

**Board of Okanogan County Commissioners
(BOCC)
November 12, 2019**

Jim Detro – JD (BOCC)
Chris Branch – CB (BOCC)
Andy Hover – AH (BOCC)
Josh Thomson – JT (Public Works)
Joe Poulin – JP (Maintenance & Fair Grds)
Angie Hubbard – AHu (Interim Planning)
Laleña Johns – LJ (BOCC Clerk)
Kelly (BOC Asst. Clerk)
David Gechas – DG (Civil Att.)
Tanya Craig – TC (Risk Manager)
Shelly Keitzman SK (HR)
Leah McCormick – LM (Treasurer)
Cari Hall – CH (Auditor)

Kelly – (Fair Events)
Maurice Goodall – MG (Emergency Mgmt)
Mike Worden – MW (Dispatch, Sheriff's)
Dan Higbee – DH (Building)
George Thornton – GT (Citizen, County Watch)
Tony Hawley – TH (Sheriff)
Karen Beatty – (Central Service)
Larry Gilman – LG (Assessor)
Annie Lyons – AL (Noxious Weeds)
Charlene Grooms - CG (Clerk's Office)
Susan Speaker - SS (Clerk's Office)
Arian Noma – AN (Prosecuting Attorney)

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Summary: **Interim Planning Dir:** WRIA: Discussion of NEB, Aspect Consulting will present, Columbia River people want to present about water available, **Interim Fair Events:** SC & Fair events coming to Kelly, Sam Buchart needed a price, Clarify use of the track infield, Cyclone fence on north end, Amend rental contract, Will review the fee schedule, **Admin & Fair Maintenance:**, **Public Works:** AH asks about fence move, Maintenance & Roads, Solid Water office, WSDOT Coordinating, I-976, Statler Bridge Replacement, Salmon Cr. Rd @ Cowan's, MVID/Barkley, Similkameen Trail, Methow Trail easements, Parks & Rec funds, On I-976, **Treasurer/Auditor:** Building Department Enterprise, Law changes – impacts, **Exec: Session:** Pending or ongoing litigation, **Public Health:** State Auditor Entrance Conference, 2020 Public Health Budget Discussion, Newer Vehicle purchase discussion, Community Health Update, Environmental Health Update, **Juvenile & Judicial:** Admin Services position, vehicles, **Prosecutor:** Felony Deputy Prosecutor's position, **Risk Management & HR:** Pass for this now, **WSU Extension:** Brainstorming Session, **Public Hearing:** Liability Ins. Fund 146 Supplemental (Premium), **Misc. Business**

BOCC: AH, CB, JD

Staff: LJ, AHu, K (BOCC Asst. Clerk), JP

AHu (**Interim Planning Dir.**)

- **WRIA: Discussion of NEB** at the last meeting, presentation of upcoming schedule of meetings through next June.
- **Aspect Consulting will present** at the Dec. 5 meeting.
- **Columbia River people want to present about water available.** AH – need to know cost and quantity. Feels water purchased is mitigation for all WRIA, not water-for-water to a specific sub-basin.

Kelly (**Interim Fair Events**)

- **SC & Fair events coming to Kelly**, she also has the cell phone.

- **Sam Buchart needed a price** for next year's Fair rodeo by 11/11. AH wants to **clarify use of the track infield**. Flat fee or a \$5 per vehicle, per day cost, one or the other. CB – capacity limits. AH prefers no infield parking (due to difficulties with crossing track). JP – a lot of people parking at the Rodeo & Jr. Rodeo come in from the north end without paying. County needs compensation for wear & tear. Need to have a tractor & water truck to keep track up. As well as possible damage to water lines from weight of vehicles in the infield.
- AH – **cyclone fence on north end** needs to be moved to the north end road. As it is it is open to people and they are entering without paying.
- Kelly prefers limited parking (stock, contractors, people only) or workers. Too congested, dangerous
- AH – **Amend rental contract?**, no infield except stock contractors & operators, \$5 parking, reasons: wear & tear, dangers, access for problems on the track, water lines, etc. \$5 fee applies to rodeo/track area parking. There will be public pushback, must give rationale.
- A couple of events are scheduled for the rest of the month, many phone calls about future use. \$ from LTAC - \$2500.
- Revolving check fund for premiums set up. Para-mutual betting billing is taken care of. Must set up and take care of issues pointed out by the State auditor. A check arrived for rentals, deposit taken care of – 2 people needed to sign off. Another RV coming in, all need proper paperwork done, will deposit all funds within 24 hours.
- **Will review the fee schedule** – BOCC directs Kelly to update the fee schedule to add \$5 overnight parking fee for certain events. Prepare for BOCC adoption.
- Get back to Sam Buchart.

JP (Admin & Fair Maintenance)

- Nothing specific. Hear to know about Fair issues.
- AH - looking for something like a military bridge to go over the track for access to the infield without damaging the track.
- AH – asks JP to look into the costs for moving the north end fence to the north end access road. This is pretty much a Public Works job so need to check into correct procedures with JT.

JT (Public Works)

- **AH asks about fence move**, how it would fit into the Public Works roster (\$250,000 and under is small works roster, roster needs to be updated once a year, advertised twice a year.) Each contractor on the list self-selects categories of jobs they would possibly pursue. If Maintenance does the work they need to follow purchasing guidelines for materials as needed.
- **Maintenance & Roads**: waiting for snow, grading, ditching and culverts as able.
- **Solid Water office**: delivered and on foundation. Very nice.
- **WSDOT Coordinating**: met with them to coordinate, not a lot in the near future. SR 155 & 153 bridges – 9 at this time, no funding also for State. Need legislative pressure to move forward. Look at 2021 to further deer fence project around Janis Bridge South. Difficulty with widths of some private drives.
- **I-976**: Appears to be passing. Will impact some funding, too early to know full impact at this time.
- **Statler Bridge Replacement** – going along
- **Salmon Cr. Rd @ Cowan's** - JT no response. JD has talked and the answer is likely to be no. Road is being undercut by the creek. Looking at a big cost with no other alternative unless expand the ROW. Re-locating creek is very expensive, bank is too steep to rip rap.
- **MVID/Barkley** – an agreement has been reached, moving forward.
- **Similkameen Trail**: already discussed, looking to apply for LTAC funding for next year.

- Just talking with John Sunderland – **Methow Trail easements**. Looking at dissolving the Foundation. Wants to transfer easements and fees to the County. Could use the funds and easements for match needs if a big enough lump. Mostly bits & pieces. JT needs to set up a fund to cover the costs of GIS and other costs to put into the system.
- Discussion of conflict with non-vehicle use of highways, funding, etc. (Bicycles, E-vehicles, etc.)
- CB – Look into the **Parks & Rec funds**.
- AH – (**On I-976**). Finds difficulty of financial impact and feel that must support the will of the people. Suit to challenge constitutionality by Seattle – will County support? GT – In Wash. State legal adequacy of an initiative is determined after passage, wait and see. CB – feels full discussion of financial impact was not discussed prior to vote. If Seattle want to challenge feels they are free to do so. JT – many Counties have tied Bonds to tab fees, that would be impacted. TPA – Transportation Partnership – will be impacted, looking at \$300,000 plus to County. JT will be a conference next week. Will know more details after that.

Treasurer/Auditor (Budget Work Session)

- Transfer of remaining unspent fund to new **Building Department Enterprise**
- A discussion of remaining funds to purchase more/new vehicles – Sheriff’s has \$57,000 remaining.
- With **law changes – impacts** office supplies. Requires notice for Delinquent Property taxes, change in paper size will make more expensive.
- If drop office supplies \$2000 how to restore if needed later.
- Postage & Professional services both up. – rationale is given
- Travel – higher costs for State convention, more training costs due to Initiatives & law changes. AH – wants Treasurer to know need to justify to other departments when look at their travel expenses.
- Rental – Postage meter, check printer, Remittance Machine (reads checks for electronic deposits), need to reconfigure some billings due to changes.
- Tax receivables report for the month
- Continue Financial & Treasurer/Auditor discussion later.

11:00 Executive Session. Pending or ongoing litigation

- DG, Risk Pool People (Quinn Plant – Risk Pool att., Chuck Boyd – Risk Pool), TC, BOCC. 1 hour. 110.1(i)

Lunch

1:30 Public Health

- **State Auditor Entrance Conference:**
 - o Review work – mostly financial. Assist Public Health with improving procedures.
 - o Covers Jan. 2018 – Jul. 2019
 - o Levels of concern: Finding (highest – significant non-compliance; Mgmt – middle of the road, important for Board to know; Exit – less complicated, want to bring up to mgmt. attention.
 - o Recognizes confidential nature of Public Health materials
 - o Costs around \$4500 + about \$500 travel
 - o Any big deal to Laurie & David – otherwise just Jill
 - o AH asks about how cost of Audit is determined: Willing to go over County costs.

- **2020 Public Health Budget Discussion** - met with Finance Cmte, need to firm up County contribution. Discussion of Pub. Health budget methodology
- Resolution 2019-08 (COL living allowance – 3%) & 2019-10 (Inventory policy) passed
- **Newer Vehicle purchase discussion** - Approved
- **Community Health Update:** About done with quality & quantity of deaths in the community, Tribal training for Narcan.
- **Environmental Health Update:** Out of office 11/22 – 12/5, Enforcement in Methow – residential structure.
- Board Member (Pat) – presents pamphlet on Climate modification – aerosols (Chem trails?). Nano particles of aluminum. Are everywhere – can cause neurological issues – self-purchased pamphlet and passed out to those present.

3:25 BOCC.

3:27 TC, (**Risk Management & Human Resources**), DR (**Juvenile & Judicial**), AN (**Prosecutor**)

- DR – 2 issues – Decision on **Admin Services position**. Condition of offer to current employee - wants to start at Step 3: Strong match to position (All requirements + most of preferred) plus experience. Juvenile vehicle went down. \$1736 est. to repair, vehicle only worth maybe \$4000. Budgeted to buy 3 with one sharing with the Sheriff. Now with a current vehicle not usable. Work with JP for surplus purposes for damaged vehicle.
- Prosecutor's Office – difficulty filling position. **Potential candidate** – meets & exceeds all needs. Would like to hire Felony Deputy Prosecutor's position – hire at Step 3: Move and authorize to offer at Step 3. Currently only 1 Felony Deputy Prosecutor, AN also does felonies. A bit more than District Court but less than Chief Deputy Prosecutor – approved. TC will draft a resolution – an authorization to offer.
- TC will pass on report until later.

3:40 **WSU Extension – Brainstorming Session**. Kayla Wells, Roni Deifenbach-Holder,

- Set up in August to discuss Capstone projects for Seniors from WSU in certain disciplines.
 - o Address opportunities in County to explore issues in the County – possible.
 - Co. Web Site – ADA compliance?
 - From Morrow College – help with developing college program for training.
 - 45 different Capstone disciplines across University

Public Hearing - Liability Ins. Fund 146 - \$123,000 (Premium for 2020)

- Resolution 121-2019. Passed.

Misc. Business

- Move to authorize purchase of new blinds for Court Room #2 – out of this year's budget, maintenance item, save \$140 if order now. Will use District Court funds. Approved.
- Methow EMS – Approve contract for AeroMethow
- Pilkington reappointed to Civil Service Commission
- Agreement with Wash. St. Dept of Office of Public Defense – Grant terms of agreement - \$52,274. Approved.
- Move to postpone adoption of minutes until next week.
- Approve consent agenda.

Adjourn