

Okanogan County Board of Commissioners
Tuesday, October 13, 2020 AM

Jim DeTro (JD) - BOCC Chair, Dist. 3
Chris Branch (CB) – BOCC Vice Chair, Dist. 1
Andy Hover (AH) – BOCC, Dist. 2 (In union negotiations)
Lanie Johns (LJ) - Clerk of the Board

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Summary of Significant Actions & Discussions:

Clarification of roles between fair advisory group and manager needed. Quonset hut and Horticulture Bldg. to be rented for building material storage for Cold Springs fire victims. Upcoming: surveillance/ WiFi for Fairgrounds/RV Park. 10/21/2020: All Hazards Mitigation Plan meeting 10/21/2020 among participating agencies. Some discussion of fire issues included. Maintenance: keys for Courthouse, Agriplex fans, Fairgrounds bathrooms year-round. Deadlines: CARES act funding Nov. 30, Commerce Dec. 5th for reimbursement receipts; Public Wks: Asbestos/landfill issues. Apple maggots found north of Ellisforde and elsewhere in county; gas tax receipts up to 63%. Board of Health contract.

Meeting begins:

9:06 Naomi Peasley, Manager Fairgrounds; approval needed for 3 maintenance/repair projects at the fairgrounds. These are approved by JD and CB depending on financial costs. Need for clarification of roles between the fair advisory group and the manager. Gray areas need to be defined. Naomi to be working on this. Rental contract for Okanogan Long Term Recovery group to use quonset hut and Horticulture Building for storage of building materials for victims of the Cold Creek Fire. 10/15/2020-06/30/2021. Next projects for fairgrounds; surveillance/security & wifi coverage on Fairgrounds which will extend to RV Park.

9:29: Pete Palmer, Planning Director – nothing to report.

9:30: Maurice Goodall, Emergency Services Manager; Request sent for Communication upgrade. Also, All Hazards Mitigation Plan meeting scheduled for 10/21/2020 among the agencies responsible for updating the plan and moving forward. Fire protection is part of this meeting , but not yet at the level of the Community Wildfire Protection Plan .

9:38 Joe Poulin, Maintenance; ordering keys for courthouse to over-ride electronic locks in case of emergency. 1 proposal received for fans in AgriPlex. Can look at Small Works Roster for electrical to install; feasibility of redoing Fairgrounds bathrooms for year-round use. November 30th is deadline for CARES act funding, Dept of Commerce deadline is December 15th for submitting receipts for reimbursement; Emergency power back-up for Auditor's office;

LJ to look into this and do budget amendment.

9:51- Break

Tanya Craig, HR & Risk Manager cancelled update due to being in Union Negotiations and Shelley also busy.

10:28 Executive Session for 10 minutes with Dave Gecas, Deputy Prosecuting Attorney

10:38 -AH in the meeting. Cari Hall, County Auditor; CB - first questioned her about what is critical in office when electricity lost? Battery backup now. Of course, elections. JD states that an emergency back up plan is high on BOCC priority list. PUD is also working on power in case of loss of power. AH will talk with PUD about emergency plan to see about coordination efforts.

Cari Hall, Auditor: Ballots out by this Friday. There are 12 drop boxes for ballots around the county, counting Brewster & Riverside. Election to be certified on the 24th.

10:55- BOCC approves LT Recovery group's request for storage space at the fairgrounds, MSC

11:00 Josh Thomson, County Engineer, Public Works; Dept of Ecology to assess home building plans for asbestos and also unable to accept salvage from Douglas County due to this. Also, not accepting soil to landfill to protect landfill. Complications with FEMA, DOE, and EPA. They are utilizing/filling the new landfill. DNR permit received for another pit.

Gas tax receipts are up to 63%. Standards of good practice approved so will get funding for the next year.

Apple Maggots found in catchers near orchards north of Ellisforde and elsewhere in the county.

11:16 - LJ received response from Historical Preservation regarding Courthouse generator project. LJ will respond with more information and drawings.

Discussion of snow thrower/blower and need for an upgraded one for maintenance.

LJ questions whether the BOCC is approving contract for the County with the board of health? Meeting with Public Health this afternoon. AH unable to attend.

Adjourn for lunch: 11:35