

**Board of Okanogan County Commissioners**  
**August 3rd, 2020**  
**Via Zoom**

**Present:**

Jim De Tro (JD), BOCC District 3  
Chris Branch (CB), BOCC District 1  
Lanie Johns (LJ), County Clerk  
Maurice Goodall (MG), Emergency Mgt.  
(Andy Hover/AH, BOCC District 2, is on stand-by while caring for an eye problem resulting from haying.)

**Summary - 8/03/2020, AM:** Use of fairgrounds to shelter animals during recent fires, complaints about poor state of restrooms there; airport improvement project nearly finished; review to be done of Brewster school project; use of CARES funding to purchase tent-like structures to set up outside hospitals; preferred ways to receive firefighting reports.

**Fairgrounds** - Meeting opens with a discussion about complaints regarding the state of the restrooms by people who had brought animals to the the fairgrounds for shelter during the recent fires. (Certain parts inaudible.) **LJ:** No information, then they were already gone. **CB:** They'll come back. **LJ:** Fairgrounds are struggling to generate revenue. I don't understand where the breakdown happened. **CB:** She's (Stella \_\_\_\_\_?) the one who checked them in. **LJ:** Don't think maintenance is doing that. **CB:** They've cleaned the restrooms since then? **LJ:** I've talked to them about it. (CB leaves to check out the fairground restrooms.)

**Airport** - The project is done except for some electrical work and GPS which will be done on Wednesday (August 5<sup>th</sup>.)

**Brewster school project** - **JD:** ...(inaudible) second phase for Brewster school setting. Going to do a plan review. A \$16 billion project. Going to last another two years. This year they'll be done with phase 1.

**Tent structure purchase** - (with Maurice Goodall/ MG, Emergency Mgt.) **MG:** I'm going to see if there's CARES money available for tents like they use in fire camps. The lasting tent-like structures cost \$30-40,000 apiece, measure 20 X 30 ft., weigh 1,500 lbs. and are collapsable. We need 4 units. They have electric lighting, outlets, insulation, come with an air conditioning and heating unit that sits outside. (Since they just have a short power source) we need to see about getting a power generator. We could use the generator...(inaudible.) I'd like to get two of them very quickly. These people are pretty busy. Schools are set up to buy these structures for social distancing. My idea is to use them (outside hospitals) to isolate people who are coming in. They

can be used at different locations. I'll have more information. (Inaudible)...moneywise, what are you guys...(inaudible.) **JD:** Yeah, well we'd have to bring the informaton, discuss it and see. **MG:** It definitely fits. **JD:** Sure, okay. (MG asks when the next Health meeting is. It's Tuesday the 4<sup>th</sup> at 2:05. Lauri Jones will give an update on the Covid.)

Fires and reporting - **JD:** (inaudible) Fires up north all done with. Should firefighters send reports by email? (Fill out) reporting forms? (Another person. MG?): Just as well to have in-person report instead. **JD:** (inaudible) I usually get a phone call from dispatch.

(CB returns.) **JD:** What did the bathrooms look like? **CB:** I didn't realize the bathrooms were in such poor shape anyway. Marks against 'em before you even get in the door. **LJ:** They need paint. **CB:** The women's stalls have...A couple of stalls that just--that is no good. **LJ:** They have the new bathrooms. They have showers. **CB:** How can they make money on something like that? I'm glad I took the trip.

(CB is filled in on possible purchase of tent structures.) **JD:** In other years they can be used in firecamps. **CB:** They were looking at those in Oroville for farmworker emergency housing. They're going to try to get some permits through. (They've had permits before) ... pre-existing non-conforming use permits. (JD and LJ discuss computer questions, correcting and saving files, meeting notes. End of morning session.)