs, Fiber to PW, RFP for new website, Wireless routers, New entry level employee, Network Analyst position change, Cyber Security training, **Arnie Marchand** – Oroville City planning: Possible part time Planner position, **Public Works:** Maintenance & Roads, Statler Bridge, RAP preliminary, Big repair/rebuilds on roads, Two updated PW policies, Option of Enterprise offering fleet arrangements, **BOCC – Misc:** Purchase of Miller Pit, a Bid package for crusher work, “Learning Analysis” for the Spring Coulee fire, old pits in the Methow, Miller pit boundary Survey, **Public Comment:** Discussion of criteria and process around sub-area planning, **Continued Public Hearing - Ord. 2019 – 11: Interim Land Use Control:** written comments – a wide range from no to more, Conflict between Instream Flow rule, RCW & WAC, possible unintended consequences, Continue public hearing July 28 @ 2:00, Close written comments, **Dave Hylton – Public Health, BOCC Misc.**

BOCC: AH, JD, CB

Staff: Ahu, JP, DG, LJ, NP

JP (Admin & Fair Grds Maintenance)

- Talked with DIVCO about a **Possible split system** using a water-to-water heat pump, cooling tower on the Court House and tying into the geothermal system – need to explore the option more. A mini-split system would not be adequate in lower temps.
- Talked with Dave Pettit (sp) – asking about moving forward on **Lighting in the Agriplex**. Need to look at the budget to see if can support such a project. LJ – the capital facilities budget plan is

mostly done, working on it as she can. A couple more days, might have available next week for review.

- Waiting on another bid for the boiler for **Floor heat at the Agriplex**. Likely unable to do our own installation as need a professional and authorized installation.
- Called some people about the **Fair north end Fence move**. There are other options. If a cable were strung between ecology blocks would work but some liability and hazard issues with people running into them. Main issue is preventing driving into the north end area. Maybe Public Works has some old guard rails?
- JD – **County auctions?** Scheduled in April. Need to set bid dates for auctioneer. Last year was a tied bid, need to add a provision for a tie breaker. Will use a coin flip in case of a tie. DG will look into the issue.

NP (Fair Events)

- Emailed the BOCC the proposed **New Fee Schedule and Contract form** for review and comment. DG has suggested some changed already. Red underlined items are possible changes.
- Look at the **In-kind section** for consideration. Non-profits or businesses could also be a compensated with free advertising inside the Agriplex. AH – the intent was for a kid that couldn't afford to use the facilities (arena or track) would have a way or “working off” the fee by doing maintenance on the fair grounds. NP – a volunteer form is available but no compensation for work-in-kind. DG – need to avoid gifting of public property. Need to not be County employees and complete a waiver of liability. Need to have a specific hourly in-kind rate that matches a comparable County job wage per hour.
- Talked with a **Potential camp host**. NP has a potential form and timeline for the position. The current timeline/form was based on the Chronicle printing for premium book. Looking to have the position in place earlier.
- **Entertainment contracts** are to TC, then from NP to BOCC for approval.

DG (Civil Attorney)

- **Exec. Session – AHu, BOCC, DG – 110.1(i) Potential litigation**. Out at 10:15

TC (Risk & HR)

- **Possible shared Senior Planner position** that would be shared with north end cities. There is enough work in the County. TC feels the position is doable. Need to talk with Auditor/Treasurer. BOCC to look at the job description to see if it fits what is envisioned. Hours split between County/Cities to be determined, also allocating expenses. TC will start working on details.
- Interviews for new Planning Director will be Monday & Tuesday. 4 people, checking with VH (Verlene Hughes, PC rep) to see if she is able of observe.
- Have 2 outstanding work group conversations.
- Over \$100,000 in **Claims in the Public Works** right now, all avoidable. JT will elaborate.
 - o Stolen PU in the Oroville area (left keys in the PU while at shop). PU was totaled when driven through a stop sign and being hit by semi. No serious injuries. Friday afternoon
 - o Thursday a truck went over an embankment. Worker was maneuvering an excavator and hit a PU.
- 1st invoice for the **Cleanup on Salmon Creek** - +\$56,000 – will be on the liability policy (\$25,000 deductible). Possible that DOE penalty will be lowered by these costs. Will get another bill from Clean Harbor – need to pass onto JT.
- CB/TC will be meeting with Risk Pool in Cle Elem on March 20.

10:30 KB (Karen Beatty – Central Services)

- **Servers** – upgrading to Windows OS 2016. Will purchase 2 more servers this year, 5 in 2022, around \$5000 per server.
- **New Back up systems** – will purchase a few
- Will want to budget **Replacement costs** over the coming years for the 2022 purchase.
- Need to replace other computers in chunks of 10.
- LJ has a new laptop
- **Fiber to PW is working well**
- **RFP for new website** is ready to go when the decision is made.
- **Wireless routers** are being upgraded. Some public access point will be installed.
- **New entry level employee** went to training, all went well. More ahead, some possible to be done remotely, that is locally via internet.
- Position for a **Network Analyst**: KB feels the position is not needed and would like to change the position that would be more of a support catchall position to be used where needed. Eri Fritz could be more of an Asst. to Steve. KB has a possible job description for Support Tech. – entry position. Position in the budget is current ½ time, would want a full time – still \$1000 monthly cheaper than the Network Analyst position. KB would like to hire ASAP. Resolution for changing the Network Analyst position is on the Consent Agenda. KB sees no future need for a 2nd Network Analyst. AH is reviewing the resolution to authorize the changes. Would use a current BARS code and just change the salary to Tech Support at the lower wage rate.
- LJ & AH – need a budget supplement to cover some changes. Pay for the servers by 2022.
- MW (Dispatch) is offering to pay for KB to attend a **Cyber Security training** at Kitsap County. KB will be attending.

AM (Arnie Marchand – Oroville City planning)

- Discussing with BOCC about **Possible part time Planner position** to be shared with the north end cities. Exploring options. BOCC will talk with Auditor/Treasurer.

JT (Public Works)

- **Maintenance & Roads**: Normal stuff, less than last year so far. PU was stolen & totaled from Oroville Shop when it ran a stop sign and hit by a Semi. Verbal counseling for the PU driver who left the keys. Discussion with the BOCC about possible changes in policy.
- **Statler Bridge**: Girders on Wednesday. Only a couple of days left.
- **RAP preliminary**: Due the end of the week. 3 Rs, drainage projects (2Rs) – ½ for the RAP funds were borrowed against for the Statler Bridge project. This leaves ½ the normal funds for the upcoming year. Loomis/Oroville drainage work (culverts), then a little plus borrow ahead for the South Hwy 7 down near “Silver Spur.” Some on t wisp River Rd. depending on the scoring priority which project would be done.
- Starting to see **A lot of big repair/rebuilds on roads** due to delayed chip seals form several years back.
- **Two updated PW policies** for review: 1) Doing work for others, 2) handling of complaints or work requests.
- AH/JT – discussion of **Option of Enterprise offering fleet arrangements**. Mason Co. is using Enterprise as well as some others. As cheap as state bid.

BOCC – Misc.

- Move to approve vouchers - PW **Purchase of Miller Pit**, Title Insurance and related. About \$900,000.
- Close to having a **Bid package for crusher work** for materials. JT – probably not a full bid, just need quotes.

- JD – will be attending Wildland Fires Cmte meeting. Passes on “**Learning Analysis**” for the **Spring Coulee fire** (Chris Johnson incident).
- AH – need to look at surplus of **old pits in the Methow**. 2 parcels near Twin Lakes of 11 & 8.7 acres. Others above airport and ditch, 2 parcels again. Sales of the pits could help pay for possible new Methow shop.
- Will get back **the Miller pit boundary Survey** this week. Looking at dividing into 3 parcels. Would need a boundary line adjustment. Considering the layout of the parcels for re-sale in the future at the end of the pit life.

1:30 Public Comment

- GT, AH, CB – **Discussion of criteria and process around sub-area planning** (no official comments but public).

2:00 Continued Public Hearing - Ord. 2019 – 11: Interim Land Use Control

- Under 17A.400.130 & .120. Water availability Study Areas. AHu, DG & BOCC
 - o AHu nothing new, evaluating written comments. Waiting on BOCC deliberation.
 - o Written comments still open for now.
- AH - **A lot of written comments – a wide range from no to more**. This issue has been ongoing for about 40 years, never a good answer. Circumstances have changed. **Conflict between Instream Flow rule, RCW & WAC** and need an AG opinion to resolve the conflict. Would want an AG opinion before a BOCC reaching a decision. Interim Control (IC) is still in place but no 2-year study under the IC. DG has pointed out conflict in Flow Rule, WAS & RCW. JD agrees with need for AG opinion Conflict involves interpretation of Campbell/Gwinn.
- AH could get local legislators to push AG for a quicker opinion. All BOCC feel need more input in order to make a decision, due the comments received to date.
- CB sees **possible unintended consequences** due to the imposition of the IC. Should the BOCC modify the IC to alleviate some problems?
 - o Some exempt sub-divisions, Methow Rule & interpretation of Campbell/Gwinn
 - o Removal of IC would expose Count & Sub-divisions to liability. Changing of rule or leaving alone does not expose to liability.
 - o CB argues to close the hearing & get to work while AH would like to continue the hearing while waiting for AG opinion. CB moves to close. Dies for lack of a second. JD argues that closing & re-opening would require starting full Public Hearing process and would want to avoid.
- 2 more written comments handed in.
- AH moves to **Continue the public hearing until July 28 @ 2:00**. Passed. Agreed by BOCC & DG to submit questions to AG for consideration.
- Move to **Close written comments** – passed
- Will have a short Q & A: not part of official record.
 - o Can it be reasonable to expect a timely and adequate response for the AG by Jul. 28 give the complexity of the issues?
 - o Campbell/Gwinn interpretation.

DH (Dave Hylton – Public Health)

- Discussion of exempt wells, exempt sub-divisions, WRIA 48 where 2 cfs rule is in affect regarding multiple connections to one well.
- Well proximity to stream
- Eden Valley Ranch – animal waste. Nearby cow/calf, feed operation & water quality
- Group B funding – vote no recommendation to legislature

BOCC Misc.

- Approval of proceedings: Feb. 10, 11, 18
- Consent Agenda as presented – Approved
- Borderlands Historical Soc. For VIC – LTAC agreement - passed