

Okanogan Board of County Commissioners Mtg

10/24/2016

JD - Jim DeTro

RC - Ray Campbell

SK - Sheilah Kennedy

LJ - Lalena Johns

PH - Perry Huston

CS - Char Schumaker

AL - Albert Lin

BR - Ben Rough

JT - Josh Thomson

S - Public Works staff

**List of Non-agenda items discussed:**

- *Grand Coulee Dam EIS*
- *Long plat road realignment/vacation*
- *Colville Precision Pine letter of support*
- *Cannabis operations code enforcement/permitting*
- *Tonasket EMS*

**Summaries of substantive subjects, or those discussed in detail**

***Cannabis operations code enforcement/permitting***

*PH describes ongoing effort to identify all non-conforming/unpermitted structures existing on cannabis operation properties. Plans to bring them all into compliance with existing codes, starting with the most serious code violations or unpermitted structures that are being used in the operations.*

***Whatcom County ruling***

*PH describes a conference call, involving a number of counties, regarding the Whatcom County ruling. The nature of the ruling was not described, but evidently it is causing a lot of confusion amongst county governments.*

***Tonasket EMS***

*BOCC convenes as the Tonasket EMS. PH describes ongoing activities aimed at implementing the new agreement, including ownership and use of tablets, the identification of outstanding*

accounts, and the transfer and retention of records. Various needed repairs and maintenance were also described.

### **Fairgrounds**

Fairgrounds discussions covered many topics including various facilities repairs, proposed changes to the Agri-plex rental fee schedule, and event staffing. Water supply from a new well and the need for a second well was also discussed. The terms of the agreement for the first well were discussed at length before deciding that the contract should be reviewed.

### **1955 Road Map workshop**

Staff shows disparities in the road system from the 1955 map and log and commissioners decide whether to try to include/retain those segments in the county road system. They will be coming up with an agreement with the USFS, which is considering closing some roads.

## **1:33 pm Planning Department Study Session**

### **Non-agenda Items**

#### **Grand Coulee Dam EIS**

PH - Add onto agenda. Char is going over EIS we received over Grand Coulee. Might have to do with some of your issues.

SK - They haven't come in...

PH - First we have heard of it. Came in this morning

CS - Meeting tonight in Wenatchee, tomorrow in Coulee Dam, go over with public. Purpose and need (*reads through list involving tasks on the interior of the dam*). Three alternatives: No Action; Restore 2 units at a time; Restore 1 unit at a time - that would extend the timeline to 7 years.

SK - All internal?

PH - Anytime you open up an EIS, it ends up involving fish passage...

RC - All up to Wells dam have fish passage. Water directed to one half. Juveniles are getting down. It is a success. Problem has always been fish kill through turbines or over turbines. They have addressed that pretty well. Don't know why they need an EIS.

PH - They always do an EIS, so they don't end up in court over not doing an EIS.

JD - The reason they don't have passage in Grand Coulee is because they won't survive in Lake Roosevelt.

PH - Can send Char tomorrow night.

SK - Want to send letter so if coordination is needed.

PH - Okay, send coordination letter.

### **Long plat road realignment/vacation**

PH - Another agenda add-on. Long plat alteration. Minor road realignment. Hearing examiner ruled can't do it by alteration - needs vacation. Took new alignment onto the record, vacated old alignment. Examiner approved. Will come to you for approval.

### ***Colville Precision Pine letter of support***

PH - Colville Precision Pine letter and project. Not sure how you want to end final paragraph. Printed out summary (*hands copies to commissioners*).

SK - Any changes from what I sent?

PH - No. Not sure of timing. I can go back through it.

SK - They are waiting for it. Asking for a letter of support.

JD - Did the same for Northwest Pine (?) Economic development.

SK - Are we going to support them? (*yes*) Move to support (*seconded, approved*).

### ***Cannabis operations code enforcement/permitting***

PH - Also add-on, update in terms of discussion you initiated during (?), involving cannabis (*hands out material*). This is the licenses you have in Okanogan Co. (?) notes. Site analysis needed when we get application. First line of research to figure out which licenses need code enforcement/permits. Let you know we have started the project. Will come up with a letter to those who have unpermitted structures. Have to be in compliance with all requirements. Want to know if you want compliance only with structures used in operations, or all structures. Trying to identify locations we have problems with. Identify most egregious. Will have to see if it impacts their legal, pre-existing status. If they are not legal before moratorium, they have to come in and start permitting. Try to build a triage. Do the ones that do the most harm first, then spiral into the rest. Questions?

JD - Didn't realize that marijuana has a parasitic bed bug. (*refers to some place where marijuana pests are getting into neighbor's crops*)

PH - Heard anecdotally of two outfits that lost their crops to frost. We'll move ahead with this project. Get them into compliance.

### ***Mazama Parking Lot***

PH - MVSTA agreement. Commissioners signed.

### ***Morgan Easement***

Received copies of signed Morgan easement.

### ***PUD Easement proposed***

Finally got easement PUD wants, to install underground powerline. Sent to Albert. Looks like pretty bread-and-butter agreement.

AL - Didn't see any problems.

PH - Will send it over as an agenda bill for approval.

SK - Is it short-platted?

PH - Foreclosure for nonpayment of taxes. Haven't figured out why it was platted. (*Discussion of short plat*).

PH - Putting together a letter for Commissioner Campbell (?).

### ***Whatcom County ruling***

PH - Conference call on the 20<sup>th</sup>, regarding Whatcom County. Opinions all over the board. Nobody knows how it impacts GMA vs. non-GMA. Some viewed it as a moratorium. Have to do our own homework.

SK - We are non-GMA.

AL - My view is that each county should deal with it in their own way. Hearst decision says that you can't rely on Ecology. No cookie-cutter. Not all counties are in our situation, with active, ongoing litigation.

PH - A lot are coming up on 7 year reviews.

RC - Talked about Counties, instream flow. None had the 2 cfs like we have in the Methow, in the 7 reaches. They talked about the problem with the Skagit. Many times throughout the year they weren't reaching their instream flow. We haven't had that problem. River is higher than usual. Lower reaches will be affected by fires. Plus-plus for us. We have a lot of things going for us.

AL - Already in it. We'll have to address these issues as we move through the process.

PH - WASAC(?). Senator Sheldon made point that it will take a long time. At least 3 years. It was an interesting phone call. Sounds like a grenade went off in a closed room. Everyone was stunned. Legislature will take it up.

PH - That is the end of the planning agenda.

### **2:02 Administrative Officer Study Session**

#### ***Oroville EMS***

PH - Moving to administrative agenda, ask to convene as Oroville EMS

SK - So moved (*seconded, passed*)

PH - 10 minute executive session, to discuss employee

SK - Move to go into executive session (*seconded, passed. 2:05 Commissioners, PH & AL leave*).

*2:13 Commissioners return; AL leaves. Commissioners work in silence on their computers and phones.*

*2:17 JD - Okay.*

PH - Oroville agreement should have been docketed on the 18<sup>th</sup>. Have you heard of anything? (*no*). Will bird-dog that. Will review letters that cover employee issues. End of Oroville.

#### ***Tonasket EMS***

Ask you to reconvene as Tonasket EMS. (Done)

PH - Have a letter from (?). Being helpful. 3 things outstanding. EMT's using tablets. BF recovery does not own them. Haven't been able to find any agreements.

LJ- Believe there were expenditures related to tablets in the papers I sent you last week.

PH - Will check on that. My theory is we had an arrangement with an equipment provider. Am guessing we now own them. Will track that down.

SK - Lifeline probably doesn't need them?

PH - No, they might be useful.

PH - Outstanding accounts. EF Recovery is putting together a file of any outstanding accounts. Trying to work through how much money is out there that is still outstanding. Said we could extend their agreement on a limited basis, to get their help.

LJ - At time Shannon transferred everything to the county, end of July, there was a statement that there was \$90K outstanding. Separate from the runs.

PH - Probably a mix of outstanding and submitted.

LJ - Right.

PH - Some of it is the difference between bill and insurance payment.

PH - They have our electronic patient care record. Need a letter from commissioners asking for transfer on a disk. Then they can close out the account. (*Discussion of records retention requirements*). Asking for a resolution.

JD - So moved. (*Seconded, passed*)

PH - Federal vouchers for you today. Roof fixed. Third out ambulance was leaking. Brought it down here, couldn't make it leak. Took it back. No additional repair bill. That is all business for Tonasket EMS.

SK - We are going to submit a letter to the city of Tonasket? (yes)

*Adjourn meeting of Tonasket EMS; resume meeting of BOCC*

### **Capital Facilities update**

PH - Capital Facilities.

### ***Door ADA upgrade***

PH - Working on quotes for ADA door upgrade.

LJ - Received one from Raceway a couple of weeks ago. Waiting for the other two.

SK - So, if they don't respond?

LJ - Think we can go ahead, unless the one quote is so outrageous...

### ***Fairgrounds***

PH - Fairgrounds.

SK - Talk about well.

RC - Need to talk about grandstands, canopy. Could be done. Posts are old, some might be rotten. Pillars could be beefed up. Concrete is there (inaudible). (Discussion of details of pillars, trusses, beams). Beams are old, back part of roof is old. Run it past him; take a look at it. It is worth asking. It's a lot of work to pull all that down. If you could leave it up and reinforce some to that stuff...

SK - If we do that, how difficult is it to put up bleachers?

RC - (inaudible)

PH - When I call him, I will tell him we brainstormed on some different ideas, see what he thinks. When we looked at it, he thought it would be easiest to push it into a pile and start over. They always do. When we re-did the Kittitas grandstands, we kept part, because of historical aspect of grant. Probably cost us more.

PH - He asked, if we pushed it over, what was the possibility of getting volunteers to do that part. Don't think that is too feasible.

SK - If we pushed it into a pile, fire districts might burn it for practice.

### ***Irrigation/Domestic well***

PH - Talk about well?

SK - Should we have him drill another well, to bring water up here?

LJ - Original idea - if we got 600 gpm, the idea was to have a hookup that would bring water to the courthouse and juvenile.

PH - We got 470 gpm.

RC - We are close. We could get it with a second well.

PH - The deal, back when we had Rob & his engineer, they would go ahead and do another well, which is this one. If they got water, they would do a second well to get us up to what we need. Theoretically, they should be willing to dig us another well.

SK - Amaresco, then?

PH - The discussion was clear - if we didn't get water, we would move onto another system. If we did get water, then we would dig a second well. Time to sit down with Rob. Need to get Kristen, too. Do you want me to set that up?

LJ - Looking at emails. There was something about water (quantities)... if there was this much, then we will do that.

SK - Did we put that in the contract?

PH - Suspect not. It was an agreement we reached in the meeting. Did he follow up with a letter?

(LJ looks for letter)

PH (recaps agreement about a second well). That was the deal. We should probably get them in here to get a second well.

RC - He wrote something up. We need to take a look at that.

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LJ - Contract talks about two wells. Don't want to get into details. Something about 300 gpm and 600 gpm.

PH - Let me get a copy of the contract, take a look at it.

### ***Fairgrounds well***

PH - Fairground well - water to the office back on. Easy fix. Still haven't blown the line. Have to fix broken line that somebody drove over. Figure out how to do that. Apparently Larry is still down there.

RC - He can fix that.

PH - When we get that fixed, we can blow the lines & shut down.

### ***Agri-Plex***

PH - Mo figured out which of the lines were leaking at the agri-plex. He disconnected that and fixed the leak, capped them. Somebody found the notebook for the system. We are smarter now than we were this time last year.

PH - Should probably get quotes on the roll-up doors on the Agri-plex.

RC - Talk to Larry. He used to have an overhead door business.

SK - And in '17, the Agri-plex is paid up. Need to come up with a plan for repairs & maintenance. Windows, doors.

PH - Don't know if annex heat is working at all. Need to get someone in to look at heat pump and auxiliary systems.

RC - need to call (?)

*(discussion of various outfits who can do HVAC)*

PH - *(to SK)*. You wanted to go there and look?

SK - No, I want to show you something.

PH - *(discussion of liability policies - schools, equine events, etc.)*

### ***Event staffing RFP***

PH - Event staffing. Not going as smoothly as it should, right now. Will go down this week and do some tidying. Could use some sprucing up.

SK - We are to a point. We shouldn't expect Perry to go down...

PH - We have a maintenance RFP. We need to get in there and get it cleaned up, so we can expect events to clean up after.

SK - Could get a cleaning company.

### ***Fee schedule - recommendations***

PH - Fee schedule recommendations. Would like go through suggested changes. Poorly worded. Assume we are not charging more for youth events with alcohol. Assuming that this is a public amenity. Want to cover expenses.

SK - Whole Agri-plex annex & kitchen, \$2,400 per weekend.

PH - Table & chair costs. \$5/table, \$1/chair. Recommend we don't allow off-site rentals.

SK - If they take tables and chairs out of annex, then rental costs. We've been needing to work on this for the last 3 ½ years. There have only been a few events where full price was charged. Everyone else came in and got a reduction.

PH - Will look at a fee schedule that will cover costs but people will be willing to pay.

SK - We also have to keep in mind that this is the rate structure we use for fire camps.

PH - Let me think about that.

LJ - Also, we charge lodging tax (in RV park).

PH - Wasn't going to work on RV rates.

SK - Are we in agreement that if somebody rents the whole annex, then they get the tables & chairs?

PH - Recommend a facility rate, table & chairs, included. Think annex rate is stiff.

*(Commissioners agree that chairs & tables come with facility rental. SK discusses details of decorations used at wine and cheese event)*

PH - End of agenda. Anything else?

### **3:10 Road/1955 Map project**

BR - Ben Rough

JT - Josh Thomson

PWS - Public Works staff

Staff puts map on screen.

PWS - Start with North Summit Rd. *(Describes changes to road - highway connection, alignment)*. Keep it on the system? *(yes)*

Salmon Meadows/North Fork Salmon Creek. *(almost 7 miles not on 1955 map)*. Looked for maintenance agreement with FS. Didn't find it in this area.

RC - *(inaudible)*

PH - up for discussion whether we can assert ownership. We might come up with an agreement with FS.

BR - No commissioner action to put it on our system.

JD - More research needed?

S - Yes.

S - Next, Aeneas Valley Rd. 5.617 miles that went to Ferry Co.

JD - That is an escape route out of the Aeneas Valley.

S - Went through log. Wasn't showed on map, but it was in the text, all the way through.

JD - Not much of a road, anymore, but it is an escape route.

SK - Not so much of an escape route, but it provides access to Idaho for ATV'S.

JD -Ferry County wants that road open. It goes down to the Sanpoil? (yes)

BR - Drove it last fall. One bridge and one ford on a pretty good sized creek - Forest Service or Tribal lands.

S - Chiwilikin Rd. *(Middle portion has fallen off map)*

S - Need to make sure FS is aware which roads the county wants.

*(Discussion of lack of coordination by FS; FS placating environmental extremists)*

*3:40 Notetaker leaves; Road workshop continues.*





