

**Board of Okanogan County Commissioners**  
**Tuesday August 2, 2022 AM**

Present:

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

Andy Hover (AH) – BOCC Chair, District 2

Jim DeTro (JD) – BOCC, District 3

Lanie Johns (LJ) – Clerk of the Board

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**Summary of Significant Discussions or Actions:** Short discussion on how to 'not' charge the fair rent for upcoming fair. Sheriffs Office Dispatch, along with HR/Risk Manager putting together a resolution to be able to use reserve deputies to cover Dispatch short staffing, and to remove testing obstacles, Public Works update; chip seal going well, Oroville shop has leaky roof, discussed putting E Chewuch road on 6 year list, Cameron Lake road project working with BIA, More discussion on proposed position to work with Recreation Trails, Planning and Engineering, Adjourned at 11:41, until 1:30.

9:00

All 3 BOCC in attendance. LJ brought up current legal review of County Code.

9:12

No Public Comment

9:14

Pam Johnson (PJ), Deputy to the Treasurer in with question of the BOCC regarding timelines. CB asks if she is still unable to count money at the fair. PJ states she is getting that worked out. Will be working Fairgrounds Manager and office staff.

9:20

AH brings up putting together an agreement so that they don't have to charge the fair rent this year – stating Attendance down, Covid impact. CB states 'whatever it takes'

Moved, Seconded, and Carried to approve Previous July 25 & 26<sup>th</sup> minutes.

9:33

Moved, Seconded, and carried to approve consent Agenda as presented:

1. Agreement Supplemental #1 Countywide Speed Limit & striping study, federal highways
2. Resolution 108-2022 Temporary help in the Treasurer's Office
3. Resolution 109-2022 Annual road log update 2021

*(AH leaves for 45 minutes to an hour – no actions or discussions during this time with the exception of JD & CB talking about vendors at the parking lot of the Junction in Tonasket)*

10:28

Mike Worden (MW) Dispatch Communications Officer along with Shelley Keitzman (SK), HR/Risk Manager in to discuss their working on a draft resolution authorizing the Sheriff's Office to use reserve Deputies to cover shifts for Dispatch due to 3 staff leaving in July – short staffed. These former staff are willing to serve as reserve deputies. CBA and Civil Service rules allow this designation. MW states they are still interviewing new candidates. SK states we are changing how we do testing – streamlining the process, removing obstacles.

AH asks how we are keeping track of the \$1,000 referrals.

MW is working on the budget and trimming expenses and preparing for inflation.

10:36 MW also spoke of targeting 'broadband/internet' coverage in underserved areas of the county, such as Chesaw.

10:40 some discussion of the Courthouse Generator.

10:41

Moved, Seconded, and Carried to approve Resolution 107-2022 authorizing the Sheriff's Office to utilize Reserve Deputies to fill in Dispatch gaps of coverage and other needs.

10:46

Moved, Seconded, and Carried to approve vouchers for Fair payroll, Miscellaneous Vouchers, and Public Health Payroll/vouchers.

10:53

Josh Thomson(JT), County Engineer reports for Public Works. States Public Works is buying west-side equipment

11:00

JT reports on maintenance and roads, chip seal going fairly smoothly. Everything seems to be working for now. Finishing up in Chesaw, then moving to the Methow.

JT working on the budget SRS is decreasing every year.

JT reports the Oroville shop has a leaky roof.,

JT working on the 6 year plan, will have hearing at the end of the month. JT asks AH, should he add the E. Chewuch road. JT has talked with FS Ranger as an agreement is needed. JT states could put this road on 6 year list.

JT working with DOE on Salmon Creek improvement, working with BIA on the Cameron Lake Road.

- will be vacating permanent right of way and negotiating road contract.

11:15

Discussion on ins and out of creating the new position that would be 50% Recreational Trails, 25% Planning, and 25% engineering. How to write this up. Much discussion on how to do this contract or just do a Special Services contract. There is already an MOU that covers the division of time but maybe an addendum is needed. CB states that it shouldn't be overly complicated.

11:40 JT also reports on Johnson Creek Project – bids for culvert work.

11:41 Meeting adjourned until 1:30.