

Board of Okanogan County Commissioners
Tuesday, March 16th, 2021, 1:30 PM

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Present:

Chris Branch (CB), BOCC District 1
Jim Detro (JD), BOCC District 3
Lanie Johns (LJ), County Clerk
(Zoom) Andy Hover (AH), BOCC District 2
Tanya Craig, Risk Management
Karen Beatty, Central Services

Time stamps refer to recording on website.

Summary of Important Discussions: *Risk Manager reports progress on county website, upcoming board meeting and arrival of new District Court Deputy Prosecuting Attorney from the west side; County Employees and their families prohibited from bidding at auction of county surplus; new roof needed very soon for Fairground's arts and crafts building, bids already received for removal of old roof(s); Central Services gives annual costs of proposed security measures following January hack: 24/7 virus detection (\$18,600) and back-up hardware (\$12,000), requiring budget supplementals.*

Vouchers and payroll, auction - County invoices totalled \$1,155,159 with \$121,279 approved separately for doctors and payroll in the Dept. of Public Health. Auction items to be received by LJ and ads submitted to advertisers by this Friday, public hearing on Tuesday 3/23.

28:54 - Risk Manager's report - TC points out only one day of loss of work due to (employment related) illness and injury out of 16 claims. County website "coming alive very quickly." Meeting of Risk Pool Board of Directors, including CB, 3/25 and 3/26. TC is drafting a form for departments to complete in the case of a new law; this will "put all the information in one spot for the auditor and myself to have all the documents we need." A new District Court Deputy Prosecuting Attorney, formerly from Microsoft, will begin March 22nd.

38:14 - County surplus - A resolution passed to prohibit bidding on the part of County employees or their families will add "a buffer, an appearance of fairness" (JD), and avoid "chance of an inside scoop on a piece of equipment" (CB).

49:44 - Fairground roof-replacement - JD: They'll have to cancel events up until 9/1, limit of the new extension of contract with Superior Court, if they don't proceed quickly with roof replacement. JR and AH agree roof replacement preferable to reusing existing roof metal. AH says start with the Arts and Crafts building, the most rented-out. Bids already received for roof-removal. AH suggests putting underlayment and, if no issue with historical preservation, galvanized roof sheeting. Possibility of using Covid funds since this is the reason for court proceedings being transferred to the fairgrounds. CB advises "a couple hundred" should be spent on an electrical circuit box.

1:00:33 - Network security monitoring quotes - KB: the time for mitigation of January's hacking incident has run out. A mid level solution going forward providing constant anti-virus monitoring would cost \$56,000 for a 3-year contract instead of \$23,000 annually. She explains hackers had broken into the system "days or weeks before the shut down." She also recommended hardware providing automatic, temporary back up of secondary data and costing \$12.00/year. While department lacks the budget, AH advises using end fund balance and asking the Auditor and Treasurer to create budget supplementals. KB says the director of their software company is reimbursing training courses for department administrators; these should "go live" next month.

1:20:00 - Roof replacement (continued) - Someone mentions that the metal removed might be valuable—the roofing of the gun club reaped \$23,000 on Craig's list. AH says get two quotes, one of removal with the goal of salvaging. LJ: "I'll get Joe (Poulin, Maintenance) to start gathering quotes."

2:25:31 - Meeting adjourned.