

BOCC
Nov. 9, 2015

Ray Campbell - RC
Sheilah Kennedy - SK
Jim Detro (arrived approx. 9:10) - JD

LJ - Lanie Johns
PH - Perry Huston

Italics: comments and additions

9:00 Exec. Session - discussion of the performance of a public employee.
No JD, came late

Deer Feeding

After executive session I related to BOCC that the DFW was intending to feed deer this winter. This news is contrary to what was discussed last week. This from a friend of mine who works for the DFW. The plan is to set up a few feeding stations and see if they are used. If used they will then fill them regularly with a limited amount of feed. If they are used up later in the season the DFW will get more feed and continue feeding. This according to my source. BOCC seemed to be OK about this news and will check on it.

Fire Statistics and info

SK shared some statistics about the fires: SK shared a copy with me: Estimated costs of the main fires in our area: North Star - 44.5 M., Tunk Block - 7 m., Okanogan Complex - 46.3 M., Chelan Complex - 20.6 M., Total - 118.4 M. This is subject to change and final numbers won't be available until March or April. This from a BLM person. Additionally SK shared that 792,000 ac burned in 2014 - 2015. 11,000 head of cattle affected by fire, ext. 1200 had to be put down or died, 3000 have been/will be sold due to loss of grazing and/or hay. \$50 Million impact on cattle industry alone, besides Tourism, hospitals, school districts. One billion board feet marketable timber was lost on Reservation.

Discussion of correspondence and meetings of the week. Treasurer update for Tues. Canceled. They are processing taxes, possible refunds due to fire.

Update on processing of BOCC minutes

Note that BOCC minutes have not been posted until months later for a years. On July 24th, they were supposed to have been caught up but were not. This is apparently a new effort.

Minutes are being caught up. Commissioners need to review. On We. next week will review from 10a - 11a, want to get out & publish same week. Goal is to get out previous Wed., Mon. & Tues. minutes after approval each Wed. As a minimum get them out and approved each week.

LJ - current fairground person will end there and transition to sub. for another position. Discussion of various personal movement in next couple of days in building maintenance.

10:00 Methow Trail System Issue - Walt Foster

Trail easement through property. Having trouble with usage. New trouble under current trail mgmt. Trail people marked to cut 30 trees in an open space area that was some distance from trail. Walt wanted to leave area alone for natural area. Concerned about removal of habitat for wildlife. Walt granted easement years ago. Biathlete group has gun range also (Foster daughter & grand-daughter also present). Method Trails has changed. Difficulty with trail bridge and concern water headset usage. Foster getting a lot of discussion with Forest Service about impact. Rocks used to channel water head gate have to be repositioned regularly due to stream moving of rocks (USFS not happy with this alteration). Bridge causes channeling of water that moves rocks. Has worked over years to co-operate with county and valley for betterment of community. Feels he is being lied about by new trail manager. Heavier usage of trail & heavier groomer has caused die off of alfalfa due to compaction and longer lasting packed snow. Feels trail has an obligation to help out. Need to keep watering for hay in order to maintain water right. General conflict between CC skiers and land owners. Wants to have more balance for his concerns. *(no point of view from other side. Foster is just relaying his feelings and concerns).*

New mgmt people have a different attitude, cater more to big money skiers (Property is near Mazama Store). Foster family sold off a lot of land and kept easement for agriculture and control of open space until Walt F. death. Granddaughter feels a certain disregard of impacts of trail on land and agriculture. **RC** - needs to look at verbiage of agreement, get legal input. (technically county holds easement?) - feels county has a lot of influence & legal rights. **RC** - will look into to protect agriculture and verbiage of planned development that they sold. **SK** - need to look at Franchise Agreement with Method Trails Assn. Granddaughter feels a big division between upper valley (new people) and down valley (long time people). **RC** thanks for head up, will look into issue.

10:20 Review paper & computer.

JD takes phone call, leaves room to talk in hall.

Wildlife: Possible Reintroduction of Fishers?

LJ - Fish and Wildlife are in co-op with Conservation Northwest about Fishers. Discussion of possible impact, all on Federal lands. **RC** concerned this could grow to be a problem. Concerned that could grow to be a listing of Flsher. Science info can be not real. **RC** - ask **PH** for looking into so could be more informed *(Presumption of a problem).*

Food for Seniors - Financial Aspects?

LJ, RC, SK - discussion of budget item for \$7500 about delivering food to seniors. Can't use trademark name of Meals on Wheels., but similar purpose. Senior transportation

budget items is County contribution for this program. **SK** this program has evolved over years. County giving \$59,000 to support Aging and Adult Care. OK about supporting meals to elderly wants to know what/where \$ go, where does \$7500 fit in? AAC also works in other counties but other counties don't pay in. What a report so BOCC better understands where/how/what of money.

Junior Taxing Districts, AeroMethow - other EMS

LJ does BOCC want to review junior taxing districts? Money comes from their levies but flows through treasurer office. **SK** - asking if BOCC has oversight responsibility. Actual operation of EMS Method contracted to AeroMethow. **RC** - AeroMethow does good job. None of the EMS are looked at carefully by BOCC. Need to do this as BOCC is signature on the line.

Funding for Fair

RC went to fair Advisory Board, their coming in with a bigger ask. Bd needs to know that will be paid for from revenue. Need to consider that in any requests for funds. Need to have revenue offset to compensate County. **SK** did fair bd ask for \$3000 from lodging tax, **LJ** yes

LJ, SK - DNR revenue received for fair usage. Fair Bd wants to request more \$, needs to show when revenue will offset. Got \$70,500 this year, plus \$30,000 from State fair. Gate admissions approx. \$88,500. **SK** need year end report to base budget & weigh requests. Some discussion of non-fair money - FEMA, DNR. When get money, how much fair want. (*is this revenue for fair or County? Does this offset Fair costs? - that is non fair revenue?*).

11:05 Reviewing computer, occasional discussion with **LJ** (*see above*)
Can be very quiet for lengths of time.

Public Works: Concern re job descriptions

Josh from/of PW - concern over job descriptions. PW director position going away, moving more toward administrator. Less of an engineer position. Josh offered some RCW that includes Rd engineer with fixing budget for ensuing year. Can't move budget function from engineer. **SK** reading differences with new PW admni. VS. Engineer. **SK** does not want to change current proposal. Due to personnel grievances want to separate admin from engineer. Goal to take some of work load off position. **RC** wants to look at job description & RCW does support good but wants to review.

11:21 Skip Rosenthal shows up early for 11:30 meeting.
JD can't get started early because agenda said 11:30

11:30 Skip discussion of items

Behavioral Health / Drug prevention / counselors in schools etc.

Placing counselors in schools. Issues with jurisdiction into Grand Coulee. RSN (Regional Service Network) due to 5 county overlap. DMHP - (Designated Mental Health Provider) can designate if a person needs involuntary commitment.

Interlocal agreement with county & RSN. New program will called a BHO (Behavioral Health Organization)- includes drug as well as mental health. Still tied to Spokane, new MOU - need county to sign off on additional duty. **SK** why spooked not other counties? **SKIP** - not a structural change. Spokane takes risk so wants control. (Same discussion over past agreements). RSN will change to a BHO, include drug abuse. **SK** will have Albert review. BHO needs to have back by December so County has time to review new agreement.

Contract employee assistance benefit for County employees. Newest agreement is 2008, needs to update. Wants to update to make current. Rollover with amendments or write new agreement . Just a rewrite of 2008 with an update of hourly rate to \$75. **RC** feels better have new one, will run by Albert. Had a referral this year for the first time in a while and this is why brought up.

RC is there nab effort to offer an education program about substance abuse?
SKip talks about past places, would like to but to limited, would like to by moving money is short. Project Success - at least \$60,000 a year per counselor. Discussion of spending money for prevention. **SK** Maybe use Chem Dependency reserve - \$204,000 currently. No 2015 invoices out of reserve. **Skip** Program generally runs in the red but could use some. Need to keep some reserve. **RC** would like to divert more \$ to prevention in schools, but tough finding \$.

JD leaves early to go to courthouse

BOCC would like to hear about proposal to get prevention services into schools.

SK Still waiting to hear on "other" issue. **Skip** Will come back in about a month about prevention services. Will invoice reserves for \$40,000 this year.

Skip leaves. **RC** transferring \$ around incurs admin. fees. would be good to short cut & avoid admin costs.

Possible shift drug task Force \$ to prevention? Issue with police - many youth scored and not trust. More community policing to ease relationship issue.

Extended discussion with board about this relationship issue & using border crossing as an example. **RC** permits out some people less likely to be cooperative with police, others because of this situation.

LJ, SK, RC - maybe some funds of Mental Health are meant of one area but working vague enough that \$ can be shifted between areas to cover shortfalls in other area. Lane is putting concept into email to Skip. Some peoples function is in multiple areas and need to invoice carefully to track usage & \$. General need to make sure \$ invoices can be tracked to the account and need they are asked for Example: Chem Dependency is for CD not MH.

12:25 **RC** leaves, I leave.

Return 1:14 (**JD, RC, & SH present**)

1:30 Planning with Perry Huston

Letter to Director of FW: did not get out, check on date and acceptance of final draft. Desire to coordinate with legislative meeting. Dec. 9?

In conference call with Rep. Parlette, no big items on tap for commissioners so Legislative meeting may not be necessary.

Wants to request info on reintroduction of Fisher (on State List). **RC** wants to know what studies in area show not already present. **PH** State list just appeared, could't ID any process. State partnered with ConNW - always a disaster. Sees no law to support re-introduction. Wants to see paperwork showing partnership with ConNW. Sees all kinds of nefarious connections. BOCC agrees to follow this path of inquiry.

PH - letter on USFS travel plan sent. **Forest Mgmt Plan** - unsure what's going on, preparing a letter asking about how USFS intends to proceed. **RC** letter to Forest Supervisors, Regional, etc. Ask what have done with info from listening sessions. **PH** Listening sessions was science in vacuum. **RC** *General tone of distrust on intent of process* **RC** wants Forest Supervisor to meet with BOCC. **SK** USFS seems to be ignoring letters, what can we do? **PH** *can only litigate if USFS does something. Problem is haven't done anything, nothing to protect.* **Albert** election year paralysis? **PH** Discussion over lack of movement on Mgmt Plan. Political issues & second guessing of motivations?

Interim Zoning expires Jan. need to redo. Ample grounds for redo. **PH** complaining about upcoming zoning issues over density allowance.

Zoning, Critical Areas, Shorelines, Voluntary Stewardship Program (VSP)

Ben - Zone code, nothing new. New draft won't be available until Dec. 16.

Cluster ordinance - zoning committee has approved. now need to refine. Won't go to zone code until main code in place. Within framework of subdivision code. - includes new definitions, open space retention, connections to long & short plat.

Albert (atty) - consider DOE Amicus. how does short, long & cluster relate to water quality? **PH** No difference, will fall within short plato if 4 lots or less, if 5 or more will go through long plat process. Both require water supply but no legal water right with less

than 15 lots. **PH** zone code leads zone map. Same need for EIS. **Ben** Some map zones changed but overall look identical. e.g. East Lake Osoyoos - now suburban residential, commercial zones around small towns. **RC** - platting requires legal water (not necessary to get legal water right). **PH** - two separate area, Methow, every where else. EIS yet to be done, will discuss impacts on water. **SK** still working on admin code.

PH Critical Areas Ordinance /VSP/Shorelines- needs to be covered yet. Went through Plan COM. already, sat because of a lot of things. BOCC will parallel same process as Shoreline, etc. Currently no initial code, if any changes should go back to Planning Commission. VSP put CAO on hold until finish. Shorelines asks forgo net loss, critical area requires keep as is, VSP allows ag. within narrow (or so) boundaries - maybe no net loss under VSP - others say must regulate. **PH** BOCC wants to make CAO that meets its plan, VSP may put in place specific regulations. Different opinions on how this works out. One purpose of VSP is to avoid prescriptive regulation, in reality may not. CAO might be better.

Voluntary Stewardship Program (VSP) - next Tuesday 3 - 5. Next Monday BOCC will meet in small conference room as this room is being used for jury selection.

Still want local Farm Bureau to give input.

Marijuana, other Ag: Want to put Marijuana under conditional use permit in all zones - want to be able to regulate & control while leaving other ag totally alone - ?

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