

BOARD OF OKANOGAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
02/10/2020

In Attendance at Meeting:

Jim DeTro- JD (BOCC)

Andy Hover - AH (BOCC)

Chris Branch – CB (BOCC)

Lanie Johns – LJ (Clerk of the Board)

Angie Hubbard – AHu (Interim Planning Director)

Lael Duncan – LD (Okanogan County Community Action Council)

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Summary of significant discussions

Update – Planning Department

The commissioners briefly mentioned the need to update the Critical Areas Ordinance. Evidently the 2014(?) version was not adopted.

Public Hearing – Legislation to Authorize Local State Shared Tax for Affordable and Supportive Housing

There was no public testimony, but the measure was supported by the Okanogan County Community Action Council during staff briefing. The commissioners passed a resolution supporting authorizing local state shared tax for affordable and supportive housing for the municipalities that want to participate. It does not entail a tax increase. Rather, it is recovering taxes that have already been paid to the state.

1:30 Update – Planning Department

(AH is absent while attending union negotiations)

AHu – Vouchers for Tonasket EMS. Have two. Cortney is working on the other. *(Presents paperwork to Commissioners)*

CB moves to reconvene as Tonasket EMS. Passed. CB moves to approve vouchers. Seconded and approved. CB moves to adjourn and reconvene as BOCC.

AHu – WRIA 49 alternate for CB.

CB – Show alternate as JD.

AHu – That works for me. Also, alternate identified for Okanogan Land Trust representative. (*Presents letter to the commissioners*).

CB – Move to approve designation of Brian Cooke as alternate for the Okanogan Land Trust.

AHu – We are working on the letters to send to those who have not been participating. Working on the list. Comments on growth management. There are a lot of them. I sent an email to Ben to see if we can put in a grant proposal...

CB – We are not the applicants. It came through the Health district(?) The agreement has to be with the Housing Authority. The project is in the City of Oroville (*which has the authority*). It complicates things for the Department of Commerce and with Ecology. We want to be in compliance. (*goes into detail about other grants*). We are not complying with GMA.

AHu - Critical areas...

CB – Comp Plan resource lands...

AHu – We don't have critical areas in Comp Plan.

CB – We had conversations about rule changes...

AHu – Yes. Things like aquifer recharge areas were not updated. Channel migration areas went in. I have a list of major changes.

CB – Would you say that it makes improvements? (*yes*) Was there a public hearing?

AHu – It was during BOCC transition. Went on to back burner.

CB – We should adopt it. This afternoon we will consider a motion. (*Waiting on AH's arrival*). I am sure we have comments from entities that think we didn't go far enough.

AHu – I can send those in a series of emails.

CB – We are in another update period anyway, right?

AHu – Yes. Received an application to build a residence in a severe CMZ. Told them that the only way we could permit was through a professional fluvial to ensure that the channel will not threaten structure. They hired a professional who wrote a report. Wasn't comfortable, so sent to Ecology for review from floodplain engineer. Ecology said it was erodible material; willing to meet with applicant to discuss their findings. Just wanted to keep you informed. When they received the results from the review they were upset and put in an application to build 35 ft from the OHW.

CB – The setback is?

AHu – 125 ft. They may be calling you. (*Distributes spreadsheet report on permits*). That concludes the update, unless you have any questions. (*No questions*)

2:00 Public Hearing – Legislation to Authorize Local State Shared Tax for Affordable and Supportive Housing

JD announces public hearing, opens it up to staff. AH arrives.

LJ – September 2019, BOCC approved a resolution to *(too rapid to record)*. In coordination with cities, *(Oroville, Tonasket, Winthrop, Omak do not intend on putting it before the voters)*. If the others put it on the ballot, half will come to the county; the other half to the cities. The ordinance is drafted and ready for commissioners' signature. I will pass the floor to Lael.

LD – I recommend commissioners pursue in order to have more funds available for affordable housing.

JD opens for public comment; none; JD closes public comment period.

CB – If City of Omak adopts an ordinance, then that lowers the ceiling? *(correct)*

AH – For the record, this is not an increased tax, it is just getting back taxes we have already sent them.

CB reads from the resolution and suggests changes. AH agrees. CB moves to approve ordinance, as amended per comments. AH seconds.

LD – Is there any intent, in terms of bonding the funds? Does that come later?

CB – Correct.

Question called; resolution passes as amended by CB.

2:10 AH asks for closed session for 5 minutes, regarding union negotiations. Commissioners agree and leave.

2:17 JD and CB return and work on their computers. No further agenda items except for executive session on (RCW 42.30.110 (1) (i) and review of meeting minutes.

2:25 Note taker leaves.

