

**Board of Okanogan County Commissioners
(BOCC)
November 26, 2019**

Jim Detro – JD (BOCC)	Kelly – (Fair Events)
Chris Branch – CB (BOCC)	Maurice Goodall – MG (Emergency Mgmt)
Andy Hover – AH (BOCC)	Mike Worden – MW (Dispatch, Sheriff's)
Josh Thomson – JT (Public Works)	Dan Higbee – DH (Building)
Joe Poulin – JP (Maintenance & Fair Grds)	George Thornton – GT (Citizen, County Watch)
Angie Hubbard – AHu (Interim Planning)	Tony Hawley – TH (Sheriff)
Laleña Johns – LJ (BOCC Clerk)	Karen Beatty – (Central Service)
Kelly (BOC Asst. Clerk)	Larry Gilman – LG (Assessor)
David Gechas – DG (Civil Att.)	Annie Lyons – AL (Noxious Weeds)
Tanya Craig – TC (Risk Manager)	Charlene Grooms - CG (Clerk's Office)
Shelly Keitzman SK (HR)	Susan Speaker - SS (Clerk's Office)
Leah McCormick – LM (Treasurer)	Arian Noma – AN (Prosecuting Attorney)
Cari Hall – CH (Auditor)	

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Summary: Admin & Fair Maintenance: Storage container to the Fairgrounds, Maintenance needs 2nd, Quotes for the door at the Courthouse, **Interim Planning Dir:** DOE about an SEIS, **Civil Attorney:** Exec Session 110.1(i) Potential or current litigation, **Interim Fair Events:** Best Rodeo of the Year, Gun show booked, FAC meeting, Agriplex & storage of RVs, **Door bid on Courthouse, HR & Risk:** MV ski trail system, **OBHC & DR:** New Juvenile position, New CEO, Vehicles for Juvenile, Positions, **Bid Opening:** Omak / Riverside Eastside Road, **Public Works:** Maintenance & Roads, Statler Bridge, Purchasing policy, County Leaders Conference: WSACE, 102 Budget, Similkameen Trail, Emergency preparedness, **Public Comment:** GT - Apple maggot detected in 2018 in Oroville area, TV District, **Planning Director interviews, Misc. Business, Methow RD:** Twisp Restoration Project, Roads are hard to keep up with maintenance, E-Bikes a motorized vehicle, Work session with BOCC, McClure communication site

BOCC: AH, CB, CB Staff: DG, JP, AHu, Kelly

JP (Admin & Fair Maintenance)

- Ah talked to Tim about **storage container to the Fairgrounds** for storage (Came with shelving, able to get all materials into the one so second is surplus). **Maintenance needs 2nd** for storage and outside workshop. Leave in the Admin Parking lot – is close to power source as is.
- Received **quotes for the door at the Courthouse**. With a panic bar. Quote from R & R. Current door is a double swing door – swings both ways. Would need some sort of a door stop to work with a panic bar. Or keep as a double swing door, or remove the current door and install a full new door with panic bars. Would have an automatic door opener to meet ADA requirements.
- Nothing else, meeting with Ameresco (Heating & Cooling system) on Dec. 5

AHu (**Interim Planning Dir.**)

- Talking with the **DOE about an SEIS**. They have no comments on the SEIS. The reviewer normally has some particulars.

9:11 DG (Civil Attorney)

- **Exec Session 110.1(i) Potential or current litigation**. BOCC, DG & AHu. Return 9:45

Kelly (Interim Fair Events)

- Received an award as “**Best Rodeo of the Year**” from the participants.
- **Gun show booked** for June 6
- **FAC meeting** – biggest concern for them is reviewing the Premium Book. Omak Chronicle has a jump drive with all file. Will go through that and make changes as needed. Will have 2 meetings for changes and then a vote.
 - o Will put in a **\$2 minimum to issue a premium check**.
 - o FAC will contribute up to \$10,000 towards **installing suitable electricity for North end RV parking**. Total cost estimated at \$20,000
- Some discussion about being careful about **competing with private business**. Renting of **Agriplex & storage of RVs**. Some people come from long distances to use Fair due to low cost.
- Discussion of moving fence at the north end for more control of who enters.
- Some RVs being stored at Fair Grounds are being hooked up to power to keep battery fresh. Uses some power so some small fee for hookup? Some people come from as far as Leavenworth to use our storage, other comes from Manson as the price is right.

AH – Move to authorization to call for **door bid on Courthouse**. Approved

10:05 TC (HR & Risk)

- Grievance meeting at 1:30
- AH & TC met with Risk Pool, new contract with Jim P.
- Non-bargaining & positions on contract – hire staff.
- End of year (De. 20) – all deposits done
- **AH on MV on trail system**, county pays liability insurance. Trail system receives revenue from sale of passes for trail use. Provides portable warming huts in winter, county needs to get title to the trailers in order to insure. Need to avoid subsidizing a “business” or entity that generates revenue. Pass is about \$349 per year to use the ski trail, there are daily passes also. County has no control over arrangements or maintenance but carry the liability. Need to reconsider this arrangement.

10:30 OBHC & DR update

- Update on CEO position, Rhonda Colbert new Board secretary
- **New Juvenile position** is filled and person present for introductions
- Have recruited and hired a **new CEO**. Starts in January. OBHC had initially 8 apps. Location of the County deterred some, ended up interviewing 3 and selected one of the candidates. Were prepared to keep looking.
 - o Excited about the new CEO clinical experience. From Denver, CO area, they are used to a large number of minorities.
 - o Effort to keep the OBHC Board and Admin (CEO +) more in touch with community & constituency.
- DR: talking about **vehicles for Juvenile**. 4 vehicles originally, one current one fatally failed so only 3, on will be loan to Sheriff’s, so only 2 more for Juvenile. No van, upon review did not need that capability. Looks at \$163,000. One already ordered – due in March.

- AH – directed JP to get with bid out for replacement door to meet ADA requirements.
- AH/DR – discussion of budget for funding.
- **Positions** – 2 issues taken care of through negotiations, need to work on the other some more.

11:00 Bid Opening – Omak / Riverside Eastside Road.

- 3 bids submitted
- Apparent low of \$648,648.00, CW Asphalt. Engineer's bid was \$743,468.50
- Staff will review the bid and make recommendations next week.

JT (Public Works)

- **Maintenance & Roads:** Most of County now in winter. A long-term supervisor is retiring. JT new it was coming. Possible big winter storm coming, have made preparations
- **Statler Bridge** – no news
- **Purchasing policy draft:** Working on it
- **County Leaders Conference: WSACE** – STP funding will become more difficult to utilize, it was already difficult. Will need to obligate by June 1 or then re-allocate. Will need to be careful about awarding STP to complicated projects. Preservation expert from the DOT.
- JT is on sequence to be WSACE President. Expectation is for JT to go to National Convention. Some costs will be on the County. County gives tentative approval.
- **102 Budget**
 - o **I-976 impacts:** Too early to tell
 - o **FEMA payments** – not this year as was expected, will adjust the budget
 - o **Pit purchase** – Will not complete this year, will adjust the budget
- **Similkameen Trail:** Possible LTAC funding, needed work by the County is spring review for ditching and culverts.
- **Emergency preparedness** – In case of big earthquake, Beebe Bridge likely gone. State pilot's association would fly in aid in case of an emergency. Big issues might be keeping fuel for vehicles? Rock slides closing Methow and many bridges along Hwy 155.

1:30 Public Comment:

- GT – asking about reported news on **apple maggot detected in 2018 in Oroville area**. WS Dept. of Agriculture send any news? JD – none
- **TV District** – will have a conference call next week to discuss details on lease agreement. Received offer for help from a Spokane station.

CB – hoping to set up **Planning Director interviews** soon,

Misc. Business

- Approve County vouchers & payroll
- Approve Public Health vouchers & payroll
- Approve Consent Agenda

Methow RD – Chris Furr & Aaron Peterson

- **Twisp Restoration Project**
 - o Looking for input and coordination on roads
 - o Public Mtg in Twisp last week
 - o Scoping during December.
 - o Will sit down in Feb. to look at alternatives and planning. All range of activities are being considered. Stream restoration, thinning, understory reduction,

- **Roads are hard to keep up with maintenance.** Need to find a right sizing of the system
- MVRD – Realized they do not have enough people to maintain current system
- AH – funding is based on a trade-off of difficulties with maintenance and funds. MVRD – many of the roads were put in for a specific entry. Still wants to keep up if need for future project or fire. If it is a part of a system or a dead end is a consideration. Length of dead end road a possible criteria.
- JD – not in favor of decommissioning roads. Gate and keep open to horses, ATVs, etc.
- MVRD – sedimentation is part of the issue. In areas where will need more access have a lot of factors to consider. Where endangered species are at issue is difficult. Wants to get full input from ATV groups before getting too far into the process.
- JD – Warns against wide spread or blanket closures with opening roads one at a time only with engineer’s approval. Sees that not as the right approach.
- MVRD – **E-Bikes are considered a motorized vehicle** so can’t go off designated roads.
- Direction from above for 2020 is to limit only for public safety, environmental risk, and more.
- AH – would like to see a map (or two), that shows what actions, degree of restrictions and reasons for any changes.
- MVRD – willing to come back as plans are develop to show, receive input and coordinate.
- CB – need to consider connections with County road system and Back Roads study. Feels Beaver Lake area needs to retain current closures and restrictions
- AH put up on screen a GPS layer on next visit. Go over decisions for a discussion & agreements.
- MVRD – Are talking about 100s roads, many very short. Sort by length, indicate status of roads, some not current passable. Sedimentation an issue of course.
- There will be fuel reduction where feasible and consider economic viability from a timber perspective (Sometimes difficult to sell). Need defensible fire suppression potential – remove understory, keep ridgeline open as a fire break. Always comes down to funds = economics, funds, etc.
- Will set a **work session with BOCC** to go over specific roads for consideration
- JD – concern over an individual who had been doing trail maintenance with a chain saw in the wilderness – saw confiscated and person fined. MVRD – Not a discretionary option of local ranger, does want to find a way for a compromise.
- JD & AH – bring us **McClure communication site** entry road and need for weed control. Land owner was assessed cost of control and a lien has been put on property. County want to get all users of site to contribute to covering the costs. Ranger will look into options.

Notetaker leaves for another meeting.