

Board of Okanogan County Commissioners
Notes, 10.10.16

Present

Sheilah Kennedy (SK, BOCC)

Jim DeTro (JD, BOCC)

Frank Rogers (Sheriff)

Ben Rough (BR, Public Works)

Angela Hubbard (AH, Planning)

Public: Sharon Sumpter

Ray Campbell (RC, BOCC)

Lanie Johns (LJ, Clerk of the Board)

someone else from Sheriff's department

Perry Huston (PH, Planning)

Albert Lin (AL, Dep Prosecuting Att'y)

Note: Explanations or comments from note taker in italics.

9:30-10:50. Briefing among Commissioners and Approve Vouchers

DOT extractions of material

Discussion about DOT, DOE and extractions off the land adjacent to non-county roads. Can't sell contents of land owned by state. Regulations about driving into such property but none about driving out. (*Discussed previously by BOCC, that they could perhaps charge for services.*)

RC - So you can't sell the material but you can charge for the transport?

Juvenile facility

Bond levy discussion. School District (*Omak*) planning levy next February. Discussion on timing of juvenile facility bond levy and difficulty in avoiding competing with school district bond levies.

Vouchers

10:50 Approval of vouchers. Vouchers approved.

Jail radios

10:55 Jail radios. Sheriff and assistant update on radios for jail. Radios have been ordered and frequencies are being allocated. Should be fully operational in less than 6 months. Motion to approve 911 service contract for \$28,522 was approved.

11:00 Public Works update by Ben Rough.

RFQ process to hire Solid Waste Engineering & Environmental Consultant. Only received 2 proposals instead of the required three, per policies and procedures manual. Public Works to document why they were unable to get a third proposal. Plan is to interview two applicants with 4-5 staff and then recommendation submitted to Commissioners.

Conconully Sewer Utility Emergency Management. County is currently operating sewer services for the town, but wants town to take over operation and maintenance soon. Current agreement does not have a sunset clause. Ben to check old BOCC records for contract negotiations' history before pursuing changes for a new contract.

Snowmobile Program operator hiring. Interviews scheduled for Oct 11. Hope to hire by Oct 22 so new person can receive scheduled training program.

Public Works Policies & Procedures. Department is updating their manuals, especially as it relates to finance and safety. There is a binder full of memos but no current Public Works manual. SK proposed that it is better to start from scratch so that all contents reflect current code, contractual agreements with unions and operations. Work with Risk Manager for timely update and consistency with other county manuals.

Regulation Updates - OCC Title 12 "Roads & Bridges" and Okanogan County Road and Street Standards and Guidelines for Developments; Road vacations. Current manuals do not reflect newest regulations and current processes. Title 12 will be updated using RCW as the process; subdivision requirements to match updates with roads and bridges. Road vacations have not been consistently processed with the same procedure. Processes should be modified, and one process consistently applied to all considerations. All recent road vacations will be rescinded and redone again under the same process in the interest of fairness and objectivity. (*Unclear whether this includes Three Devils Road.*) Issues related to developments that defer total development over a number of years must not unfairly hurt the county or the developer, if possible. There has been a problem in the past with projects developed over years, where the initial approvals no longer reflect what the current project has become, and then there is disagreement on whether the developer needs to meet the original standard initially approved or the current standard in effect at the time of subsequent development.

Recess for lunch at 11:45

1:30 Public Hearing - Draft of Title 20 Code OCC 20 - Development permit procedures & administration. (*This draft is on the Okanogan County website.*)

PH presents the changes to this code - updating procedures to reflect new regulations and operations in Okanogan County. Shoreline Management Program is removed from Title 20 because it is not referenced in Title 20 regulations. In the Vesting section, If the development application is complete (it has met all the requirements of the development process specific to the project) then it is vested, which means the regulations in place at that time are the ones that are used in the future if the project takes years to complete. PH qualifies that a completed application is not the same thing as a permit to develop. Discussions about limited administrative review vs. administrative review. Administrative review are requirements that necessitate a public hearing and or a conditional use permit. Non-administrative review are actions that a planning department can take on their own, such as all documentation for a development application have been submitted, reviewed and the application is complete and can be accepted.

Other changes to the code are: 1) In simplifying the code, hearings that consider peer review vs best available information considerations, 2) statement of condition of approval.

A recent decision in Whatcom County has potential ramifications to the county's proposed changes to Title 20, so PH proposes that the county extend the public comment period an additional two weeks while staff evaluate the ramifications of the Whatcom decision to their current drafted Title 20 document.

SK says Futurewise thinks Okanogan County's Title 20 needs to go through SEPA. PH says Title 20 is a process and their newest draft references SEPA by WAC number. RC proposes to wait 2 weeks and continue the public comment period until November 7 @ 1:30.

2:05 Critical areas ordinance. PH says that state has not received the county's critical area filing. They have a document specific for Riverside. So the submission process to the state has to start all over again with a 60-day review process. SK wants it done by the end of the year.

Voluntary Stewardship Program. There is a vacancy in District 2. PH reports that the group is considering how to assess sustainability of agriculture in critical areas of the county, so there is no net loss to regulations. Critical areas include unstable slopes, wetlands, areas of special significance, etc. SK recommends the group focus only on the overlap between critical areas and agriculture. Grant County is a bit farther along on this analysis. The Stewardship group will map critical areas in the county. Tech groups haven't provided input yet because the principal group is still defining their parameters. Goal is to identify positive and negative impacts of agriculture in critical areas. SK recommends that the group exclude Colville Reservation considerations because it is likely that they will establish their own Title 20 regulations.

Sub-division code. Still working on checklist.

Morgan easement. The agreement has been signed by "the other party" and now needs to be signed by the commissioners.

Forest Service/1955 roadmap. Meeting with Forest Service staff and Planning department to discuss FS roads management has been fruitful. The FS would retain ownership of underlying land, and Okanogan County (OC) is proposing to take over management and maintenance of some FS roads that the FS cannot maintain. Next meeting Oct 14. FS list of their roads and OC's 1955 roadmap are not exactly the same. Paved FS roads are not primitive roads. Questions include: would these roads require weed spraying, could ATVs use them? Some FS roads have commitments or restrictions because of agreements with other agencies, i.e., green roads. *(No discussion of county funding to maintain and manage these roads at this time.)*

Capital projects - restrooms, grandstands, jail ceiling. Restroom project costs have increased from estimated \$12,000 to billed \$23,000. Improvement cost estimates to fairground/stampede grandstands are coming in above money available for improvements. Proposed improvements are good ADA access and a cover over part of the grandstands. There is no revenue available for needed jail ceiling repairs. RC asks whether revised fee schedule for jail is completed - daily rates for external users. The answer is no, not completed yet.

3 Devils Road hearing. AL stated that the hearing is scheduled for Dec 6 in Wenatchee, but two of the attorneys are not available on that date.

3:40 Executive session of 15 min to discuss employee evaluation. Notetaker left at 3:40