

Okanogan Board of County Commissioners
11/4/2019

JD—Jim DeTro
AH—Andy Hover
CB—Chris Branch
LJ—Lalena Johns-clerk to the Commissioners
JT—Josh Thompson, County Roads Engineer
AHub—Interim Planning Director
Rocky—Planning Department
CH—Cari Hall, County Auditor
Lisa—Auditor’s Office
LM—Leah McCormack—County Treasurer
WSU Extension
Sheriff’s Office

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Summary of significant discussions: Public Works Update (not videoed), Planning Department update, 2020 Budget Work Sessions for the Planning Department, Search and Rescue and WSU Extension.

Public Works Update:

JT—The Washington DOT had it’s de-icer break down on the Loup, so that’s why it was so icy up there this morning.

AH—It was icy all right.

JT—The road crews are waiting for snow. Brush clearing and ditch cleaning takes up the slack in the meantime. A couple of trees came down recently and we cleared them.

JD—The re-grading on several roads went really well. The crown is just right.

JT—Training paid off.

JT—We passed the steam treatment verification test to treat yard waste. Kent designed the system. The Department of Agriculture did the test and they were impressed.

JT—I’ll be in Wenatchee tomorrow for the WSDOT coordination meeting. That’s why I’m doing the Public Works update today. Anything you want me to bring up? Bridges? Just on 153?

JT—The Statler Bridge project is rolling along. The gravel crushing is going OK. The quality is good, but the process is slower than expected.

JT—The area at Salmon Creek Rd at Cowan’s may have trees, but we don’t know yet.

JD—Trees may have value.

JT—If so, we can figure something out.

JT—Similkameen Train maintenance. There’s a crane going across. We’ll hear back.

CB—If the bids are too high, can we do the contracts later.

JT—If the schedule works out.

JT—There's no consent agenda today.

CB—NW Trails wants to put a kiosk at Whistler Canyon. Do you have to approve the design to make sure it's OK structurally?

Update over at 11:15