

Okanogan Board of County Commissioners
08/31/2020

JD—Jim DeTro
AH—Andy Hover
CB—Chris Branch
LJ—Lalena Johns-clerk to the Commissioners
PP—Pete Palmer, Director of Planning and Development
RH-D—Roni Holder-Defenbach, Executive Director, Economic Alliance

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Summary of significant discussions:

25:00—AH and JD discuss the Palmer fire.

33:50—AH asks JD and CB how their video tours went. Each commissioner describes his experience with the videographer.

43:00—CB mentions that a sound specialist has offered to help with the AV Capture sound because the sound is still a little fuzzy.

45:25—AH brings up the issue of possible changes to an ordinance.

51:45—AH went to drug court graduation.

55:35—CB asks AH if this is the ordinance he was talking about.

59:40—AH says No.

1:10:27—CB says here's the ordinance which would involve interim changes to these zoning designations: OCC17A.40.060 (Rural 1), OCC17A.50.060 (Rural 5) and OCC 17.60.060 (Rural 20.) Included also in the discussion were interim changes to OCC17A.220 (District Use Chart) which governs permissible uses in each of these zoning designations (such as condominiums, RV parks, exempt segregations, and more.) Over the course of Monday and Tuesday AM this week, the discussion covered related issues of binding site plans, wells under appeal, and relationship of these uses to the instream flow rule in WRIA 48.

1:38:14—JD asks about an increase in a line of the budget. AH uses as example an increase in the indigent defense bill.

1:55:50—AH discusses his conversation with RH-D and CARES Act funds.

1:56:55—AH & LJ discuss costs for trials being held in places other than the Court House because of COVID.

2:08:35—Adjourn until 1:30.

2:14:25—AH asks PP about procedures for amending the ordinance they were discussing in the morning, especially if they're required to have a public meeting.

2:53:30—Barbara Walters of the North Central Regional Library calls to tell the Commissioners that the NCRL Trustee representing Okanogan County has retired after 14 years. RCW 27.12.190 requires that the Commissioners name the new trustee. Walkers, the commissioners and LJ discuss how they'll get a list of potential trustees for the Commissioners to choose from.

3:03:00—PP returns. She discusses purchase of a new vehicle.

3:04:20—PP discusses a meeting with Bureau of Reclamation concerning their cabin in Conconully.

3:08:20—PP discusses an interim ordinance that hasn't been discussed yet. That was the District Use Chart. She gave Commissioners a draft ordinance to discuss next week.

3:09:00—DNR has a large property to sell and segregated a 12 acre property to sell to the people who own the home on the lot, but don't own the land. The problem is there's a 20 acre minimum.

3:11:00—Discusses invoices for Aspect Consulting. PP has reviewed the invoices and corrects errors she found.

3:15:15—From Wednesday through Friday, PP is on vacation.

3:17:50—Department Heads Quarterly Meeting. Discussion of changes in the Families First Corona Virus Act. There are two types of leave associated with the act—Covid leave and Expanded Family and Medical Leave. Shelly discusses details of these types of leave.

3:30:00—Discussion as to whether there should be another Department Heads meeting next month. Decision is not to meet because the budget meetings are coming up.

3:32:20—Joe Poulin, Maintenance Supervisor says the project at the Court House is on schedule.

3:34:00—Andy and someone (Larry Gilman, County Assessor?) discuss changes in assessment values.

3:36:00—AH talks with Dennis Rabidou and then resumes discussion with Larry Gilman.

3:41:35—CB revisits the discussion of the change in the ordinance.

3:57:45—AH mentions that the Commissioners need to address the issue of 1 acre parcels.