

Board of Okanogan County Commissioners
Tuesday August 16, 2022

Present:

Andy Hover (AH) – BOCC Chair, District 2

Jim DeTro (JD) – BOCC, District 3

Lanie Johns (LJ) – Clerk of the Board

I believe that Chris Branch Commissioner for District 1 is on vacation.

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Summary of Significant Discussions or Actions: Central Services reports some problems with generators – losing power to servers, getting quotes for 2 more modules, Security audit completed – good for 3 years, setting up Telehealth for jail inmates, all departments to put current events on County home page. Finance Committee meeting: discussion regarding current investments, interest rate, and bonding, preliminary budget due the 1st Tuesday in September for 2023 budget, discussion regarding how to keep track of required DRS form for fair vendors and other vendors, Public Hearing on road vacation request near Wannacut Lake – platted road in Stone's Addition – vacation approved, Solid waste and Public Works updates meeting adjourned 11:19 AM

9:12 *Finally had quorum to begin meeting. Chris Branch (CB) on vacation.*

9:13 Moved, Seconded and Carried to approve August 8th & 9th Proceedings

9:15

Public Comments: Ruth Hall suggests BOCC do a Press Release on authorization of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds to the public. BOCC has until December 31, 2023 to authorize and has allocated some funds to Economic Alliance so far.

9:23

Approved Vouchers for \$1,756,137. Also approved Public Health Vouchers.

9:30

Karen Beatty (KB) from Central Services updates Commissioners.

They are continuing to work on the new computer system. Also testing generators and may need to purchase 2 new modules. Problems with the generators losing power to the servers. Will be doing

another generator test to certify. June 23d, they had a technical security audit – now good for 3 years. KB also reports they are setting up capability for Telehealth in the Jail. They will be running monitor cable to Sergeant's office.

KB is looking to change contractors from Sentinel One to Proud Strike for monitoring/management of Information Systems.

KB reports that the County Home Page can be utilized for Current Events such as the fair offices recruiting staff, etc. AH asks if KB can send an e-mail to all departments about this.

9:58 BOCC determines there is no need for Wednesday BOCC meeting.

10:00

Finance Committee meeting with Auditor, Treasurer, & 2 other staff members.

Leah McCormack (LM), Treasurer comparing normal cash & investment with previous years. Pretty normal. We're making good money on investments due to near 3% interest rate on some.

LM reports more diversification of investments. Looking at 2 bonds right now.

LM states that we have \$6.5 million in current expense, which is higher than before \$5 million in 2021.

LM also reports on revenues and expense as of the end of July. Courthouse is 20% over budget, Fairgrounds expenditures discussed as was revenue. AH requests a detailed report on fairground expenses.

Preliminary budgets for 2023 are due the 1st Tuesday in September.

10:20

more discussion on bond funds. AH reports that Josh Thomson, County Engineer will be sending back out for bids on the 2 shop building constructions. LM & AH discuss whether bond \$\$ can be re-invested. LM is waiting to hear back on whether that would create problems with the IRS.

LM asks BOCC to keep Treasurers office posted on upcoming bids. AH hopes they will be bidding on 3 buildings to begin construction in the spring.

Discussion with Cari Hall (CH), County Auditor regarding a DRS form that is needed from the vendors at the fair – whether this can be done 1 time or each time.

Naomie Peasley (NP), Fairgrounds Manager is included in this conversation on Zoom. She will work together with Auditor to do a cooperative system to keep track. This form does not need to be signed each year but a signed form does need to be on file.

11:00

Public Hearing on Road vacation request for platted road in Stone's Addition. Staff member, Joann Stansbury from Public Works gave report. All homeowners in vicinity are in agreement. Ken & Christian Greenlaw petitioned for this on June 27th. All fees, notices have been completed timely.

JT also speaks to this. After doing much research was unable to find a historical purpose for this road. This road will be converted into regular vacant land. Upon approval, another \$1,297 in fees need to be paid to the County.

JD moved to approve the road vacation stated in Resolution 97-2022. This was Seconded and Carried.

11:06

Solid Waste Manager, Ken Kovalchenko (KK) updates on numbers (4a & 4b) dropping

There was a break in last weekend. They took duct tape. KK is working on a resolution for the Ellesforde transfer station to not have a safe with money. Upper Valley Disposal will provide startup money for the transfer station. AH wants KK to discuss this with the Auditor.

11:13

JT reports on road maintenance: county chip seal completed, working in Okanogan and Omak streets currently. Still working on the Recreational trails, OCOG position. JT forwarded e-mail to BOCC regarding this position.

JT reports on the Salmon Creek Drainage project – Contractor to be there mid-September. Still working on permit.

JT hasn't heard back from BIA or the Tribe regarding the Cameron Lake Project and there is no reason to move forward on this unless that happens – right of way needed.

JE report that JT has been in contact with the landowner on the Bonaparte Creek/Road issues.

11:19 – Meeting adjourned until Monday