

**Board of Okanogan County Commissioners
(BOCC)
October 29, 2019**

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Chris Branch – CB (BOCC)	Maurice Goodall – MG (Emergency Mgmt)
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Josh Thomson – JT (Public Works)	Dan Higbee – DH (Building)
Joe Poulin – JP (Maintenance & Fair Grds)	George Thornton – GT (Citizen, County Watch)
Angie Hubbard – AHu (Interim Planning)	Tony Hawley – TH (Sheriff)
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David Gechas – DG (Civil Att.)	Larry Gilman – LG (Assessor)
Tanya Craig – TC (Risk Manager)	Annie Lyons – AL (Noxious Weeds)
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Summary: **Interim Planning:** Planning Commission (PC) meeting, **Admin & Fair Maintenance:** Working on winterizing, Fire inspection, Prosecutor Bldg – door lock, **Executive Session:** Pending or ongoing litigation, **HR & Risk: Planning Director, Misc. Business:** Resolution – 137-2019. Specifications for Omak/Riverside Eastside road, Public Works building window replacement, **Assessor:** Working on 2021 tax year appraisals, Caught up and doing well, State Assessor's Assoc, **Public Works:** Maintenance & Roads, Steam treatment test, Annual Construction Program, Barkely MVID Ditch, Public Works Bldg, Omak/Riverside Eastside Rd, Tonasket Shop property, Bridge Inspection, Statler Bridge, Salmon Cr. Rd @ Cowan's, Similkameen Trail maintenance, **Public Comment:** none, **Public Meeting – 2020 Title III proposals:** Sheriff's S & R needs, Conservation District, **Misc. Business:** Clarification on French Creek Rd decision, Pacific NW Trail

9:00 BOCC: JD, CB, AH absent

Staff: Ahu, DG, JP

AHu (Interim Planning)

- Report on Monday night **Planning Commission (PC) meeting**. Shared an outline of reorganization of the draft Comp. Plan with some build out of detail and more to follow. PC completed Vision rewrite, began work on Critical Areas. Productive conversation and good humor in the process.

JP (Admin & Fair Maintenance)

- **Working on winterizing**, Thursday will have a **Fire inspection** in Justice area (Jail, Sheriff's and Courts). Around Virginia Graham Thursday & Friday. You may hear the fire alarm being tested.
- JD: Had a problem with the pop machine, wants a refund. JP will give vendor a call.

- **CB: Prosecutor Bldg – door lock** facing South is locked, not able to unlock. Need a beater bar door so people can get out without a key if necessary. Safety issue as not able to get out without key and someone may block the door to get in or out as needed.

9:09 Executive Session – Pending or ongoing litigation. 30 minutes to begin.

- DG, BOCC (JD & CB). Include TC, Aaron Culp, Risk Pool representative. Return at 9:57
- No decision.

10:00 TC (HR & Risk)

- **Planning Director** – TC has created a resume evaluation form for BOCC to use. Just evaluates application & resume of candidates.
- How many candidates does BOCC want to interview? Currently 11 applicants, consensus is 4 to interview. SK & TC will go through and score the applicants and bring in top 4 with scoring results for the BOCC. Will provide sample questions for BOCC to review.
- Score from evaluation of resume/application would be integrated with score from oral interview by the BOCC.
- CB OK with TC evaluation/resume process. AH will be back Tuesday and give input.
- TC would provide a packet with top 4 applicants next week. After this cut of applicants there cannot be a check of background until an actual job offer is made.
- Done 10:10

10:17 Miscellaneous Business

- **Resolution – 137-2019. Specifications for Omak/Riverside Eastside road.** Passed
- Accept quote for PW for **Public Works building window replacement.** Passed. D&R Glass.

10:30 LG (Assessor)

- Will present a resolution for new appraisal of district as required by RCW.
- **Working on 2021 tax year appraisals,** greater Tonasket area.
- **Caught up and doing well.** Ratio is coming in low @ 76%. State goal is average 100% of value.
- An employee is retiring at the end of the year. LG has consulted with AH on impact. This is a drafting position. The position retiring is the Drafting head but LG wants to replace with a lower grade position as the department has dropped from 4 to 2 positions and there is no need for a specific supervisor. The position will need to be reclassified as a consequence. Drafting is now largely done by computer. Supervisor is now the Asst. Assessor position. Will release some salary in the budget for other purposes. Has a copy of the proposal to TC & Union for review.
- County as a whole is large in terms of parcels (>53,000). Many new lines for parcels are being drawn. Chelan & Grant counties both have less parcels. A lot of absentee land owners. Many will probably never be developed beyond occasional camping or RV parking.
- **State Assessor’s Assoc.** – proposing a bill to not allow Open Space without a minimal income that slides with the size of the parcel. This would even our burden of supporting county functions. LG feels it is unlikely to pass. This would only be on “Ag.” resource lands. Forest only needs a management plan on file to receive an Open Space designation. Aspen is excluded. Any resale requires a new plan and application for Open Space.
- Done 10:45

11:00 JT (Public Works)

- **Maintenance & Roads:** Still good weather for grading, ditch and culver work. Some hazard tree removals are done, no problems.

- When does County want to start **Payment on surplus dump truck** to Fair maintenance? @200 a month for 3 years, then a lump sum of \$2800 payout for \$10,000 total value. Begin January 2020.
- **Steam treatment test:** Kent currently involved, JT not worried about success.
- **Annual Construction Program:** BOCC review, CB any chip seal in the Nespelem area? JT, no – the closest is Omak Lake Rd. Might look to work together to lower costs. 2021 will be Peter Dan road and another nearby project.
- **Barkely MVID Ditch:** Boundary line between land owners in process.
- **Public Works Bldg windows:** Approved this morning
- **Omak/Riverside Eastside Rd:** Approved this morning
- **Tonasket Shop property:** Would allow a easier, safer access to Tonasket City playfields behind shop. Need to review the loss of property and usability against value to City. Suggest asking adjacent property owner to share access road right of way to lessen impact on County Shop property.
- **Bridge Inspection:** All field work is done, only paper work. Some older small bridges will need load restrictions and another larger bridge will need serious review.
- **Statler Bridge:** Moving along well
- **Salmon Cr. Rd @ Cowan's:** No yes or no – no progress. JD – talked with one owner over erosion issue, the plan called for rip rap but owner had not heard. Other concern is on PUD pole place and loss of trees and value to be compensated.
- **Similkameen Trail maintenance:** Emailed an estimate of costs. CB - PUD moving crane across old RR bridge. Size and weight of crane and rock fill a concern. (This is for inspection and coring of Dame for safety study). There is a likely need for temporary removal of railings on bridge. A problem? JT will take a look.

1:30 Public Comment – none

2:00 Public Meeting – 2020 Title III proposals – generally must focus on Search & Rescue, Safety.

- **Sheriff's S & R needs:** Provide funds for search & rescue training, currently no funds to provide for training. Director is totally volunteer, no pay. Would also provide funds for a new truck and outfitting, generator for night operation. Current truck older and no longer reliable, would put the old truck in reserve and backup operations. Need additional technical climbing equipment for normal wear and tear and additional training costs. Swift water rescue training, S & R coordinator training. K-9 unit is most active and need constant training, currently have 3 teams.
- **Conservation District** – Extend current Firewise program. Continue same as previous year. Activities include fire hazard assessments and recommendations, cost share for upgrades and fuel reduction projects.
- 2:45 done.

Miscellaneous Business

- Proceedings notes from last week: **Clarification on French Creek Rd decision** after executive session. It was a motion to Quiet Title on challenge to County public road. Passed 2-1, JD opposing.
- Move to approve Consent Agenda – passed.
- Approve proceedings Oct. 14,21, 22 – passed.
- **PNT (Pacific NW Trail)** – regional director stationed in Oroville area
 - o Trail passes East to West through Oroville and is midpoint of trail.
 - o Possible kiosk to be sited at Whistler Canyon Trailhead. This is informational, after plans are finalized will return to BOCC for input.

Adjourn.

