

Board of Okanogan County Commissioners
Tuesday May 10, 2022, AM

Present:

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

Andy Hover (AH) – BOCC Chair, District 2 (on Zoom)

Jim DeTro (JD) – BOCC, District 3 (Not in attendance)

Lanie Johns (LJ) – Clerk of the Board

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Summary of Significant Discussions or Actions: Critical Areas Ordinance needing updating, along with clearing and grading, Draft RFQ for zone code presented, Planning Director might take active part in Washington Planning Association, getting ready for Shoreline Master Plan revision, report on Meeting regarding water use, how to quantify and water adequacy & legal availability -following GMA, Okanogan County is 980% over-allocated (water), cannabis zoning/permitting update -comparing with other counties, HVAC needs for Justice Center, jail, etc – getting quotes to replace units, will talk with architecture consultant, Fairgrounds update – received 2 quotes for RV Park pedestals replacement, also budgeting and approving bid for grandstand removal and replacement, irrigation project on hold. Premium book to be out on May 19th, BOCC gives permission to seek site preparation quotes for morgue and equipment shelter. Tunk Mountain communication tower fire hardening improvements – using ARPA funds. BOCC approves 2 staff to sign documents for building dept, Public Hearing for CDBG Public Services Grant application to Community Action - \$84,000 of which \$3000 to county for administration - monies utilized for food & nutrition, housing, and emergency services, Duck Lake Water Association/Board in attendance with possible request for funding water system to comply with clean water standards – possible use of ARPA funds.

9:03

(CB to chair the meeting as AH is on Zoom)

Pete Palmer (PP), Planning Director brings up reminder about the Critical Areas Ordinance that needs updating and also the Clearing & Grading. PP has draft RFQ for Zone codes and presented to BOCC for review, CB asks PP that if she doesn't hear back in a week of the reminder to bring it back up to the BOCC again.

PP reports attending the E Wa Chapter of Washington Planning Association, Columbia Section. There has been a lapse in this group's activity d/t COVID (*I presume*).

They are needing to start up board again, looking for county representative. State Conference is

October 11th – 13th.

9:13

PP brings up the Shoreline Master Plan – working with Kurt Danison – new Contractor. Periodic review is due June 23rd. Contract has not been signed yet with contractor as waiting for budget.

PP reports on a full-day water meeting she attended with the Department of Ecology and others. Tim Trohimovich of Futurewise in attendance. He did not weigh in on the water issue, but did comment that Okanogan County is 980% over allocation of water. (Both AH and CB commented on this as to how this was determined). TT most concerned with following the Growth Management Act principles. It seems the consensus at this meeting was that the Health Dept are the best people to make water decision, due to their knowledge and resources. PP states planning feels inadequate in this area due to need to understand well logs, etc. We, Planning Dept, is looking at water adequacies and legal availability. State Dept of Health has MOU with Dept of Ecology.

PP also reports update on Cannabis and will have some preliminary updates on the code. 77 sites have been verified, 131 licenses issues. 5 Grows are not in compliance – reaching out one more time before citing, will come back to BOCC after that to see how to proceed.

PP had Zoom meeting with Liquor & Cannabis Board. PP will give preliminary Cannabis zoning updates to the Planning Commission for their review. PP to be out this Thursday & Friday.

9:37

Joe Poulin (JP), Maintenance Supervisor reports Alpha study is taking place of Courthouse. He has gotten a quote on replacing HVAC units. This is needed for new Justice Center and the Jail. \$44,585. AH would like to get this completed ASAP. There are problems with supply chain, which affects vendors being able to bid. AH asks JP to talk with Michael Beaman, Architecture Consultant regarding these – and have him be the project manager. JP will find out timeline for replacing compressor vs purchase of new units, and talk with Architecture Consultant.

9:50

Naomi Peasley (NP), Fairgrounds Manager has received 2 quotes for RV Park pedestal replacement: Schmidt Electric = \$182, 266, Vassar Electric = \$161,421. NP recommends Vassar Electric. This will be for all pedestals at the fairgrounds. *There was some discussion about how this is budgeted*) NP will have copies by the end of the day to the BOCC.

9:55 Irrigation project at the Fairgrounds is put on hold for a year or 2. NP is also moving forward on signage to purchase signage for water sources in English & Spanish. This is to mark potable water sources. NP – fairground water maps being updated.

NP – I have informal quote for grandstand removal and construction -\$41,593 from Duane Hall, LLC Statement of Prevailing Wage needed. NP will get that today – hopefully. This is a new vendor to the small works roster. If we can get all paperwork needed by noon today, we can get this authorized and started.

NP reports there are 3 full time workers at the fairground right now. Lots to do., NP reports Premium Book comes out on May 19th. Weeds are being sprayed.

10:05

JP reports problems with truck, needing permission to continue with diagnostics – another 2-4

hours. @\$150 per hour.

This truck may need to be surplussed/traded in and another one purchased, but will need to have it working. This is a 2010 F-150 truck previously from WDFW and Sheriff's office to the County.

10:09

Mike Worden (MW), Dispatch – brings Beaman (Architecture Consultant) proposal for equipment center & Morgue. \$69,900 + tax. Seeking permission to seek site preparation quotes.

BOCC Moved, Seconded, and Carried to approve this and authorize vice chairman to sign. MW will hope to get a clean copy back to BOCC for signature.

10:15

LJ has items for the BOCC to approve; Minutes from April 25 & 26 – Approved as corrected.

10:36 Approving Consent Agenda:

1 Professional Services Agreement with Oroville Housing Authority

2 Purchase approval Posi-Shell, Solid Waste

3 Resolution 61-2022 Tunk Mtn Communication site improvement

4 Resolution 64-2022 Authorizing Administrative Leave for day when electricity off.

5 Resolution 65-2022 giving signing authority to Kelly Lafferty for the Building Dept

6 Resolution 66-2022 giving signing authority to Melissa Eylar for Building Dept

10:40 Recess

11:00 Public Hearing on CDBG funds for Public Services Grant Application

This Grant is for \$84,000, \$3000 to County for Administrative costs – the rest to be used for food & nutrition, housing, and emergency services.

Lael Duncan (LD), Community Action Director (retiring) presents. 2 other Community Action staff on Zoom.

Food supplies are less right now, due to supply chain and costs,

LD gives annual report for 2021; Served 2,393 people vs 700 in 2020.

Gave out over 2 million in food 1.5 million \$ in volunteer hours, They have a staff of 20 people and food bank volunteers. During the pandemic, they never closed, but we did have times when staff worked from home. We did have a few staff who did come down with Covid, even when being extremely careful.

11:10

BOCC Moved, Seconded, and Carried to authorize this grant application for Public Services Community Development Block Grant application for \$84,000.

11:30

Duck Lake Water Association/Board request presented by Wayne Wells and other board members.

There are 2 separate water districts that are needing to consolidate and to bring the water into water safety standards. They have a grant from the State Health Dept for \$494,00, but cost is expected to be \$643, 000, which gives about a \$149,000 shortfall to complete project.

AH & CB discuss considering how ARPA funds could, possibly, be used for this project.

Especially since this is a shovel-ready project. Would be good to have a conversation with Board of Health.

LJ has some things to consider before closing meeting today.

11:48

BOCC moves, seconded, and carried to approve vouchers & payroll of \$2, 376,259.

11:50

Public Health Vouchers & wages approved for \$73,593

Also, Moved, seconded, and carried to approve vouchers for:

Methow Valley EMS \$60, 815

Tonasket EMS District - \$16,200

Oroville EMS District - \$9,680.

EIS predesign Architectural services for Equipment Center & Morgue \$69,936 approved

Moved, seconded, and carried for Loomis Fire District Feasibility Study – cost-sharing affidavit \$614.17 authorizing vice chair to sign

Economic Alliance in-kind affidavit for \$1,576, authorizing vice chair to sign

12:04

BOCC bids award to Pioneer Waterproofing for Courthouse Bldg \$360,028 +tax. As recommended by Architect.

Also, Approved award Bid to Duane Hall, LLS to remove Grandstand, Prep work, and Build Grandstand at the fairgrounds. LJ will send motion language to NP.

12:10

Meeting adjourned, until Monday.

Board of Health this afternoon @ 1:30