

Okanogan Board of County Commissioners
09/21/2020

JD—Jim DeTro
AH—Andy Hover
CB—Chris Branch
LJ—Lalena Johns-clerk to the Commissioners
PP—Pete Palmer, Director of Planning and Development
MG—Maurice Goodall, Emergency Management
CA—Carlene Andres, Executive Director, Okanogan County Long Term Recovery Group
NP—Naomi Peasley, Okanogan Fairgrounds Manager

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Summary of significant discussions:

2:40:30—Planning Department update.

PP—I've reviewed all the documents concerning the Shoreline Master Program (SMP) including its Goals and Objectives. I've noted when all those documents went to the Department of Ecology (DOE) and when the DOE accepted the program. This took place between June, 2015 and July, 2018 when DOE approved the program. You can access all this information at the Planning Department's website, using the Shoreline Master Program link. Also, I reassured myself that the Goals and Objectives were copied and pasted into the Comprehensive Plan.

2:43:00—AH says he doesn't remember discussing Goals and Policies in 2018. PP says Angela Hubbard told her the Goals and Objectives were not mentioned in 2018. The state wrote part of the program originally because the BOCC didn't want to write it. As a result, property owners weren't able to subdivide the shoreline itself. CB mentions that this was adopted in the 1970s, and now, with good standards for setbacks, you can subdivide a shoreline.

2:49:10—AH is adamant that he doesn't want to require that property owners are required to allow public access to the shoreline through their property. CB says that while the goal is to achieve access, that doesn't mean at all that the property owners would be forced to provide the access. AH and CB have a long discussion concerning property rights and the goal to achieve public access to the shoreline, and whether the goal is inconsistent with the current Comprehensive Plan.

3:01:00—Methow Vault Toilet—PP is already to go with the public meeting tomorrow but she's received an updated invoice from Methow Trails that's approximately \$1850 more than the old invoice. The new one includes some additional taxes. AH says it's all reimbursable so it doesn't matter. BOCC passes a motion to pay the new amount instead of the old amount.

3:03:20—PP says DOE has offered an extension on the well tracking grant. Aspect Consulting, the company doing the work, says they'll need the extension. PP will tell the DOE they'll take the extension.

3:06:15—AH returns to the subject of the SMP. He tells CB he can't find the Goals and Policies in the document. CB says he'll look into it. AH also wants to be sure that if they put Goals and Policies into the Comp Plan, they are consistent with the Comp Plan. CB says he'll look into the situation.

3:18:16—AH asks LJ to pull up Resolution 36-2018 and its Attachment A. AH reads it and says that the Goals and Policies were never transmitted so they aren't part of the SMP. AH wants to tell the Planning Commission that the Goals and Policies were not transmitted. CB will ask the DOE what was transmitted. AH wants to make sure there's consistence between the SMP and the Comp Plan.

3:40:00—**Discussion of Relief Resources and Relief Coordination Plan**, Emergency Management. Many of the speakers spoke quickly and were difficult to understand. I was unable to understand very much of what was going on.

3:43:30—Participants in the meeting introduce themselves.

3:45:05—Carlene Anders speaks. Her organization's website: <http://www.okanogancountyrecovery.com/> She mentions Volunteer Organizations Active in Disaster (VOAD). She gives a detailed overview of the work her organization does. They coordinate with local groups (especially if they're organized as a 501(3)c) or individuals.

4:20:10—JD would like the speakers to speak more precisely on the Coordination Plan.

4:23:35—Naomi Peasley, Okanogan Fairgrounds. MG has asked her to speak on what's happening at the Fairgrounds and what her future needs are, short term. The fairgrounds are providing help for people's livestock. A person asks a question about hay being donated by people in other areas.

4:45:15—Another speaker takes the podium. Unable to hear her name.

5:01:50—JD mentions an item on tomorrow's Consent Agenda concerning waiving clean-up and disposal fees at the landfill. But he warns people that there are rules. Those getting the fee waived must be inside the fire area. Otherwise, the regular fees apply. A list of the waiver requirements will be in the resolution.

5:16:15—CB talks about whether emergency relief is going well or not. AH says it takes time to get a good number of how many structures were burned.

5:25:40—The meeting is over and people are leaving. The commissioners discuss tomorrow's resolution a little more.