

**Board of Okanogan County Commissioners**  
**Tuesday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2022, 1:30 p.m.**

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**Present:**

Andy Hover (AH), BOCC District 2  
Chris Branch (CB), BOCC District 1  
Jim Detro (JD), BOCC District 3  
Lanie Johns (LJ), County Clerk  
Albert Lin (AL), Prosecutor  
Shelley Keitzman, Human Resources

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***Summary of Important Discussions:*** *Request for proposal for non-profit to run stock auction at the fair to be published in the newspaper; Johnson Creek residents with contaminated wells ask to join Duck Lake's water system, ARPA funding may help; Conconully petition to reduce water for irrigation, raise lake level; Prosecutor asks to increase salary for advertised legal secretary position; LJ explains Housing Authority's funding gap; Human Resources happy about positions being filled; single bid received for courthouse exterior renovation project going to architect for signature; department-wide barbecue in the works.*

1:35 - *BOCC decides no bonding to be involved in bid for a non-profit to take care of the stock auction at the fair; CB says kids would be charged and that would make people mad. A request for proposal will be sent to LJ by the following day so she can proceed with the publishing. Bids will be due within two weeks after it comes out in the newspaper.*

1:39 - *AH: I got an email from the Duck Lake Water Association. It got a grant to add some people over in Johnson Creek to the water system because of contaminants in those people's wells. It wasn't enough to cover the total cost of the project and they asked me about ARPA (American Rescue Plan) funding. I said that's one of the things it was for—potable water. LJ will set up a meeting to discuss this. JD: There's a petition going around Conconully to require the Okanogan Irrigation District to add enough water in the lake to recreate. AH (laughs): I did hear about that. JD: That's been decided 25 years ago, had a big knock-down drag-out fight about... It's not gonna fly.*

1:40 - *AL requests approval to hire a legal secretary at step 5. The court had already begun advertising for a step 3 legal secretary as well as an office administrator position, and this would replace the former. AH: We'll do whatever we can to hire people, especially in that office, for public safety and everything else. (RL) just walked out of a murder trial that he won. AL: I didn't win it by myself. AH: You led the team that won that so thank you, I*

appreciate that. JD: We don't have a District Court Prosecutor yet, do we? AL: No. AH will draw up a resolution regarding the legal secretary.

- 1:43 - Oroville Housing Coalition - LJ explains, with some difficulty, the need for an amended contract because the grants to pay for homeless housing, agricultural housing and related sewer system work—the first for \$38,500, a recent one for \$35,000—failed to cover the period between October 2020 and February 2021. LJ: There were some things that came up, now being resolved, which created a situation where they had to close the (temporary) housing. These funds are enough to pay for the work done, even leaving a surplus of \$4,575. the contract amendment to cover this spending gap is approved.
- 2:00 - Public hearing held for transfer of \$134,000 in G.O. (General Obligation) bond proceeds towards various line items. Budget supplemental resolution approved.
- 2:03 - SK: Maurice Goodhall asked me to come to you to change the way we're doing ID card policies. Rather than Department head signatures on the back, perhaps have the HR director's... to streamline the process when department heads change (so people don't have to get them re-signed). (On hiring) things seem to be turning. I've done orientation for 12 people, doing some testing for civil service. I just jot a new hire notice for Public Works which is fully staffed now. Really happy about that.
- 2:30 - LJ says Sun Mountain would like a request for a liquor license expedited.
- 2:31 - Courthouse Exterior Renovation Project- LJ: The only company at the required pre-bid meeting was Pioneer Waterproofing. They are the only ones on the plan-holder's list. AH: We have a bid bond, with power of attorney, of \$360,038, not including Washington State sales tax. LJ: There were additional costs and materials he didn't include but he did include the cost of the bond. I'll send this to the architect and provide a recommendation that they sign the contract.
- 2:37 - LJ asks how the BOCC feels about a department-wide barbecue this summer where employees would provide everything except maybe the meat for burgers and hot dogs which the county might be willing to donate. This is something they have done in the past and "It's a nice way to get us all together."
- 2:39 - AH talks about Monday's closed session and public hearing for a CDBG (Community Development Block Grant) for public services from the Dept. of Commerce.
- 2:41 - As CB has a dental appointment and AH has contract negotiations, the meeting is adjourned.