

BOCC NOTES 4-22-2020

JD-Jim DeTro - Commissioner

AH-Andy Hover - Commissioner

CB- Chris Branch - Commissioner

LJ-Lalena Johns - Clerk

KB-Karen Beatty- Central Services

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JD- I talked to Joel (Kretz) and Shelly (Short)

AH- I talked to Joel (Kretz)

AH- Reports getting letters and things from other county commissioners stating they have “no faith in the Governor’s plan” and other “nebulous” stuff.

JD- “ Inslee wants to stretch this out to the election. I’m for a soft opening for small businesses. What county does he (Governor Inslee) live in? I think we should go have the sheriff arrest him.”

CB- *nonverbal reaction*

JD- The 21st it was still 14.

CB- I attended the Economic Alliance Meeting- There will more positive cases in the county.

AH- Safety, Economy – Before May 4, I would like to get some of the business sectors together. I’m getting to the end of my rope here. I understand there is the safety issue here.

JD – Talks about a car dealer who’s trying to get creative, like using the internet to conduct business.

CB- Task force. Include health care professionals, develop a well thought out process that’s worth doing for a soft pullback.

AH- I want to meet as much as we can for as long as we can, healthcare professionals, businesses in on the call. Discuss with other counties and then say, here’s our plan.

CB- We are on the Hwy 97 corridor. Chelan, Douglas and Okanogan counties are united by that corridor.

AH- I absolutely understand.

JD- Tim(??) Harriman is on the agenda for Monday. He has talked to a broad spectrum of business people. Lanie, can we get enough of them in here? Space ‘em enough apart?

LJ- (pause) I'm not comfortable with that. I'm not comfortable having the public in the hearing room.

CB- Recurring statements, we get a lot of people who don't believe this virus has validity and I know that they want to look you (the commissioners) in the eye. I don't think that is a wise idea. I'm opposed to that idea. What we would be saying is in violation of the "order."

AH- I completely understand Lanie's discomfort. I do like to talk to people face to face. It's more difficult on the phone. I go in the grocery store and there are tons of people.

LJ- I think the fewer people the better.

AH – I would like to be there talking, saying this is what we need from you guys.

CB – *didn't catch*

JD – I can tell them to use the Zoom.

AH – We have to get a video Zoom then.

CB- It has put me between a rock and a hard place. When we do things, I am hoping that we do these things unanimously.

AH – I want to get more people on it, with video.

CB – If we have a good plan for the meeting, it takes a bit of technology. The hand raising, and muting, etc.

AH – I think we have to have a leader, who controls the meeting.

CB – Jim, you said there would be a leader to represent the group. We don't need several people repeating the same request.

JD – Yes, there will be a leader.

CB - If it turns into a fight and we don't get anything done. If there is practical ideas and productive discussion, that's different.

AH – From here to whenever, this is a planning process. I think all 3 of us want to move forward. Get a group of knowledgeable people with ideas about how to go forward.

CB – That I do know I am in favor of.

JD – This Franklin cty thing is about to come to a head.

CB – That was deemed illegal.

JD – Oh, I didn't know that.

CB – Those commissioners want to show their electorate that they are doing something. What we are doing here is a lot more sensible.

AH – Looking at the RCW's, the DOH is a pretty powerful entity. As a public health deal, it is our responsibility. But, from an economic standpoint, we have to look at that too. Because our businesses won't come back quickly.

CB- If we're doing that , and we have a positive change, no matter what anybody says about it and if they are saying we are being too cautious, and I hope that they are right, I would rather be cautious.

AH – May 4, that was the date that was put out there. Let's put something together with that in mind.

JD – We know right now we are going to lose some businesses. If the governor gets his way and we don't have a hunting season, etc, and this thing goes to the election, then I think we are going to be in dire straights.

CB – All that political stuff aside with respect to the governor, if the virus spreads and it affects the healthcare system, it will be worse. I got this feeling, that no matter who the governor is you have the health care people there who guide this sort of thing.

AH – Can we get those recorded? (commissioner proceedings)

LJ – It's a problem for central services as far as storage.

AH – What if we just do a few?

LJ – OK I will ask.

CB- These recordings are becoming a common practice. We can use some of our grant money to make some of these recordings. Discussion of upgrading the infrastructure to provide video recorded commissioner meetings.

AH- You know what it is, Chris? It's broadband width. If I'm not in the right place, there are delays.

CB – We can make provisions for that. We can bring people to different locations. What we are talking about is what is going on right in our own facility. I know that we have an issue with storing the recordings.

LJ – Do you want me to get Central Services on the line?

CB – OK

AH – So, let's get back to this meeting. Should I call some folks over here and Jim your gonna let your folks know, that we are gonna have a Zoom meeting on Monday?

CB – Yes, getting people together who could come up with a plan about how to go forward.

LJ – We have Tonya sitting here too.

CB- I know, I could hear you whispering.

AH – Did you get rain over there today?

CB- Ya, we did.

JD – Steady rain, about 1.5 to 2 hours.

CB- Jim, did you ever get your computer fixed? (Yes)

Discussion of best web browser.

JD – I am going to convey then to Tim (??Harriman), that we will do Zoom, we need a leader.

CB-Did you say someone from Jess (car dealership?) is going to be there? Do you know May Ward? She knows how to get Zoom going.

Karen – joins conversation

CB – Standard practice, zoom meetings. Is it an equipment issue? If it is a cost issue, I think that we have additional funds. But, if there is a storage issue and to make it available for public records request.

Karen – Are you talking about doing it even after the COVID situation is over?

CB – Yes. The microphones don't seem to work either. I think that we absolutely should. We didn't often have a large circle of people, where other counties do.

Karen – Are you thinking of a camera that would show all 3 commissioners at one time?

CB- Yes. We really want to make sure that we have the capability to do these things.

Karen- Well, I will look into this and get back to you.

JD- We do that in the fire management meetings. Works good.

CB- (didn't catch)

LJ- I am just one person. If I am expected to manage all of that, it is going to be difficult. Especially, if I will be taking minutes as well. It will be hard to recognize the people that have their hands raised.

JD – Anything else?

LJ – So the meeting starts at 9 on Monday. With these business leaders. Then on Tuesday, the Dept of Health.

CB- how is the that fire district up at Loomis doing with their, Community development block grant? Did they apply for that ?

AH – I think that they did it.

CB- I curious to see if they are assessing their low to moderated income level. Sometimes that is a barrier. I wonder if we could use a different income source. Talks about Osoyoos water system and issues with funding.

JD – Didn't Twisp get some money?

AH- Yes, they did.

AH- So, Lanie when will you be able to let us know about the Zoom meeting for Monday.

LJ- I'll check with Central Services. Hopefully, we have it by Friday.

AH- How about if we just use our PC's? They all have cameras on them.

LJ- It would also be dependent on those commenter's and their ability to join in. So, we will look into that and let you know what we come up with. We are paying for Zoom and only paying (or, using?) for the audio capability.

AH- Check with Karen.

LJ – We have unlimited time, up to 100 participants.(Zoom service)

CB- Talks about a security system. Requires you to have administrator authority. I wonder if I could get that authority.

LJ- One administrator per meeting, so, yes you could as long as there is only one meeting at a time.

CB- Are you replying to these emails?

AH- No.

CB -Brings up article in the Chronical.

AH – Did you want to write something?

CB – Yes.

JD- Like a letter to the editor?

CB- Ya, they used to have a Commissioner's corner.

Discussion of bids from newspapers for legal ads, LJ reports some progress.

LJ- I haven't made my recommendation yet. I will have it for the commissioners next week.

Closing chatter.

JD -Adjourned.