

**Board of Okanogan County Commissioners  
(BOCC)  
March 3, 2020**

Jim Detro – JD (BOCC)  
Chris Branch – CB (BOCC)  
Andy Hover – AH (BOCC)  
Josh Thomson – JT (Public Works)  
Joe Poulin – JP (Maintenance & Fair Grds)  
Angie Hubbard – AHu (Interim Planning)  
Laleña Johns – LJ (BOCC Clerk)  
Kelly (BOCC Asst. Clerk)  
David Gechas – DG (Civil Att.)  
Tanya Craig – TC (Risk Manager)  
Shelly Keitzman SK (HR)  
Leah McCormick – LM (Treasurer)  
Pam Johnson – PM (Treas. Asst.)  
Cari Hall – CH (Auditor)

Lisa Schreckengost – LS (Deputy Auditor)  
Naomie Peasley – NP (Fair Events)  
Maurice Goodall – MG (Emergency Mgmt)  
Mike Worden – MW (Dispatch, Sheriff's)  
Dan Higbee – DH (Building)  
George Thornton – GT (Citizen, County Watch)  
Tony Hawley – TH (Sheriff)  
Aaron Culp – AC (Asst. Sheriff)  
Karen Beatty – (Central Service)  
Larry Gilman – LG (Assessor)  
Annie Lyons – AL (Noxious Weeds)  
Charlene Grooms - CG (Clerk's Office)  
Susan Speaker - SS (Clerk's Office)  
Arian Noma – AN (Prosecuting Attorney)

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**Summary: Civil Attorney:** Water issues, Potential arbitrators over a grievance, Executive session with AHu, BOCC & DG. Potential litigation, Inter-Local agreement with Brewster, **Interim Planning Director:** WRIA, Amendment to grant, Agreed changes into the Comp. Plan, Inter-Local agreement Brewster, **Admin & Fair Ground Maintenance:** North fence Fair grounds, Split HVAC system, ½ time custodian Courthouse, Boiler for floor heating Agriplex, Agriplex 2 HVAC units, **Fair Events:** Old portable dividers, WIFI at Annex, Fair cost for the use of Grounds, New arena/racetrack barn, Propane & electricity usage, Projects on the grounds, Social media, Fair Board & “Little Beef” barn, **HR & Risk:, BOCC Misc:** Tonasket Ranger District transfer to Colville NF, **PW Bid Opening, Public Works:** SW Updates – Personnel, SW Annual training, Apple Maggot, Community Compost Project, Maintenance & Roads, Statler Bridge, Omak-Riverside Eastside overlay, Surplus, Plans for contingency issues due to Corona, **Public Comments:** None, **BOCC Misc, Exec Session: Interview of possible Planning Director**

BOCC: JD, CB, AH

Staff: AHu, JP, NP, DG, LJ

DG (Civil Attorney)

- Ongoing **water issues**, talked to the DOE, Dave Kirk,
- List of **potential arbitrators over a grievance**
- AH – need an **executive session with AHu, BOCC & DG. Potential litigation.** Out at 9:25
- **Inter-Local agreement with Brewster.** Needs signatures, on the Consent Agenda. After signatures will be posted on websites of city and county.

### AHu (Interim Planning Director)

- **WRIA** on Thursday.
- Working with Vanessa B. to finalize **Amendment to grant**.
- Working to incorporate all **Agreed changes into the Comp. Plan** so there is a clean copy to work with. That will be out before the schedule March 9 meeting.
- **East Lake sewer payments on new hookups** – working on a tracking system to know who has – needs some work.

### JP (Admin & Fair Ground Maintenance)

- Waiting on a 2nd bid to move the **north fence of the fair grounds**. Looks too expensive and am checking on alternatives. Old guardrails at Public Works, ecology blocks, etc.
- Bid from DIVCO on installing a **split HVAC system** at the Courthouse complex as opposed to connecting directly to the current geothermal systems. This would be maybe \$107,000 compared to much, much more for an extension of the current system (\$800,000+). A split system would use a heat/cool exchange system between the two systems. This has worked in other installations. Might still need to drill another injection well for the geothermal system to add capacity. CB – how effective would this system be? JP – a lot of others are doing similar systems, do need to at least talk to the geothermal people – Ameresco. JP will arrange a meeting with Ameresco.
- Want to talk about hiring a **½ time custodian for the Courthouse**. This was brought up last year. Feel very important – a lot of details are falling through the cracks. LJ agrees – need to talk with TC about the position.
- Waiting on another bid for a **boiler for the floor heating at the Agriplex**. One boiler is working but getting the second up and running needs to be done.
- LJ – there are **Agriplex 2 HVAC units** and only one working. It would be at least \$25,000 to get the 2<sup>nd</sup> unit replaced. Might be a higher priority as we are looking at the summer season and won't need the floor boiler until late fall.

### NP (Fair Events)

- The **old portable dividers** can be recovered with fabric. NP shows a sample of the cloth – has a \$1500 donation to buy the fabric and putting on the dividers. Need to make sure the funds being donated are specifically targeted to this effort.
- Looking into the **WIFI at the Annex**, NCI Datacom currently being used but renters are finding the current installation inadequate and often “rent” additional services from other ISPs.
- **Cost to the Fair for the use of the grounds** to be the same next year? AH – feels the current fee is good for now. CB – a little late to change now. A lot of feedback from people that they can't believe that the Fair is charged for use of the grounds. There needs to be more communication to the public that the Fair gets all the revenue from the Fair itself and is paying a rental fee to the County. The County has all the responsibility to maintain, upgrade and repair the whole facilities. The Fair does not generate enough revenue to cover all those costs and led to the need for the County taking over the grounds. The County receives rental and fees for all other non-Fair usages to help offset the costs and look to upgrades. There has been a lot of work in the past few years and plans to do more.
- AH working on bid specs for **New arena/racetrack barn**. Looking for enough room for an expansion of the arena facilities. Various groups have expressed interest in using the track/arena and would welcome the expansion.
- NP is working on evaluating the **Propane & electricity usage** to see if County needs to review.
- 3 groups are lined up to do **Projects on the grounds**. Businesses are willing to pay costs in exchange for recognition or advertising. AH – just need to have a BOCC resolution stating that the funds from the advertising is targeted to the work. Some business would do the work

themselves, others will to pay someone to do the work. CB – need to make sure the value of work matches the cost of the advertising and at fair market value.

- NP has been using more **Social media**, a lot of responses and contacts have been made. Promotion has been a lot stronger as a result. A lot more exposure.
- Exploring more school participation.
- Queen is presenting her project to the **Fair Board, “Little Beef” barn**. AH – there is a lot of pushback from the main Beef Barn superintendents. AH feel the project might need to be put off until a change of sentiment in the Beef Barn people. A “territory” conflict. Maybe allow the Queen project on a 1-yr. basis? Superintendents seem not willing to compromise at this time. AH will attend the FAC and have a discussion.

#### TC – (HR & Risk)

- New **part time custodial position** at the Courthouse. Will look into the most “clean” method with BARS, etc. Official directive from the BOCC to proceed.
- 4 events done with WorkSource for recruiting.
- S.O. has been bringing personnel files to be added to County files.
- PW seasonal temps coming up.
- M Tank ceiling work begins Mar. 30 – 14-day window for completion
- Waiting on final dates for mediation with Commissioned officers.
- Working with DG on getting a mediator for the PW Admin mediation
- Reviewing the entirety of the SW contract, to be given to the Commission for consideration
- Non-commissioned is done
- Exec. Session next week on Mendoza mediation
- Evidence Room audit this Thursday
- Meeting with Ronnie Wuest from Friendship Diversion Olympia to discuss services – monitoring bracelets for alcohol & other offenses.
- Mar. 18-20 Risk Pool Board of Director’s
- Apr. 2 & 3 out of the office
- April 9 Faire mediation in Seattle.
- May 15 – 22 out of office for TC wedding.

#### BOCC Misc

- Reminder: Oct. 1 – TRD (**Tonasket Ranger District**) will transfer to Colville NF and will be under Colville travel plan. BOCC to invite Wen-Oka Supervisor & Colville Supervisor to meet for a talk, also Regional Forester for Region 1 & 6.

#### PW Bid Opening:

- Liquid Asphalt – Idaho Asphalt apparent low bidder;
- Soil Stabilizer – Roadwise, Inc. apparent low.

#### JT (Public Works)

- **SW Updates:**
  - o **Personnel** – down 1 operator. Temp workers upcoming, 2 early – 1 leachate driver & 1 laborer. Will be host facility for Community Action.
  - o **SW Annual training:** HazMat training – required and essential. 24-hour OSHS/DOT – sent in a application early with a sponsorship application, hopefully will over costs except housing.

- **Apple Maggot:** Meeting down in Ellensburg. 19 live catches, no with two life stages (Riverside, Malott, Oroville, Alta Lake, Bridgeport Bar). No actions this year as need two life stages two years in a row.
- A group in the Methow is asking about a **Community Compost Project**
- **Grant funding:** legislative has restored some funding, maybe \$108,000 for County SW.
- **Maintenance & Roads:** Lower elevation roads have come off restrictions, some higher altitude roads have restrictions put on. Draft revised policy for reporting incidents to the S.O. has been sent to S.O. for review. Need same for SW?
- **Statler Bridge:** Girders ae in place, unfortunately not up to standards. Problems need to be resolved. Contractor is also behind on paper work with DOT.
- **Omak-Riverside Eastside overlay** to begin Apr. 13.
- **Surplus:** Apr. 18 at the F air Grounds. Maybe do better if some items (Graders) were entered in an online auction. Dump trucks to be kept local. Some of the other items might be put in online auction (Roller, snow blower, striper truck). Will develop two list for BOCC review.
- Letter is out to Dept. Heads & Elected Officials – need to think about **Plans for contingency issues due to loss of personnel** for extended periods due to quarantine and other interruptions.

1:30 **Public Comments – none**

1:38 **BOCC Misc**

- Approve purchase of food (lunch) for Superior Court luncheon.
- Move to approve letter of congrats to THS Wrestling for 4<sup>th</sup> State Championship
- Approve County vouchers & payroll
- Approve Public Health vouchers & payroll.
- Approve Consent Agenda

2:00 **Exec Session for interview of possible Planning Director.**

- When completed will adjourn BOCC for the day without any decisions.