

BOCC Notes
Jan. 25, 2016

Jim Detro – JD
Ray Campbell – RC
Sheilah Kennedy – SK
Lanie Johns – LJ

All writers comments in italics. This is a paraphrasing of conversations. As this has periods of BOCC work time there are extended periods of BOCC members looking at papers, reading correspondence on computers, and texting. All BOCC members are present at opening.

BOCC Salary

SK – wants to clarify union request. BOCC has not accept wage increase since 2014. Though the money is budgeted they do not accept. There is also a question of in-county travel money, JD accepts \$670 while \$750 per month is authorized for all commissioners. RC & SK do not accept in-county travel per month. In order to meet auditor requirements BOCC needs to pass a resolution to this effect and be retroactive to the 2013 date. This is an individual choice of each commissioner and not binding on this or future boards. It is noted that JD also receives travel money from the Wildland Fire Advisory Committee.

Vet Board

SK – Eric (Vet. Support) needs a BOCC resolution to actually receive already approved and budgeted salary increase. This increase was advocated and approved by the Vet board and within budget.

Tonasket EMS

JD – is concerned about ton. EMS exit audit. Tracy Anderson, a Ton. EMS person, is in and out causing issues. Audit was called for by BOCC so BOCC could bet a baseline to view. LJ & JD not OK with preliminary audit report. EMS is not happy either. At least one item in the audit is critical of BOCC. SK & LJ discussing issues presented by audit. LJ & Tracey have been communicating during process but has not been getting specific updates during the process. As Chair of BOCC, JD expected to be kept up to date during this new audit. There was an old “fraud” issue at Ton. EMS – a person was charged from a 2013 problem. Apparently Ton. EMS has been setting things straight. *(No mention if “fraud” was inadvertent, carelessness, criminal or details on outcome.)*

(There is a current focus by BOCC on independent EMS services including Oroville, Aero Methow and now Tonasket. These are subordinate taxing districts that are run through county books so county has an oversight responsibility. When the Oroville issue came up before November in the dispute between the city and local ambulance association. County quickly pushed

to contracting out with Lifeline. There has been ongoing discussion to make this permanent. There is no discussion or mention of cost, outsourcing jobs from county, quality of service, local control or other issues. These discussions may come up other days of the week).

Border Fence Replacement

JD - Any news on Title II funding? LJ – none, no news. Jd – Matt Marsh, USFS Tonasket, says no news. Darryl Asmussen, Cattlemen’s Assn., rumors about Title II going away but this has been said before. An ensuing discussion on who, how to find out about Title II funds. JD – USFS does not have supplies for water development & fencing for range. Now do not have funds for replacement of fencing along US Border from Newby Lake Fire. JD – usually funds get used up by outhouses, kiosks and trails, etc. so not available for Range. Looking to Title II as most expedient way to fund repairs. LJ reads a communication about allocation of Title II Funding. *(Discussion with BOCC and writer about ways to find funding, priority issues, strategies to move project up in regional funding priorities. This discussion is an example of a normal give and take discussion between writer and BOCC. These discussions are a sharing of background or information that the BOCC can take into account in their process. The BOCC has been attentive to the writers input.)*

BOCC Salary

SK – discussion of resolution not taking BOCC pay increase with RC.

MISC.

JD to LJ – did you get the ECOG calendar (Eastern Washington Council on Government) *(This was one group that came up in discussion last Monday)*. JD Saying that LJ was supposed to on ECOG email list.

BOCC Salary

RC shows something on his cell phone to SK – picture? Ensuing discussion is all about the salary reduction discussed earlier. *(As checks will be going out this week writer assumes this is driving the urgency and need of the discussion.)*

Fairgrounds Bleacher Grant

SK – fairgrounds grant to LJ. Item from consent agenda clarifying that the grant is for \$90,000 not \$100,000 as originally stated. As the DOA (Dept. of Agriculture) has so many successful applicants all successful applications were reduced by 10%. Total cost of updating fairground seating at track area is about \$300,000 and need to spend only \$180,000 to qualify for grant there is no problem in getting \$90,000.

County 911 Phone

LJ – an email from Randy Clough. New phone system requires the giving of specific location of phone to 911 dispatcher. System will need to be modified so that it transmits more exact location for each service site. Currently might only get billing address. This will be an additional cost of about \$1600. Randy wants to spread out cost amongst all departments and user. Location is required by RCW and for 911 purposes, data would be maintained by county then transmitted to CentryLink so that 911 call would show exact location to room in any multi-story, multi-building campus. LJ wants to look into why this additional cost SK – try to save \$ and see if this is necessary.

MISC.

JD – need to get a delegation of authority to RC because unable to attend so that RC will need to certify campus ? – *unsure about exact reason as conversation unclear.*

11:30 Executive Session – performance of a public employee. Clerk & Deputy Clerk involved along with board. 20 min.

MISC.

11:46 LJ has a home emergency – needs to run and take care of problem with horse tangled up in wire at her home. LJ returns shortly after 12:00 after BOCC returns and explains.

Left at 12:30 for next meeting.