

**Board of Okanogan County Commissioners  
(BOCC)**

**Nov. 6, 2018**

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Josh Thomson – JT (Public Works)  
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Leah McCormick – LM (Treasurer)  
Cari Hall – CH (Auditor, Finance Mgr)

Debi Hilts – DH (HR)  
Joe Poulin – JP (Maintenance & Fair Grds)  
Perry Huston – PH (Planning)  
Laleña Johns – LJ (BOCC Clerk)  
Laurie Thomas – LT (Auditor)  
Stella Columbia – SC (Fair Events Coord.)  
Maurice Goodall – MG (Emergency Mgmt)  
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**Summary:** TV District dissolution, **Civil Attorney:** Land forfeiture hearing, Elmway document with Corps of Engineers, Public records requests, Future Wise asking about Comp. Plan, Exec. Session at 2:00, Public records request, **Fair Events:** Fair advisory committee, Well driller, Long-term planning, **Admin & Fair Ground Maintenance:** Burn piles at Fair, Scrap materials, Waiting for well driller, **Planning & Admin:** Admin. Assistant, Champerty Shores, Conservation District on implementing VSP, Conservation District over WRIA 49 process, CUP on Pickens Mtn, **BOCC Admin Clerk:** USFS using BOCC parking lot, **Risk Management & HR:**, **Public Hearing on Homeless Housing Fund 142, Concern over “Rock Church” in Okanogan, Public Hearing for Supplemental Appropriation – Various Funds, Public Hearing – Dual use of Roads – Snowmobiles & Vehicles, Public Works: Engineering** - Maintenance & Roads, Public Works reserve, Sinlahekin Rd., Blue Lake outlet culvert, Barkely & MVID Ditch project, Public Works admin building maintenance, Pits for road materials, WATV routes, Organization Chart, **Admin & SW** - Open Positions, SW Operator/ Mechanic request for temp employee, Finance Div. Assistance, SW Fee Schedule, Apple Maggot, **Public Comment:** Chris Fisher CF (CCT Fisheries) on Johnson Creek - Concern about how CCT efforts are being depicted. Discrepancy between hearsay and reality in public discussion. **2:02 Executive Session** – Pending legal, **Pickens Mtn property, Outstanding BOCC Business.**

9:00 JD, CB – AH at Orca Conference. Staff: LJ, PH, JP, SC & DG

**TV District dissolution:** Assets of TV District – does County have to sell off all assets or can it keep some (Pickens Mountain)? DG will do research to determine how to proceed. In a side issue what kind of notice needs to be given with the dissolution of the District.

**DG (Civil Attorney)**

- Was at a **land forfeiture hearing last Tuesday** – DG feels it will be resolved out of Court.
- **Elmway document with Corps of Engineers** and levee.
- **Public records requests:** – one from Future Wise regarding rules on domestic occupancy, also looking at pertinent newspaper articles, looking at in stream flow rule.
- Tim V. (**Future Wise attorney**) – asking about Comp. Plan and if it will be done by Dec. 31. DG – may need an extension on the Court order. PH – Comp. Plan was released by BOCC to the Planning Commission to examine. Outstanding issues that were not addressed due to dismissal on in Court on technical issues – PH feels BOCC has dealt with the issues.
- Will have an **Exec. Session at 2:00**
- **Public records request** (Thomason Law Office sp?). – 2 days to resolve
- Otherwise business as usual – emails & phone calls.

## SC (Fair Events)

- **Fair advisory committee** on Thursday.
- **Well driller** showed up to drill, JP will go over this morning to meet with driller.
- Last weekend's event at the Agriplex was the last for some time. SC will be able to get to some **long-term planning**. WVC is asking about a charitable event – roller rink?. Will likely ask about for a rental waiver.
- JD – wine and cheese event went well

## JP (Admin & Fair Ground Maintenance)

- **Burn piles at Fair** will start burning today. CB – maybe go to the Air Quality meeting on Wednesday (?).
- Wants to take a load of **scrap materials** to Central landfill or recycling as appropriate. PH – need a resolution to surplus the material before taking to recycling. SC – some of the left over surplus desks will be useful in Jones Hall.
- Just **waiting for well driller**; CB – all lines blown? JP – no, vendor has already sent bill but have not finished the job. Bill was sent to wrong address also.
- JD: - Hubbard, the well driller, called. Asking about the location of the well. JD recommended to watch the well and put it as close to the old well but not too close. General discussion.

## PH (Planning & Admin)

- **Admin. Assistant:** Interviewing a week from Thursday, 17 applications for the position, looks like a deep pool.
- Will go to Oroville on Wednesday – **Champerty Shores**
- Draft agreement with the **Conservation District on implementing VSP.**
- Meeting with the **Conservation District over WRIA 49 process.**
- Original **CUP on Pickens Mtn** with Cellular 1. JD & CB – County wants to retain property if possible. LJ – no longer a quorum in the TV District so they cannot conduct business. BOCC will need a public hearing to have any action.

## LJ (BOCC Admin Clerk)

- **USFS using BOCC parking lot.** Dave Colbert with the USFS has called. Wants to park 2 – 4 vehicles at the BOCC parking lot over night and weekends. Local employees would pickup and use the vehicles then return them to the lot at the end of the workday. Personal vehicles would be parked during the day. LJ lays out some conflicts: plowing snow, liability, crowding - are examples that would need to be resolved.
- LJ has a Friday appointment and will be out of the office. Will leave “Kelly’s” capable hands. If the BOCC has anything that there needs attention let LJ know.

JD - JP & SC working on security cameras – yes, but JP was on vacation last week.

## 10:00 – TC (Risk Management) & DH (HR)

- TC: a lot of personnel turnover, reviewing of filling positions
- Has sent out an email regarding insurance open enrollment
- Draft resolution on Public Works organization chart to satisfy CRAB needs
- There is a claim from a person who fell into SW bin at Central landfill in August. (CB relates similar issue at Central landfill with individuals tossing garbage. Bin would get full and mound up, patrons would need to toss over the buildup. SW workers should get out there when the problem develops.
- Negotiations with Unions

- Marshall vs. County – postponed until January. Local Judges needed to recuse. An outside judge has been scheduled.
- Claim from Mr. Pigeon – James Fehr motions, will be an all day meeting due to the number of motions to be considered.
- Received a re-imburement from the Insurance Special Fund.
- DH (HR) – annual evaluations needed for various employees. CB – still working.
  - o In Open Enrollment right now
  - o Met with Planning about life insurance
  - o A couple of openings & employment shifting around.
- Nov. 15, interview for Planning position, IT apps, Admin Assistant.
- LJ brings up USFS parking, some concerns. Notification of plowing needs – park on periphery, maybe blocked in with a big snow. Best to have an inter-governmental agreement – liability, reciprocity, recognize maintenance/plowing needs. LJ will look into language for an agreement. TC will write up a resolution when LJ has corresponded with USFS about the issues.
- Appraiser to come in and value various County buildings.
- Risk Pool people meeting beginning on Wednesday.

#### LJ (BOCC Admin Clerk)

- Supplemental Appropriation, actually an amendment. LJ could prepare a resolution – is a reimbursement to fund for maintenance costs which County agreed to take over. Would transfer funds from Contingency Reserve.
- AH has sent a reminder of need to approve payroll today

#### 10:45 Public Hearing on Homeless Housing Fund 142

- Funds into professional services. Motion approved.

CB – has heard some **concern over “Rock Church” in Okanogan**. Some rumor about “losing church” and wanting County to take over. JD has not heard.

#### 10:50 – Public Hearing for Supplemental Appropriation – Various Funds.

- OBHC, Community Development Block Grant (CBDG) to fund gran payout, PILT fund transfers, others. Motion Approved

#### 11:00 Public Hearing – Dual use of Roads – Snowmobiles & Vehicles

- JT, BR & Joann Stansbury
- Usage has been done since 2013, no comments from public
- JT: only minor corrections on mileages. Recommends changing to be a ongoing resolution and not on an annual renewal unless an inquiry or major change.
- Motion and approved 11:03

#### JT & BR (Public Works)

- **Engineering**
  - o **Maintenance & Roads:** same as before, starting to put together plow trucks, WSDoT has passed on that Hwy 20 likely to be open until January.
  - o **Public Works reserve;** 3.7 million opening budget, 3.2 forecasted at the end of year without tipping fee increase. Need to address decrease in reserve. Future pit purchases will impact the reserve. Possibly hold off on chip sealing and lengthen cycle or less frequent snow plowing. Other ways to address shortfall – back off plowing to stated policy (4”). Problem with chip sealing in Methow – lack of rock for sealing. Will continue to study – JD - short term solution, shift of funds to higher interest opportunities?

- **Sinlahekin Rd., Blue Lake outlet culvert** – will close the road for 2 weeks after Thanksgiving for construction.
- **Barkely & MVID Ditch project:** Davis Creek – worked out with Trout Unlimited and USF & W.
- **Public Works admin building maintenance:** Very old heat pumps, 6 – 8 windows replaced per year in budget. Repaint after windows replaced.
- **Pits for road materials** – looking for Methow source
- **WATV routes** – have a list of roads in the GIS, will forward for consideration.
- Discussion of **Organization Chart** – using the current one for CRAB purposes, any changes can be done by amending.
- JT will be on a Thursday panel on Road Safety Program.
- **Admin & SW**
  - **Open Positions:** M2 Truck - interviews today, 7 applicants, pool thin, Winter Snow Groomers temps interviewed Monday, Winter M2 truck temps filled - 4 positions, SW Operation/Mechanic filled, SW Recycle/Transfer Station/Equipment Operation – Open, Engineering Tech – not posted yet.
  - **SW Operator/ Mechanic request for temp employee** – a long term medical absence and need someone to cover for an indefinite period 1 – 6 months. Any hire would be apprised of the variable time frame. Will prepare a resolution for BOCC
  - **Finance Div. Assistance** – would share with SW and backup financial division as necessary. Work on payables, SW cash flow, handling, some clerical SW.
  - **SW Fee Schedule** update – on Consent Agenda. Tipping Fee increases, implement March.
  - **Apple Maggot** – implementation on Nov. 9, Friday – will be in place on Tuesday opening. Fine tuning being done and will be ready to go.
  - OK to sell surplus pallets for \$1 each.
  - JD: Did JT have a chance to discuss Summit Rd off Hwy 20, no good turn around past the Cemetery. Would need to construct a new turn-around to plow farther. Will get mileage and feedback form local supervisor.

11:45 Lunch

### 1:30 Public Comment

- **Chris Fisher CF (CCT Fisheries) on Johnson Creek.** Concern about how CCT efforts are being depicted. Discrepancy between hearsay and reality in public discussion.
  - Statement that CCT not providing information – CF has always been available and open on what is happening.
  - CCT interest is same as in all creeks in the Okanogan basin. Restoring native anadromous fish. BPS did not or was not able to meet their requirements/agreements/mitigation from dam building and operation upstream of dams. Tribe in a subcontract to fulfill that obligation. Mainstream of Okanogan get too warm for fish during summer, the small fish move into tributaries to escape and survive. Steel head are endangered and are the focus of recovery.
  - PIT (Passive Integrated Transponder) tag arrays detect fish – detects species, ID# and where tagged. Gives a statistical ability to measure access or presence.
  - One concern was that CCT had something to allow access. Provides evidence to show that there was access by the steelhead before CCT efforts to improve access. Culvert under hwy is greatest impediment (not barrier – just made it more difficult, big drop off of detection upstream of culvert but there was a presence). Steelhead are extremely athletic and able to proceed upstream. There was a grate that allowed only smaller fish upstream at the culvert, this grate has been removed. Smaller tagged steelhead were detected upstream before removal.
    - CCT has never stocked hatchery fish in Johnson Creek

- 5 – 10% of any fish population will stray into new area – outliers.
  - Removing impediments, not barriers.
- CCT has worked co-operatively with a variety of entities. They are willing to work out issues and CF pointed out several examples. Will want some quid pro quo for their efforts – generally an increased in stream flow. JD relates his efforts in the past to co-operate with the Tribe.
- CF feels efforts have been vilified and misconstrued.
  - 143 irrigation intakes on Okanogan were not screened in the past, now all are screened thanks for CCT assistance
  - Always works towards win-win
  - Conconully – Salmon Creek improvements to fill upper reservoir
- JD relates long term Brown Trout population is a local concern (Rod Haberle). CCT has only authorized a larger bag limit on non-native fish including bass and Brown trout among others.
- CB implication that CCT was trespassing. CF – not to his knowledge and will look into. Feels it would be a bad way to do business.
- CF office at Old Paschal Sherman school.

**2:02 Executive Session** – Pending legal – 20 minutes, return at 2:22.

PH (Planning)

- **Pickens Mtn property.** PH located old Quit Claim deed from Coburn Family Trust to TV District – several separate leases for placement and operation of communication facilities. Provide about \$28,00 per year in income. No conditions or claim against property. DG looking at 2 statutes that relate to property disposition of a dissolved sub-districts.
  - Discussion of possibility/process of County acquiring Pickens Mtn. property upon dissolution of TV District.
  - CUP is owned by TV District – would revert to any buyer and need amendment to reflect new owner – County?
  - Communication currently operated Day Wireless (sp?) – Day receives 60% of proceeds, TV District received 40% (\$28,000).
  - LJ has communicated for full information from TV District secretary – inn process.
  - GT (George Thornton) – points out necessary expenses when County acquired facility operation of County Fair grounds and subsequent capital and operation expenses. Asks if there any necessary need for investment to continued operation?

Note Taker Leaves for other commitments

**Outstanding BOCC Business:**

- Payroll vouchers
- Budget Work Session – District Court
- Consent Agenda
  - BOCC Proceedings 10/30 & 31, 2018
  - LTAC contract with Tonasket Chamber of Commerce - \$2055
  - Agreement – Survey services – Cameron Lake Rd – Erlandsen & associates
  - Appointment Letter – Civil Service Commission – Celeste Pugsley
  - Resolution – Fairgrounds Rental Fee Schedule
  - Resolution – Addition Noxious Weed Field Inspector for Training
  - Resolution – Public Works Fee Schedule
  - Resolution – Public Works Organization Chart