

Board of Okanogan County Commissioners
Tuesday, AM February 8, 2022

Present:

Chris Branch (CB) – BOCC Vice Chair, District 1

Andy Hover (AH) – BOCC Chair, District 2

Jim DeTro (JD) – BOCC, District 3

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Summary of Significant Discussions or Actions: The latest at the Ok Co Fairgrounds, Maintenance update for new Justice buildings and facilities assessment, new roof needed with bonding discussion, new bids needed for county legal newspaper, ongoing updates from Planning; extending cannabis moratorium, periodic review of shoreline management act, Planning priorities and bio-retention project, zoning code, and staff morale. More on Methow Valley sub-units relating to the Comp Plan, General wage increase for non-bargaining County employees, Meeting with Auditor: voters pamphlet for local elections, staff member left – position needs to be filled, received final quote from new computer system vendor. Discussion with District Court regarding a temporary grant-funded therapeutic courts coordinator position – will try to fill as a contracted employee since it is a temporary position.

9:00

Naomie Peasley (NP), Fairgrounds Manager reports moving forward with contract for metal removal, either by Public Works or private individual. NP reports that propane costs have doubled since last year – may need to increase rental fees. More events are being booked. Horticulture convention this week.

9:11 Budget supplemental needed as over \$20,000 shortfall right now, but January revenue not in yet.

9:14

Joe Poulin (JP), Maintenance Supervisor updates BOCC on fuel tank at courthouse. Has transfer switch for generator.

9:17

Disability study for jail & other buildings – facility assessment – doing an inventory.

9:21 Need to repair heating/cooling unite at new Justice Building or do we want to upgrade. Beaman

Professional Services has reported the building is in need of a new roof. AH discusses bonding and need to include roof. CB tells JP that he always needs to check with Beaman Consulting before doing anything in order not to duplicate and/or have to do re-work.

9:26 LJ reports calling for newspaper bids for County Legal notices and a \$75,000 Supplements being done for housing. There was a new bill submitted.

LJ and Crystal (assistant Clerk) will be going to Wa. Municipal Clerks conference in Pasco Mary 15th – March 18th. There will be no BOCC meeting on Tuesday, they will leave on Monday afternoon.

9:28 quick discussion with Maurice Goodall, Emergency Services Manager.

9:30 *****Executive Session for 15 minutes with David Gecas, Chief Deputy Atty and Pete Palmer, Planning Director for litigations under 4230,110.1i *****

9:42 Pete Palmer (PP), Planning Director discussing management grant contract for periodic review of Shoreline Management Act. 2021-June 2023 for \$84,000

9:48

Moved, seconded, and carried to approve contract with DOE & County for professional services relating to review of Shoreline Management.

PP also give priority matrix put together by Planning Staff PP feels they are right on target. Permit data base is on target, also bio-retention project. Boxes to be picked up 2/16.

9:53 working on zoning code review, which fall in line with the cannabis moratorium and the new regulations about critical areas ordinance, clearing & grading regulations, and advisory committees. We'll handle this in-house, especially the Methow.

AH wants to look at the Methow Zones A,B,C,D, & E, and get people from the subunits. He's not sure if the lower Methow wants their own sub-units. PP states no boundaries have been set yet.

9:59 AH wants to be careful about using previous information, but CB thinks looking back at what was done previously, will be a good place to start. AH doesn't want to dwell on the past – wants to look forward.

PP reports results of Survey Monkey – 29 surveys completed.

AH wants things clear. PP will revisit previous documents and come back next week. CB work done before should be looked as a baseline, especially where there were areas of agreement.

Fairly lengthy discussion between AH and CB regarding AH being a linear thinking and wants things laid out well. From about 9:50 to 10:18

10:20 Moved, seconded, and carried to approve BOCC proceedings and to approve Consent Agenda as presented.

LJ present annual agreement for the Sheriff's Office with the Dept of Justice and the Treasurer's Office. CB would like staff to provide an explanation as it is unclear what this really does.

10:29 Cari Hall (CH), County Auditor and Deputy Auditor – Lisa Schreckengast (LS) to discuss current voters' pamphlet. If there is no pro or con, Auditor needs to appoint someone for that viewpoint. She has spoken with the Chief Deputy, Dave Gecas.

10:34 there are 2 payroll positions that need to cross-train, and there is no job description for one, and the pay is not the same. This needs to be remedied. CH feels this is time sensitive. Both workers are outstanding.

10:46 CH received final quote from Tyler (new Software salesperson), \$483,500 including estimated travel. Also, the fee for maintenance. This is the new UNIS system.

Moved, seconded, and carried to approve this purchase.

CH will do budget supplemental to cover this.

CH states that this will be her 5th Software transition since working for the County.

11:00 Moved, Seconded, and carried for K-7427 agreements with Depart of Correction.

Also, Moved, seconded, and carried to pay voucher for Methow Valley EMS District service contract.

11:01 – PP back in the meeting with changed ordinance to extend cannabis moratorium for 6 months. There will be another public hearing on March 21st, 2022 @ 1:30. Moved, seconded, and carried to approve this ordinance 2022-2

There have been 125 licenses issued, 40+ have been reduced.

11:13 LJ has vouchers to pay \$118,00 – moved, seconded, and carried.

11:20 Public Health voucher for \$31,596 – Moved, seconded, and carried.

11:30 Judge Charles Short (CS) on Zoom to discuss Therapeutic Courts Coordinator position request for District Court. Grant funding has been received from the Administration of Courts to hire a coordinator. \$81,250 grant. CS will do a job notice. AH suggests that this be a contract position since it is temporary. It can carry benefits if it is written into the contract. This also needs to be run by HR/Risk Manager, who can help determine the best route to go with this.

AH asks CB to write up agreement with Douglas County for jail agreement.

11:40 Meeting adjourned until 9:00 on Monday. Public Health meeting in the afternoon (*but this was not on original agenda, nor referenced during meeting*).