

Okanogan County Board of Commissioners

October 17, 2016

Present

Sheilah Kennedy (BOCC)

Ray Campbell (BOCC)

Jim Detro (BOCC)

Morgan Easement

The easement covers county land commissioners need to sign approval. Mr. Huston has looked at the proposal for the Morgan land. They needed and have moved one pond to a different location on the property to lessen possibility of runoff contaminating other property. The other two ponds remain in the same location. Mr. Huston also commented on the responsibility of Morgan's to repair any issues caused by their use of Hubbard Rd. if any. Commissioner Kennedy asked why the commissioners would be putting any restrictions on a road that is vacated and private. Commissioner Campbell stated that if a commercial business is using a private road the BOCC can put limited conditions on the road. Commissioner Kennedy stated that Hubbard Rd is used as a detour by the D.O.T. if needed, do they need to repair any damage? Mr. Huston will explore that and will draft a letter for commissioner's signatures.

P.U.D. Easement Proposed

Property was taken as a foreclosure on the end of Nichols Rd Tax Title 212A. Rd was originally part of a larger plat. P.U.D. wants it in order to put power lines on it to property behind the foreclosed land. P.U.D. did not supply easement request. BOCC asked about surplus of the property, Mr. Huston will look into it.

Executive Sesssion: Commissioners excused themselves for an executive session for approx. 20 minutes regarding U.S.F.S. roads.

Whatcom County Ruling

Upon return Mr. Huston informed them of a conf. call from Whatcom County Ruling in case they wanted to participate in the call. Commissioner Campbell expressed an interest in participating even though he would not be in the office. The call is scheduled for October 20, 2016.

Tonasket E.M.S.

Two vouchers presented for payment by Lifeline Ambulance, one is a monthly payment, and the other for supplies. Motion for board signatures approved. There is an older packet of Tonasket E.M.S. Commissioner Kennedy would like reviewed for “appropriateness.”

Capital Facilities

Bathroom Project Fairgrounds submitted by architect. Architect is recommending that it be taken to foundation and rebuilt. Grandstand Bid submitted as well. To stay within stated budget the project will have to be scaled back. Architect recommending smaller unit. Commissioner Kennedy wants more information like a draft of what architect is recommending. Will need it in timely manner or the grant monies will not be available.

The jail ceiling repair looks as it can be repaired using excess tax, Mr. Huston recommends that they wait until the budget meeting scheduled October 18th. Money should be transferred to jail budget.

Taste of Two Valleys was held the previous weekend produced a good amount of money for the fairgrounds as reported by Mr. Huston. He went on to explain that as of this date there are no more staff left to man the annex and agriplex and annex for the upcoming dates booked for the facilities. Mr. Huston suggested posting for a part-time employee to take care of it. Commissioner Kennedy suggested that he also contact service agencies to see if they would like to make some money taking this project on. Mr. Huston reported that one heat pump for the facility is out of commission and one is marginal will need to take action to heat facility appropriately.

The irrigation system is problematical repair is needed. One system is still working one isn't. They are going to have to locate someone to repair both systems before they can turn the irrigation can be turned off for the winter.

At this point Commissioner Detro left the room and will be unable to return.

U.S.F.S Roads

This next section has to do with the U.S.F.S. road return to county, this was a very convoluted discussion which required a map made by department planning staff and there was a great deal of discussion. The commissioners have been working on this for some time so were very familiar with the locations and how they wanted to approach each road. Commissioner Campbell was very firm about only considering taking back a road that would serve a purpose and add money to the county. Commissioner Kennedy seconded that but was interested in exploring roads that might be useful in the future. Both commissioners wanted to know the cost to the county associated with the county resuming control of some of these roads the Forest Service is considering returning to Okanogan County. (Note taker: While I was trying to make sure I was accurate in reporting what was discussed about each road I would like everyone to realize it may not be absolutely accurate.)

Harts Pass Rd. No

Gilbert Rd. No

Off Lost River-Goat Creek No

Twisp River Rd. Yes to 8 mile ranger station review again before final decision.

Andrews Creek Rd. No

Paradise-Benson Creek Review again

Black Pine Lake No

North Summit West Fork Yes

Salmon Creek/Salmon Meadows Needs further discussion

Aeneas Valley Needs discussion

Chiwiliken Needs discussion

Fawn Creek No

Commissioners do not want to set precedent by taking over already existing private home associations that are already taking care of their roads.

Boulder Creek No

W. Chewack No

Newby Creek No

Rd 4410 Cole Raider No

Buttermilk No

I believe this is relatively accurate list of decisions made by BOCC. Some of these decisions may only effect small parts of these roads and some are more costly to maintain than others.

Conversation began regarding Tribal roads in Commissioner Kennedy's area but I was not able to stay for that conversation.