

Okanogon County Board of County Commissioners Meeting

April 12, 2021 PM session

CB—Chris Branch, BOCC chair, District 1
AH—Andy Hover, BOCC vice-chair, District 2
JD—Jim DeTro, BOCC member, District 3
LJ—Lalena Johns-clerk to the Commissioners
PP – Pete Palmer, Planning Director
AHub – Angie Hubbard, Planner

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Summary Of Significant Discussion

3:11:26 – Report on building application status in Planning Dept.

3:13:10 – Update on software being considered to coordinate the processing of building applications between departments

3:17:50 – Smart water meters, Voluntary Stewardship Program (VSP)

3:21:01 – Well tracking software – how to use, number of parcels to consider.

3:33:20 – Discussion about concept of implementing a tax to pay farmers to keep land in Ag production

3:11:26 – PP reports on applications received by planning department. Up 27% this month. Increase in site analysis, amendments and addressing. AH asks about request for adding staff to planning dept.

3:13:10 – Update on Dude Solutions software. There will be a demonstration in the near future. Douglas, Chelan and Kittitas County all use this software (for coordinating building applications between departments – Planning, Building and Health.) PP expects a smooth transition to using this software.

3:17:50 – PP discusses demonstration of proposed “smart” water meters that are being considered as a voluntary demonstration project.

3:19:40 – VSP update. 5 year plan has been submitted to tech committee. Question about whether to include Tribe in the VSP. They have their own plan, so there is a thought that they should coordinate, rather than duplicate efforts.

3:21:01 – AHub leads discussion about assumptions used when using well-tracking software. AH indicates that he is satisfied that the science used by Aspect Engineering (the creator of the software) is acceptable. AH asks BOCC about steps that are required before they run the software to create a report that would be submitted to Dept. of Ecology. Discussion continues about what number to use for consumptive use, and the differences between WRIA 48 and WRIA 49.

3:28:20 – short discussion about Intergovernmental Agreements and how funds will be used.

3:29:40 – AH asks AHub if the GIS dept can provide list of existing parcels that are available to build on, and also a list of parcels that would exist with maximum legal subdividing.

3:32:00 – motions made to authorize expenditures to fund VSP and WRIA 49 Planning unit.

3:33:20 – AH mentions an e-mail he received about a county in Colorado that instituted a tax that would be used to keep Agricultural lands in production. Short discussion of the concept among BOCC.