

Okanogan County Commissioners Meeting
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The secretary was absent from the Chambers for long periods of time and seemed to be called out by people who entered and spoke with her.

Tuesday, October 27, 2015

8:15 AM CANCELLED Update Superior Court – Judge Culp, Dennis Rabidou

9:00 AM Commissioners Staff Meeting

9:03

RC let’s start...should we wait for Albert? (attorney)

Side-bar discussion about whether Albert knows to come this morning, what time he will arrive, decide to move on...

Risk Pool Training & Public Requests for Info

Woman from Civil Service testing(?) presents info on applicants and testing for civil service openings. 3 entry-level corrections positions.

Discussion of Employee

Then discussion of the employee out on FMLA and how he is doing...

JD: Yeah, I saw that email.

Discussion of the employees process toward getting better, on very light duty.

Asked if Board would be interested in Risk Pool training...and who should attend. Decided it would be good for all managers and leaders to attend.

SK :Make it mandatory for all supervisors. Might be a good time to review public records request too... we’re getting inundated /requests. And this is a process we have to follow...

Albert has arrived

Albert: it's important to follow the rules...it's a lot of paperwork, but there is a light at the end of the tunnel.

Board shifts to a discussion about to where to put "her"...meaning a new employee who needs a space...decided they may need to decide in executive session.;

SK we want to make sure we put her in convenient/accessible place to the board

9:13

Albert shared info about the **Oroville EMS agreement**...he made revisions and then sent it to committee

9:15

Martin Hall

(This was a discussion about the option of closing our current Juvenile facility and moving offenders to Martin Hall in Medical Lake. Their goal is obviously to close current facility. Information after the meeting indicates that Martin Hall is losing money and about to go belly-up. News clips confirm this.

Discussion of Martin Hall ... Perry drafted a memo...told commissioners they have a copy. These questions will help commissioners to ask the right questions when evaluating the pros/cons of closing juvenile and moving detainees to Medical Lake's Martin Hall. Said it will be necessary to do the cost/benefit analysis on the proposal.

Albert: there is no issue from a legal perspective of closing the juvenile. The question is cost/benefit to agencies & constituents affected by the decision. There will be politics involved also. But from legal standpoint, I think we can do this. He then talked about the East Wenatchee case where juveniles were moved to Chelan...resulted in litigation. But county prevailed.

SK: Referring to the document created by Perry... #5 ... impact on families of juveniles...need to consider when you evaluate proposal of the effects on families visiting.

RC: Need to look at impact of actions...rehabilitation is important

HR person (? I think)OPD funding may come through to help with this...we have higher # w/ juveniles than King County.

Discussion among HR, Perry,, commissioners of cost to close facility and move juveniles to another facility. Need to evaluate one year, 5-year and 10-year cost. And weigh that against cost of bringing current facility up to standard.

SK moral of the story is ask same question of each facility

RC might be wise to set a time to sit down and talk about this

PH tomorrow afternoon?

SK there are administrative issues tomorrow...

9:28

Fish & Wildlife and Hydraulic issue

Albert: a week or 2 ago we discussed Okanogan joining Pierce and a consortium about how Fish & Wildlife hydraulic rules are...Albert has since met with Pierce attorney..he believes it would be favorable for our board to join the consortium in sending a letter to F & W.

SK any downside to this...

PH spoke with other Eastern Washington Planning Directors and they also oppose the idea...then said "funny that the west side counties joined in"

JD typical...

Then discussion centers on F & W wanted a bigger piece of the hydraulic permitting process and the DOE dropped JARPA. RC then says he was a “victim” of that process.

Albert: the larger question to consider is when does the state organization go beyond its power to regulate?

Commissioner: it’s not just this...the governor says you can’t shoot cougars, it’s a larger picture is what can county do and what can’t county do?

RC: that’s been a big concern of mine for long time

Albert: If Okanogan County joins, will there be ramification “pay back” from the agency?

RC: We are already on their target

PH: If we piss off F & W ... The shoreline master plan and hydraulic permit standards should align

JD: Hydraulic permit process is goofy from the beginning.

One of the commissioners then directs Albert to draft a letter...to which Albert tells them that the letter was already written by the consortium, do they want to sign it? Commissioners ask if they have a copy , and Albert says yes they got it last Friday. Commissioners take a few minutes to read through the letter... one of them then say “I don’t see anything wrong...if it had come from our county though it would be stronger “

RC: Sign off on the letter, it’s a step in the right direction...there are more and bigger issues but start here

Albert: that’s all I have ... anything else?

SK: We had a question we talked about yesterday but I can’t remember...

Albert: Anything to do w/3 Devils?

SK: No

JD: Let the lion slumber

DNR road ownership & Vacation

(Conversation about county’s authority to vacate or possess certain roads within county boundaries... question over who owns the historically owned-DNR roads. County wants to claim roads unless the upkeep is too much then wants to vacate certain roads.)

RC: One thing I would like to ask is about the DNR flyer about legality of use of their roads. What is their control on that road? If they’re going to write something bogus then we need to call them on it.

RC:: No, not owned by DNR. Land is managed by DNR it is state trust school land...roads that go into and through those lands, does that give DNR auto. public access t those road?

Are there places that this is legitimate? Then we

Al: Do they have the authority to regulate? That is first question. My feeling is they’ve been given some authority to regulate

PH

SK: They’re building new roads for timber harvest

PH: Default in statute gives ... to county. You have to go back to how did road come to be...

RC: Yes, the question will come up and I want to know at that time...let's take a look at that road and if it falls under their authority

PH: DNR has sung the song that anything that crosses their land they consider their road

That isn't necessarily the case. If it's totally on DNR land and built by them then okay, they may have ability to make case that someone wanting to include private access.

SK: If they aren't allowed to do that and are charging people for access and permits then it isn't allowable charge under state law then that's wrong.

PH: Forest Service sings same song.

RC: Ordinance that claimed all these county roads to be not necessary in 10 year processsome just barely been built...[this is a confusing discussion talking about 55 map. Not sure what that map is. --- is it 1955 map? Or Road 55 map?] What should be on county map as far as access

PH; You can vacate anybody if doesn't serve public interest. In terms of the world of roads,, the deference goes to the county. **If you can't figure out who owns it, then it goes to county.** Attorney general opinion talking about dual jurisdiction...FS has stopped subdivision development in Kittitas county.

RC ; FS can't require you to get their permit for road access.

RC : Proceeds to tell story of how FS wanted him to get permit for road access that he owned up by Boulder road.

JD: Lots of school trust land that is land locked. I have a road that goes through my property that I built. I don't have to give anyone access.

PH:All DNR land was bought....not given to them back in the 1800s.

Conversation trails off....

JUVENILE

Conversation returned to the purchase of a car for Juvenile and whether they had approval for purchase of car...car was too expensive...this is a bur in the commissioners' side. If Juvenile has to lay off someone to pay for the car then that's their problem)

SK: My question was about juvenile car... we kind of made a decision to pay for it.

Albert: That's something you'll have to talk with them on their budget.

Albert: They can't argue from both sides of their mouth. They're saying they can spend within their budget.

SK: We have authority that if wanted to push this issue to find the money and it results in temporary lay-off of staff to find that funding, then it may not be comfortable that's the way it goes.

Albert: They had responsibility and obligation to follow what was approved.

JD : Basic fiduciary responsibility

(How do official minutes work for these meetings? Who takes minutes? Lanie is out of the room for much of the meeting...no one else is there typing notes.)

AMERESCO

(Conversation about the apparently bungled job Ameresco has done with the drilling process for geothermal heating/water pumping project. The project is taking place at various drill sites immediately adjacent to courthouse; but apparently with no success. Project's completion is overdue.)

PH have we heard from Ameresco?

Lanie yes, getting ready to meet with Ameresco. Wanted to know if we had directed Albert to contact Rob.

Albert no

RC we asked Albert to step in

Al but I wasn't asked to do anything specific

PH why does she care? She came back with snippy attitude to be patient. Which is asking a lot after two years of this debacle. Apparently now she asked if the board asked their chief civil deputy....

Al no one asked me to contact anybody.

Laine that's what I said...you are new and you had follow up just to learn about the situation

PH I think Miss Wilson is way out of line.

SK our contract is with her

Al it's my job to understand what's been done

SK supposed to be done by 12/2014

PH that pisses me off, one is it's none of her business who contacts who

Laine she also wonders why Albert didn't contact her

PH wagons are circling [this is an expression stated several times throughout the day...a reference to the fact that the commissioners are "circling their wagons.")

JD we want what we paid for

PH do we have a meeting scheduled?

Laine that will be decided later today.

RC when they do we want to bring our well drillers in

Al just myself getting involved has forced them to do something.

SK Blue star pulled out?

Others yes

PH no one is doing anything right now.

Al the county didn't agree to a boiler plate plan

JD did we get answer from health dept on city water?

SK they are the ones that did the studies, provided study and told us what the outcome would be.

Al I'm not an expert...my internet research says water runs down...gotta be a way to drill a well and find water.

PH we found the water and they screwed the well up

JD a couple farm guys who charged a bottle of whiskey

SK just to be clear...we did not pay anyone a bottle of whisky [indicating do not quote Detro...they really didn't pay anyone in alcohol!]

Laughter...from board members

UNION CONTRACT DISCUSSION AS SIDE BAR

A woman enters, approaches Sheila , I don't know who it is...and gives Sheila a paper to review...can't hear... some kind of union question...talking about giving notice, changing work schedule, peoples aren't happy...Sheilah tells her "anytime you change work schedule..."

SK play scenario out...consider this we have a heavy work load..consider working Saturday if you want to. They come in and then there's a problem and talk to union and say...they said it was optional but we felt it was forced. So the contract just says let the union know.

Woman: I just thought this doesn't apply to me..only if they have an objection to it, I don't have to contact union. That's where I'd like clarification. 11.2 of contract

JUVENILE CAR

The woman was from HR I think...now switches to sitting at table and begins discussion about juvenile car.

Commissioners engage in conversation that apparently started yesterday about Juvenile buying a car without prior approval. (Tone of voice is definitely present)

HR contacted auto dealer to ask if they have a process for selling to govt agency... juvie made up a PO for the purchase

SK we need to hold the line. They need to come up with money from budget

10:00 AM **Budget Work Session - Same as above**

10:18

BUDGET WORK SESSION

Sheriff's Office Budget

(Lanie has the sheriff's budget projected on wall for all to see...woman from budget/finance(?) department is present and walking commissioners through budget. Attitude is one of distrust for some line items. No representative from sheriff's office were present. I asked the commissioners at the end of the day about whether departments knew when their departments' budget would be discussed and commissioners said "no". Which turned out to not really be true because when PW department presented their info, three PW reps were present and prepared.)

JD : We left off yesterday...124...are we going to notify them or are you? Lanie contacted Joe Someday but he is out of office till next week. Question about Drug task force...

? did research on my own...guy w/3% should be partial...Kevin is full salary under current expense and he is on another budget for \$12,000 under drug task force.

Discussion about How much money can come from current expense and drug task force.

? Questions: why isn't a position being fully funded out of drug task force and instead moving salary to Current Expense.

JD what are they going to do with \$400,000?

SK use that money to help schools with meth & heroin problems.

? right; now look at end of sept, the amount is over \$575,000 in carry over...let's put the money to use...not let it sit around.

? the other fund I have a question about is 106: drug control --- no money being spent...no revenue for 2016 request..who actually takes care of this? Is this grant? County Drug Control 106

As soon as they return from vacation we want to have them come in.

JUVENILE BUDGET/Martin Hall

Juvie is next on the list.....

Find out where Martin hall is [the process].... It will take a few months to transition kids to new hall. We won't need a judge, a new vehicle... get the conversation moving it won't happen by Dec 31 to address this budget.

? it makes sense to take \$90,000 out (vehicle reserve) so we have better understanding

Let's say we start sending juvies to Martin Hall in March 2016. Just a possibility.

We still need to look at a holding detention facility ... be before martin hall can come over an pick them up. (sounds like martin hall is already a done deal)

RC receives a cell phone call

10:39 request for functional family therapist...being advertised right now, which is weird I've never heard of that...[I know they have had a family therapist for Juvie in the past]

SK they are advertising depending on if they are interested but say they are just checking to see if anyone is interested and qualified. Ask that this job assignment is pulled from website...they already have one position in that position right...

? Joanne Peterson is already functional family therapist but under their section they have her listed as program coordinator

? They (Juvie) said they had avg of 17 residents, I thought we asked them to bring documentation...

[My Observation: Commissioners seem set on closing our juvie facility and moving youth to Martin Hall in Medical Lake which will be loss of at least 6 full-time positions.]

SK I suggest that any other requestsI suggest we put deadline on requests for new info and if they don't meet then we just make decisions.

RC passes phone to Sheilah to read message. Side bar conversation...something about needing to meet with Jon Wyss...agree together to meet with Jon Wyss at 2:30....

SK reminder of 2:45 conf call with Rocky

JD should we tell Jon 3:00?

All commissioners are now texting someone on own cell phones...

? superior court position for jury selection going away? That contract is up in April.

NO copies of budget available for review...Lainey was displaying it but then she left.

Buying Cars

Assessor car: no decision yet

Need to figure out dollar amt for supplemental, this is purchase order they had one for \$22, 111; it was cancelled then same PO # resubmitted for \$26,601.

10:53

SK this is a good example of we need to outline and stipulate when they get these cars. We are the one should have control of PO #s and not them. Needs to be in writing...base price of car is \$17xxxx; also added lots of extras to bill to total \$26,601. Looking at complete list of add-ons for car. Upset over heated seats, back up sensor, 10-way power seat...

SK we should all be driving base price cars when we're using tax payers' money.

RC we have someone here with no concerns about what they cost of the tax payers...his own little empire

? So we're going to cancel this afternoon?.

10:58

A man wearing a cowboy hat came in with a Washington cattlemans coat, he entered through the Commissioners office area door, not the public access doorway. He gave his phone to Detrol to view...

JD & RC engage in side-bar conversation with the cowboy hat guy...talking about burning and fires... JD what happened w/newby lake fire is you know this fire is going so all of these permittees are going to have to plan on one or two year layoff. I said no...finally had meeting at Loomis, none of those burned except for dead and dying lodgepoles. Told them they better let those guys go back in there.

Conversation is too soft for me to hear what the “resolution” is of the cowboy hat’s visit.
Cowboy hat individual leaves.

11:00 AM Update Public Works- Engineer Josh Thomson

11:05

PUBLIC WORKS BUDGET

PW=Public Works representatives.. Gary, Jerry and Josh. These three reps from PW dept came with notes, budget worksheet and obviously prepared for their portion of the meeting. They knew when they would be on the agenda.

Request for truck...need \$110,000 to replace...including trade-in want to get it ordered now because of lag time to get ordered

SK: solid waste has such a large reserve, why can’t they just use reserves. I understand that a the reserves are for closing the landfill down the road...but let’s use some reserves.

PW: why reinvent the wheel for a separate dept?

SK has this been approved by SWAC? Need to consult with them. They have a board that has input for this.

JD need to have a meeting with SWAC, needs to be expedited through them

SK I have problem approving something when we have an advisory committee that has no idea what is being done

PW discussion of water truck at landfill. Discussed lack of adequate truck for fire, borrowed from Brewster. Then discussion turned to leachate. “technically illegal to do what we did...only thing approved for leachate is to pump it out ... create gas issues if you don’t do it the right way...we are experiencing increased gas issues right now. Engineers think our landfill is saturated and we’re going to see that flow stay steady for couple of years...”

RC we had another piece of property...

SK we bought Judd’s property for the water

PW leachate has to stay within lined cell...it is a contaminant.

Goal is to use fine mist with water truck to alleviate leachate problem... can’t do it with pump...not a saturation with water truck.

Discussion: Commissioners then try to tell the landfill guy how to work the sprinklers and how many hours and how to take care of the saturation problem – rather than listening to him explain the problem and solutions available.

JD this needs to go in front of SWAC also

PW Bottom line: needs a larger tank (4,000 gal) more reliable. Can buy cheaper @ \$50,000 than \$80,000 for PW mechanic to convert old dump truck.

PW: Landfill finance dept: suggestion is have a director and have it be a separate dept. Ease the work from PW finance dept by hiring someone at landfill to be finance person to do all monthly billing. When accts are paid that would be sent to PW finance dept for receipting. Would decrease burden of PW finance dept.

RC how many hours/day?

PW 2-3 hours/day

JD then could they fill in at scales...

RC so you’re talking about a full time position.

PW absolutely.

SK same person can’t be the same as receipting money and counting money. I’m looking more for a dept head for that dept.

RC should be funds in that dept to pay for that position

PW either way we're looking at adding a Position
SK or we are reorganizing the land fill.
PW but if we add duties then there's going to have to be another person
SK I'm looking at overall solid waste dept...director like for other dept heads. Responsible for that operation.
SK discussion of closing a cell...
PW says it will take \$10 mill to close a cell...
SK but why don't other counties have that money for closing?
PW they are relying on bonds down the road. part of that money is for cell closure, new cell construction, etc. all part of that one line item. Monitoring, scale replacement, closure, etc.
\$8mill is whole acct right now...
RC we need to talk about our negative figures...we need to support private business that's trying to do that? Recycle is huge negative.
How much of that recycle could go to scrap contractors?
RC wants to direct revenue to private....we're going in the hole because of recycling.
PW We are mandated by state to have a center...but it doesn't specify exactly what that looks like... everyone on SWAC would agree if we could get rid of recycling they would agree to get rid of it.
+\$100,000 in the hole this year. Want to send them to private contractors whenever possible.
Methow recycles wants more product but not cost effective for them to come and get it; we can't pay to haul product to them.

Discussion: SK we think we have enough money now for closing and monitoring the cell. Why does someone else get to tell us to save x amount of money

Discussion just ends ... switches to other PW issues.

B15 two bridges closed...requested emergency funding yesterday.. got authorization for funds, 4-5 weeks before we can use money. DOT jumped through hoops for us, tribe will help with permitting but no money available to also help.

Discussion of PW Administrative officer position...whispered conversation...more side bar than public meeting...I couldn't hear the discussion

Weed spray? No final answer yet...someone is on vacation who has answer for that....
Should be at work on Thursday or he's putting in his notice that he's not coming back.
Hwy 7 N bridge...
Tonasket schools..put that off...

Discussion of some kind of presentation w/school from county... presentation on jobs? Or weeds? Not sure

Long Term Recovery money has paid for 181 tons of solid waste to date...
Maintenance winter hours... no comments back from crew.

Long Term Recovery

Discussion by commissioners of when PW crews should work in the winter...which people should come in at 7 and which should come in at 6 and which should stay late...very much Micromangaging of scheduling for winter maintenance crews....

SK: your budget doesn't show staff salaries....please include. You've got a chunk for personnel but what each person is making

Road Log presentation by a new PW person, Verelene Hughes: handouts but no overhead...doing jurisdiction transfers from FS to county and from county to FS.

Goat Ck Road

55 map...met with Dave Holberg yesterday...couldn't get in from Goat creek side... this road runs across goat creek road (FS) into and ends in section 17. Classified as market road asked for copy of... road layout and how Has similar road in swauk creek area...he ? will get her info.

Shared doc from FS regarding squaw creek that shows they can allow mining traffic on that road... wants same thing for 55.

55 is pretty much a trail from goat peak road to where it comes into goat creek road... her explanation is round about.

Can't say road is drivable...

RC it was a mine to market road; it's in that same area as Flagg mtn for copper mine...are the mines up there patent mines? Is it a claim? If it's a patented road we don't want to leave that high and dry.

Woman: it is confusing....i don't have FS info yet on the mid 60s agreements. We don't have anything in our road file about it.

Can't find any evidence this was mine to market but not recorded documents. Road would run parallel with goat peak road, at corner it hooks up with it, runs parallel then hooks back in w/goat peak road.

12:29 - Black Canyon, Squaw Creek

Commissioner: Black canyon, squaw creek....do you want to transfer that on the end of the private property? You don't need to let me know today?

RC question is always cost,, liability and the need.

In goat creek area...if a mine does happen on flagg mtn..that could become a big expense because if it is a county road we are responsible for maintaining the road. If it is FS then they have to maintain.

Flagg mtn people drive up 50Q road (?) w/easement through forest service; this market road comes out on Goat creek road...you can't really actually drive...impassable.

RC that might be a good one to transfer this to FS

Woman says something

RC I want to rely on your recommendations on this...

Woman: I don't believe this road would be good to keep....recommends keeping goat creek road....transfer jurisdiction to FS but will bring docs to board from FS to review

Verlene: Black Canyon/Squaw creek/gold creek S Fork will be transferred to county....will transfer jurisdiction to FS;

RC if we take these roads over then we need to tear up pavement...and get input from land owners on what to do with roads... electricity just brought in up there...wants to be sure property owners can use property and access it... let's communicate with land owners and let them know what we are thinking of doing and

SK: any jurisdiction of ownership will be in hearing though right?

Woman: NO, to transfer jurisdiction we can do that in house as long as both parties agree. I'll bring you statute on that

WATV signs:

Snyder Flat road/LaGrange Raod:

Sno Park on N Summit road...do you want to take on any of that road other than to Peacock meadows?

RC: let's talk about that another time...need to get my head on that.

12:43 JD left

Public Works Vehicle, Repairs

SK asked Josh about why we refuse to work on their vehicle. Discussion was that county wouldn't compete w/private industries. Rural fire districts have minimal budgets and could save money by having county continue work on vehicles.

Josh: we don't do routine maintenance; understanding is that county will help with repairs because they stock parts . especially for emergency time periods. Do not have any agreements with fire districts.

RC Discussion is about district ... which is multi-city or non-city department but their examples are city based (pateros does their own repairs why can't our cities?)

Cameron Lake Rd

SK: received complaint from **Cameron Lake road by Duley lake road**...resident who has lived there for 35 yrs questioning PW statement that we can't use our water trucks up there...too far in distance... wants to get more rock/material on roads so we can grade them and then have better roads for producers and tax payers.

Josh: lack of supply sites of materials. Can't access them by DNR & Fish & wildlife regs.

SK then that wouldn't affect tribal land...

Josh: yes it would

SK we **need to circle our wagons**, they are county roads, people are paying taxes, we have big producers down there and we need to figure out how to take care of our roads. If we don't have the pits then there are private business that we can buy from we sold a pit to Gebbers, they are hauling truckload after truckload out of that... SK we need to get product on our roads. Some of the lakes on the reservation are private owned, let's talk with them to see if we can draw from their lakes to water or maintain roads

RC we have roads that need improvement.

12:55 - Road Repair

RC went into discourse about some roads in his area....

We need to improve our product to market roads...don't worry about chip sealing as much. Cut back on the chip seal and improve the farmer roads

SK Cameron lake josh smith cattle guard up needs to be repaired because of their hauling cattle and lots of wheat.

Josh: I'll see what it would do to our chip seal budget.

SK I put that request in last week (basically saying do it)

(Ray Campbell mumbles and I can't hear a thing)

1:01 RC left

Sheilah and Laine still there

1:30 PM Discussion – Housing Coalition Presentation- Lael Duncan

1:38 SK told me Lael Duncan not coming

I asked what they would do for afternoon..."probably vouchers and get redy for consent agenda."

SK Discussion w/Maurice Goodall about SBA needing office space. Told him to contact attorney about whether it would be gift of public funds

Other two commissioners returned...I didn't catch the time..

Voucher Approval

1:59 SK moved to approve vouchers....(this was a rather abrupt motion..there was no discussion and no one "brought the vouchers to the floor)

Discussion of roads in MV and the speed limit. Detro got personal email on phone from ATV club to send comments to Lainie about speed limit.

No advanced notice to county.

2:03

Public Works – Administrative Officer proposed position

Administrative officer for Public Works dept position presented by SK. Bob has less than month before he retires.

Looking for new position that isn't engineer & PW director.

Want to do more of an admin officer/manager of dept to ensure that there is coordination going on...directing of staff...making sure that process and policies are being followed...oversee overall operations of PW letting Josh get back to engineering part of his job.

JD if we have this why do we also need director for solid waste....

SK want to separate solid waste completely. Need director to oversee that whole place.

[talking about two new positions: solid waste director and PW director]

RC Gary would be a good one to fill that position. I want to look at budget. Don't want to cost us more money

[Some sidebar conversation about meetings and phone conference, they Scheduled a telephone conference w/attorney at same time as public budget workshop. Cancelled workshop without notice.]

Reviewing job description for PW Admin Officers. Current salary for bob is \$97,000+. This new position would be a 22...which is \$37,476. This would be contracted with us...so doesn't relate to step positions.

2:22 - Lodging at Family Faire, Methow River and Blues, Skalitude, etc.

Lainie - shared that she emailed MRSC about lodging at Family Faire...they need to collect lodging tax from campers...even if it is package deal they need to figure out the cost of lodging and tax that. Then they need to submit tax to state. And Methow river and blues fest, retail sales tax applies to camping, Skalitude, MV rhythm and blues, family faire all need to pay lodging tax. As lainie presented this...she focused on family faire but side line mentioned that blues and the other skalitude fest also don't pay...appears to be focused on family faire. Family faire is 501c non profit and owns property. They could technically be exempt. Lainie said she would find out if their property would make them exempt from lodging tax.

2:31 time for citizen comment. No request for comments

ATV'S : Perry Houston entered...Discussion of ATV and speed limit in the Methow issue...Perry said his office requested people to send in comments about MV roads and speed limit...comments were supposed to go to his office but are being sent to Lainie...but they shouldn't because commissioners should not know the content of the comments (several comments were shared earlier in meeting).

2:40 asked for public comment

2:41 I left

Commissioners had a conference call with Jon Wyss scheduled