

Board of Okanogan County Commissioners
Tuesday August 23, 2022 AM

Present:

Andy Hover (AH) – BOCC Chair, District 2

Jim DeTro (JD) – BOCC, District 3

Lanie Johns (LJ) – Clerk of the Board

Chris Branch (CB) District 1 on Vacation

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Summary of significant Discussions or Actions: BOCC completing paperwork for the Liquor Control Board for beer garden at the County Fair, Upcoming staffing changes/retirements in the District and Superior Courts, wanting to hire viable candidate as possible double-fill, also discussed courts' needs within the 20 year master plan. Bid opening for Bridgeport Transfer Station Valley Gutter (3 bids) and no bids for Ellisforde Transfer Station well & gas probe decommissioning. Adjourn at 11:11 until next Monday – No afternoon session or Wednesday meeting.

9:03

Meeting begins. *Discussion between JD and AH difficult to hear. Then, Andy was gone for about 15 minutes and convened the public Comment a little late.*

9:18

Public Comment: Ruth Hall wanted to know if Commissioner Branch (CB) was on vacation still. Yes Also, asked whether the County Fair was to have a Beer Garden this year. AH stated yes, they are currently working on the paperwork for the Liquor Control Board.

AH left the room again until 9:30. Isabelle Spohn was waiting online for the public comment period.

9:30

Dennis Rabidou (DR), Court and Jail Administrator, along with Superior Court Judge Hank Rawson (HR) here to discuss staffing changes. There will be 3 retirements all together by March 2023; the Bailiff, Court Interpreter, and Jury Manager.

DR would like to hire a 'viable candidate' if one comes up soon and hire as an underfill or double-fill for training purposes. AH asked how much training for a Judicial Assistant? DR states a lot. We're cross-training and it does take time because of being specialized. DR states that we're here in case a

viable candidate is ready to be hired.

AH states that we need a resolution paying 2 people out of the same (fund/pot)

Judge Grim is currently attending Residing Judge Conference.

9:41

DR states that he needs updated on the 20-year Master Plan. AH will talk with Michael Beaman, Architect. DR expresses difficulty explaining Judicial process step by step so Mr. Beaman can understand the needs of the Courts. To AH's comment, DR states the Court does need to have 2 courtrooms.

Per LF, Courtrooms need to be carefully scheduled because all staff have access to the secure doors.

JD states that Courts are meeting resistance in working together because of being superior. Being superior is not teamwork.

9:51

Moved, Seconded, and Carried to pay vouchers/ Payroll for \$845,664 and Public Health Vouchers for \$6,542.

9:56 Josh Thomson, County Engineer will not be here today.

9:57 Moved, Seconded, and Carried to approve Consent Agenda as presented:

1. Purchase approval snow plow blades-hard facing.
2. Contract Oroville Shop Roof Replacement – Zaga Construction & Landscaping, LLC
3. CDBG Public Services Grant Closeout report # 21-622100-011
4. Letter WSLCAB Approvals & Objectives List – Cannabis Applications
5. Special Occasion Liquor License, Tonasket Comanchero's Sept 4, 2022 – Tonasket Rodeo Grounds.

9:59

LJ requests time off September 1st & 2nd. September 5th is Labor Day.

(side conversations; JD might get to shoot a buffalo in Montana. JD asks AH if he had lightning yesterday. AH replies just rain. JD states there was a fire across from the Eagles.

10:26

LJ brings up the need for an amended agreement with Ok Community Action & the County dropping the Scope of Work.

10:28

Moved, Seconded, and Carried to approve Amendment.

10:33'

JD tells AH how they're pulling all the stops on Dr Fauci, exposing how he lied to Congress. AH replies Hmmm.

11:00

Bid Opening for Bridgeport Transfer Station Valley Gutter – Shast Stidman (SS), Public Works staff member presents. There are 3 bids:

1. Redneck(?) for \$63,324.90
2. Exo-Contracting \$64, 421.83
3. Pease & Sons \$107,393

11:10

Ken Kovalchenko (KK) Solid Waste – No Bidders for the Ok County Ellisforde Landfill well & gas probe commissioning. KK states that we can, hopefully, get this done within 1 or 2 years. All contractor

busy. AH wonder if we can do this on a contingency.

There will be no Wednesday meeting nor Tuesday afternoon meeting.

11:11

Adjourn until Monday August 29th, at 9:00.