

Board of Okanogan County Commissioners
12/24/18

Present

Andy Hover-AH, BOCC
Chris Branch-CB, BOCC
(Jim DeTro, BOCC-absent)

Lanie Johns - LJ, Clerk of the Board
Angie Hubbard - AHu, Planner
Perry Huston - PH - Director of Planning and Development

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Summary of Issues:

Lake Management District Formed, to be managed by Noxious Weed Board; Wenatchee Valley College denied waiver of fees for fairground roller skating; WRIA 40: 3 possible candidates for facilitator have shown interest, grant timing awkward with timing for hiring facilitator, committee members not yet finalized; Champerty Shores: Infrastructure discussed (lift stations, sewer & water), city expansion area; WATV's: SEPA Threshold Determination comment period extended for Dist 1/2; objections to proceeding with Dist 1&2 when signage for Dist 3 remains undecided.

1:30 Planning Study Session - Perry Huston, Director of Planning and Development

Resolution 154-2018 - Lake Management district.

PH - Dave Gecas (Civil Attorney) has looked at it, attachment has been reviewed by all. Thorn-dike property adjusted. Should be accurate. Resolution goes to the historical narrative.

AH-Anything else?

PH - Treasurer will prepare the mail-out.

LJ - Want to be sure the one that is attached is the one you sent to me. Want to be sure the one I have is correct.

Huston (goes to check.) This is the accurate one.

(BOCC checking.)

PH -you are forming the Lake Management district with this action. It will go to Noxious Weed board.

Resolution passes.

PH - I will hook up with Hana. The Noxious Weed board will manage the program, we will monitor their adherence to the contract.

AH - We do not have to put out an RFQ?

PH -Correct. (Discussion and explanation.) They would invoice against district funds.

Lanie -Right now, the auditor processes it and gives a report of the results. I don't know they wouldn't want to do it that way, or as junior taxing district.

PH -Noxious Weed program would administer, and the bills would be charged to the district. Not very different from EMS procedures.

AH- So would we convene as Lake Manage't District?

PH - Same as what you do for the other districts.

AH- Different from EMS because we contract out?

PH - In this case, not much more complicated.

(Discussion and clarification of vouchers. Details, comparisons with EMS district procedures.

AH trying to tie down financial procedures and reasoning behind it.

AH - Can we simplify it so noxious weed board gets it directly out?

LJ- Needs to be some oversight. *Discussion of this.*

PH - I would not have organized the Juvie fund the way it is, if it had been up to me.

CB - Consider...now we have Planning, Weed, and BOCC. Asks about Planning's involvement with EMS.

PH - Tonasket was last one to get "fixed," and it settled in my department.

AH - Wants auditor asked and then put it on the agenda again .

CB -If we can streamline, I'd like to be able to do that.

C B- In the future, Planning department might ask why it's in the planning dept.

PH - I will put it on agenda. *Gets into reviewing details.*

PH - Will send e-mails from initiating gov'ts. Sent to them the latest list they have said they are ok with list of members. Will get appointment letters out.

It is agreed that it will go out under Board signatures rather than Planning.

LJ - I will print on letterhead.

Dave Gecas - Wenatchee Valley College Request

Gecas - says he's here regarding Wenatchee Valley college issue. I would recommend not giving discount on fairgrounds for roller skating (*per the request*) They wanted discount because they would bring stuff in to help the homeless, but all fees would go to the college; so we should do it like any other event.

WRIA 49, cont'd

RFQ - We have candidates interested applications, counting the Conservation District. Three have asked, but nothing submitted yet. In the January meeting, I will get recommendations from the Planning Unit, then get to you and the Initiating Gov'ts.

Vanessa (*WDOE*) wants to get the Planning Unit to either adopt an operating procedure or decide they don't want to. Some have said their decision as to "how" will depend upon operating procedures. I get impression survivors may be looking at that list. That will be part of the January agenda.

Vanessa hasn't had a good chance to look at last batch of changes for \$300,000 grant. I am watching my coordination. The facilitator will want to be paid, and we do not have grant out yet - we will have to front the \$\$for how long??

CB - Operating procedures, who is picked for facilitator...does this play into grant stuff?

PH -No, she is up against Feb deadline with other WIRA's. However, she is talking to (?) she had concerns about the deliverables being too ambitious. So we are moving money around, fine tuning. Getting the grant application approved....sort of reversed procedure. WDOE involved in Feb WRIA's. Section 202- I don't think they have the contracts ready to go.

CB - Re facilitator - I wouldn't want to decide on no operating procedures.

PH -Would not surprise me. Haven't been able to talk with Vanessa for a couple of weeks. Not sure if she wants to wrap up operating procedures before the facilitator comes onboard or not. Did we get started too early? Not sure. Keeping discussion moving.

CB - We haven't finalized committee members, which takes time in and of itself. Will get RFQ's to planning unit.

Champerty Shores

PH - The agreement spells out the difference between expenses,,,,,facilitator....(*unintelligible.*)
Went to see Josh to look it over. Want to touch bases with Thomson in Oroville. Still operative under the plan. When we get to bond issue, it will pay dividends. (*Goes over types of fees, mentions LID.*)

CB -In infrastructure, layout is important. We are a little behind, but we don't know how we will be living with this. How many parcels does this affect?

PH -goes through 2 parcels. His, Veranda Beach, "goes through 3 and skirts...."

CB - Comments kind of concern me. It's turning i to kind of an infrastructure nightmare. Having had experience (*cannot hear.*)

PH - When Gene comes back, (?) of all the lift stations. Where Barker is looking into one lift station, its a straight line. But on the other one....I want to take a look at where the left stations are.j (*Mentions different properties that could have development in the future.*)

AH- If I am building a house on a parcel and all of a sudden you find to you can't put a concrete slab on top of a sewer line.....

CB -I have seen sewer lines put in strange places....

PH - (*More talk about not knowing whether Champerty Shores ???Talks about details of lift stations. Wants to figure out the best way the projects come up...*) We need an idea about where lift stations go.

CB - In the end , we are the ones who determine lines.....talk of rates, rupture, up-grades....when sewers are put in....40 or 50 years down the road then we have to do up-grades, having to negotiate your way between parcels, some developed, some not. If we can get ahead of this game, it would be great.

PH - Seems you need agreement on right of way (*missed name of property owner*) theoretically we should have easement (tied?) to Champerty Shores.

CB (*Keeps referring to "him" but never mentions name. Arguing for planning ahead as well as possible.*)

PH -To go ondetailed, without knowing the personalities or having maps.....

CB - Compares with Coulee Dam, Electric City situations. You are dictating where the infrastructure will go, telling folks who want to put in a subdivision - tell them to play by the rules.

PH - Yes, but easy not to look hard enough at the next proposal.

CB -There are a set of policies that were on the table...to determine how fees are calculated. If you have services in place but do not know the route, you can use the polices to help. The development occurs. Often the developers will agree, but sometimes they do not.

AH -When city expansion areas go in with CompPlan, things may change.

PH - In Oroville's case, we should take a look . We will have a huge investment.

CB - Infrastructure is going before development. (*Knows changes are made, but getting general plan ahead of time is important.*)

PH - Recall the call for projects the year before last...for the most part, the response was "what's it to you?" My goal this time will be to get city council meetings, etc ahead of time to explain what we are looking at and why. There is value in having a lot of this in the Comprehensive Plan, Zoning.

CB - When we do that, can look at city expansion areas. They may want to take another look at their own plans, realize they have to work with the county.

Chats about experiences with this sort of thing, how people operate in their own silos.....the concept of planning for this stuff has been sitting around, but another gov't had done so, so it had less meaning to the locals. This one's pretty unique,,all the water and sewer stuff that goes around. In West Lake , the water system does 't work too well. Some wells didn't produce. They were built with 2 inch lines. Has been a problem for West Lake. All connected with the city. not much (..?) between county and city. They discuss similar problems. some developments want to be annexed later. They were in convenience area for natural gas, but it was a nightmare eventually.

PH -Soon we will get out a call for projects and get outreach, try to get better results this year. Oroville EMS- had the meeting last Tuesday. Oroville will approve the addendum.

Oroville EMS

Projects graphs - wants to be sure everyone is talking the same language. Need feedback with people who have been involved. We are always comparing the Volunteer EMS to Lifeline Ambulance . Discusses difficulty of 24-hour response requirement when there may not be 24-hour employees there. Chart compares over 2-3 years.....all volumes are up. 5-10 min response and 10-20 min response. (Under "compare differences.") But if response were in 10-20 min bracket..... Is it what we had hoped to gain? This was sort of an experiment.

AH - When you live out in the boondocks, you need to keep some responsibilities for yourself.

Ambulance Response Times - 2018.

Has all locations of calls. Not brownout into time of year.

PH - 10-min response is merely academic. Just doesn't happen. As we continue to provide info for levy, discussions on all this will be useful

AH - Wants PH to get the time of year included on the map of these services. Snow-ready? c\ Communication? Which road they have to go o for each site?

CB - They are required to ...in providing info, it needs to be put under that road system you just And 80% of time they are reired to meet the time requirement of 45 min.

CB - Some of the info should be revealed at Oroville City Council.

PH - When you make decision to take levy back o the ballot and public hearing. Recommend joining hearing with Oroville city Council. Could put together a presentation with some this info.

AH- suggests to put it together long before ballot.

PH - Advantage to April ballot - if it fails again, you have one more chance ah- if we educate people like we ought to, it shouldn't 't fail.

Outreach - some discussion of dates and how much. I would hold a public hearing public hearing itself could be informational. Let people explain why they didn't vote for levy before.

AH- thinks Jan -Feb may be too early.

CB - Getting the info out there and revisiting. I expect there is info that will challenge get the facts.

PH - If you give opportunity earlier for a hearing, the people are thinking about it, might get better response.

(Discussing pros and cons of earlier or later public hearing.)

PH - How about me roughing out a presentation that we would show at the public hearing? We'll involve Oroville and you.

All are agreed.

CB - Need to pull together some info as to pros and cons of annexing the district. Especially since the council has this interest at the moment.

WATV's , Districts 1 and 2:

PH - Proposal for Dist 1 is up for review. Received a request of extension for comment period. Especially WDFW wanted this. Threshold SEPA determination is extended. Issued MDNS similar to one in Dist 3. There was one comment to the effect - concerned that we are now moving into Dist 1- 2, when a point of definition (*seemed to be talking about signage*) for MDNS for Dist 3. is still up in the air.

Re signage: Andy likes green markers with red octagon. You are not going to get a road sign that meets any state standards, since there are none. Just say this is what we are doing in Okanogan County.

CB - I agree. Do not remember push-back.

AH -There was none.

PH -Feedback was concern about the color system in re color-blindness. Could have red circle or square and explain it on the website for color-blindness. What I wanted to get direction on was that I could hook up with Josh, get it on his study session. Could be a short conversation. I will hook up with Josh.

CB - We talked about what if you use just (???) . So many interpretations possible.

PH -E-mail exchange said decisions were made and rulings came down. In Dist 3 we talked about illegal ridership....decided to publicize in as many ways that we can. We have not come up with protocol for signs yet. They were saying we are going ahead with Dist 1 & 2, but haven't even done it for District 3 yet.

AH - Now we have a better idea of how many signs we have.....

PH - Suggests getting sheriff-elect involved.

PH - Suggests we pickup this discussion again. He will schedule it with Josh on (1/9/19?)

Executive Session - Employee Evaluations

AH - Wants to move PH evaluation up a few minutes..

AH - Moves exec session up 15 min for Perry. (Early.)

Note taker leaves 2:45, Executive Session called