

Board of Okanogan County Commissioners
12/4/17

Present:

Andy Hover - AH, BOCC
Jim DeTro - JD, BOCC
Chris Branch - ABSENT (BOCC)
Lanie Johns - LJ, Clerk of the Board
Perry Huston - PH, Director of Planning and Development, Administrative Officer
Potts and Kennedy - Olympia Lobbyists for Okanogan County
Roni Holder Diefenbacher - R, Economic Alliance
Ernie Rasmussen - E, (Economic Alliance - Colville Tribe)
Dan Higbee - DH, Building Department

Abbreviations:

PC - Planning Commission

Summary

Olympia Lobbyists - Appear to have gotten to BOCC early, so much of the discussion while note taker was there was chit-chat. They brought their new contract to the county. Scattered discussions about Hirst, cougars, PILT, mutual friends.

Economic Alliance - Tribal representative Rasmussen and Roni Diefenbacher. Presentation of our annual infrastructure recommendations, needing approval of BOCC. Discussions around difficulties getting meat processed, possibilities of mobile processing operation; desirability of being to support entrepreneurs in the county, often younger people; discussion of supports for them and upcoming workshop in Pateros.

Planning Study Session

Fairgrounds (40 min.) Usage fees and contracts - procedures and issues, solar/propane, maintenance, on-call employee.

Planning Commission - Appointments to commission, Advisory Groups to Planning Commission, PC agenda tonight. **Comprehensive Plan:** History & process, vision statements, timing, formatting, Resource Lands, Mining, "Coordination," Catron County Vision, Best Available Science, Neighborhood groups & Lower Valley/Mazama advisory groups, Lower Valley proposal, public comments, advisory committees, zone code timing. **Title 20:** Hearing Dec. 14th; Pub Health & "interruptible;" Wolf Ck issue; Watershed Council involvement; financial assistance; Hirst: burden of proof, legal and physical water; relinquishment.

11:00 - Note taker arrived, attempting to be there for the session with lobbyists. But apparently BOCC had been meeting with lobbyists for awhile; they must have arrived early.

Olympia Lobbyists Potts & Kennedy

Lobbyists - Stated that they have brought a copy of their new contract. (*Assume contract with the county.*)

JD: Legislature could do something for us. The Hirst decision is a GMA lawsuit. Can't someone set them straight?

Lobbyists - Reviewed history in Spokane County in re Hirst. They are pretty much done. Have their problem fixed. (relevance unclear.)

AH - Legislature made it so hard to convert irrigation rights....water is water. If they want to say ok...if they come up with some sort of a formula where you are pulling out during the summer but not the winter. Do some studies to see how people can convert irrigation water to domestic water, Make it easier for people to convert this. Up here it would be nice. A lot of water fights up here over water that can only be used for irrigation.

Lobbyists - By chance, ran into Thurston County's new guy. He's from the Midwest. He said it was the most backward laws they had ever seen. The instream flows are set above where the water usually is.

JD - It was a decision to do it that way.

Lobbyists: He said you can't even fix it without starting over. Granted he was from the Midwest and don't have to worry about salt water being sucked in . On the coast in WA this is actually a big issue.

Potts asked who the commissioner is in the 2nd picture on the wall behind BOCC.

JD - Ed Thiele .

Potts: Is he still alive?

JD - yes.

(Note taker note: : No one is speaking into their mics. Mikes are far away from faces.)

Potts - Someone from Oroville said he was dead.

JD - This AM when I walked in, someone hailed him down and said I got attacked by an old smokejumper. He was mistaken,. But Jim Mc Caley(???).... I thought Jim died 10 years ago.

Lobbyists - Since you do not have any wolves (?), how are your cougars doing?

JD - We should get the pilot project back. 5 in Conconully, 2 on Elmway one on the playground at Okanogan, one atPrince's (he enumerates even more of what sounds like recent cougar incidents.)

Lobbyist- talks about cougars attacking livestock.

AH - We've seen them below the house on the river because deer are there - bobcats, cougars...but it's ...I mean you have to have a management tool that you can utilize. These are not ...you don't just go out and find the cougar that killed your dog. You actually have to call someone and get them tracked down.

JD - The pilot program was also getting some good information. This was during when the pilot program was going on. My wife was riding in the back of our place and the dogs with her and ran into a cat. I went in and started to visit with Chuck....he said that's old #44. Leave that cat alone. OK! That cat has been in that area for 6 years that I know of. He doesn't bother people, get dogs, livestock, etc.....if you run him out of there, you will get a bad one in. *(A bad cougar.)*

WDFW didn't even make out to check.

AH - Didn't make it out?

JD - I was talking with Jim Brown awhile ago - our WDFW folks here "get it."

AH - Jim,,back then, they signed an emergency declaration that we have an emergency situation.

Lobbyist (can't hear)

AH - I know him because I've met him..my brother has had issues with bears. They have been pretty responsive to those issues

Lobbyist- He's a big guy. Is there anything else you are watching this year?

AH - *(something I couldn't hear)*- we went over that. *(I guess before I got there.)* 54% would be \$5,000 bucks. That would cure all the problems in the budget. More than the 1% property tax.

AH - Those things.. the other thing too...you know. the state funding their operations and funding re PILT and WDFW - that is big to us. They raised state PILT up a bit. I think we are probably in the negative by about \$300,000 on what we could collect on open range. All these properties WDFW have bought up, would be in open ag, etc. We could raise 685,000 or something like that for the properties but we are only collecting 244,000.

JD - We bill them, they pay us. They have said time after time..... you talk with landowners and ranchers....if WDFW paid their taxes, took care of their property.....They have \$80, million to spend on land but not to take care of their properties. These guys have to send their kids to school, etc and you will not pay them to care for their property.

AH - You have to do more with less.

Lobbyist - Senator Morton fought that for years.

AH- has to go in order to deal with employee relations....trying to save \$\$ wherever.

AH - I got a second interview to get on Wolf Advisory Committee. Not a lot of rural people. Don was only person I looked at that was from someplace where you'd even be in contact with a wolf. You can say here we need to have rules out there, but you have to have a management system. I lived in Kirkland and a coyote had come into town...they locked down the elementary school. But what are you going to do if you have 2 or 3 wolves to transfer them from a neighborhood.

Lobbyist - Before we had wolves, cougars were the issue. Couldn't get rid of that issue either until cougars came over on the other side, It will be the same way with wolves. There are more of them than they want to admit.

JD - There are wolves in Skagit county now.

AH - it's not just ranchers wanting to kill wolves.

AH - leave for negotiations.

Chit-Chat among JD and lobbyists (No quorum) Wolves, grizzlies, cougars, flying & CDL certifications, mutual friends.

DT - I want to build a 5 acre parcel and put in a few wolves, grizzly, etc. and put in those folks who want them into the pen and see what happens.

Potts - That's how it works.

Asks DeTro ...are you still flying?

JD - I'm to the age where they check on me every 6 months or so.

Potts - I have a friend...still doing his farm work, still dying my plane ... says only time I go to Dr. is to be checked out for flying.

JD - Now there is an online version where you can do it through your family doctor. I've been doing that lately - after all, your family physician knows you better than anyone else....We lost all positions in the county that were medical examiners for (???) I went to Wenatchee and found Dr. Watts. Only doc who would do airman's medical and CDL medical at the same time. He was a pilot, and we got to visiting. He said let's do the CDL physical first, and then if there is a problem.....

The eye chart for all the licenses.,, I had memorized the lowest line on the eye chart. DOC said look at the chart and I read first few letters,,,,Doc says you have absolutely perfect eyesight...you are reading off the chart behind you. Now read the one in front of you. (All laugh)

Family doctors help tremendously. I know a guy 85 years old who lives by Davenport. Still flying.

JD - How old is Tom?

Potts, lobbyist - He's maybe 70. I don't know if he's 70 yet. Cause he was still flying a spray plane until just recently.

JD - Pretty interesting.

Potts - He's been good for the aviation industry, just having him there.

JD - He has a real common sense approach over there. I think he's great.

Potts - I like him, He's a great legislator. He's been looking at that for 10 years. He knew what he was getting into.

JD - Doing a good job.

Potts - Very accessible, too. All you have to do is go by his office about 6:30 or 7 AM. All his aides are right there too. A full-time job. Keeping track of all those guys and their schedules.

Other - We'd better let you get on with your day. Thanks for your time.

Potts - Going to Davenport tomorrow?

JD - Yes. I should be in Oly, but Branch gone today. Had surgery about last Thursday. Been packing a cane for past 3-4 months. Pretty debilitating for him to get around.

Potts - Probably doing better already. When I had my shoulder, when I woke up in the recovery room, it was better already.

JD - Where are you going now?

Potts - Spokane. Do Ferry tomorrow.

Potts - *(another county - missed it)* they only meet twice a month.

JD - Amazing that they can do that, but just with the issues they have with the Park Service, etc.I think they got national attention about their open public meetings.

Potts - I think all three of them are in the courthouse.... *(Speaks to a woman who just entered (Roni Holder Diefenbacher.)* HI to Lanie . Give greetings to

Economic Alliance

Roni. Today is just a presentation of our annual infrastructure recommendations. This is our annual ranking process. Try to get it done before end of year so that when we go to Old to talk with reps, we have our actual ranks.

I'm asking for a resolution to access the infrastructure recommendations as well as....prioritization list for 2018. I attached in your packet the actual evaluation matrix with the rankings and totals we came up with. *(Starts going too rapidly.)* Scoring, and back dot shows how they are scored. Gives criteria and rating.

Omak- #1, #2, & 4th *(too rapid to record. BOCC has handout to follow.)*

JD asks if she knows something about some Super Base. I got no requests from the Methow. We usually get some from Rocklynn and others. We usually get some.

JD - I'll drop them an e-mail.

Roni - *(Speaks very rapidly and fairly softly. Hard to hear.)* Some of our community have given up in applying because funding isn't available. But Twisp, Brewster, Pateros, others have been funded. Last year Brewster got extra funding cause they were our top ranked project.

AH re-enters 11:29

AH - With some jump bases, that is federal money. If we can show on our ranking, we can go in and there is more leverage.

Roni - the representation we have on our prioritization list is based on communities that sent in application. I sent to every one, posted in all the newspapers to try to solicit folks to respond with application. This is based on applications I did get. Infrastructure committee ranked them.

AH - Omak Airport. What is the project?

R - DNR came in , drilled the well, looking at expansion. Lanie has all the applications I received. We can forward you all the applications.

AH - that would be great.

LJ - will forward.

AH - after you get done, I have a question about a USDA facility in the county. and if you have heard anything.

R - Meat processing? What we need to do and have done in the past, you have a resolution saying these are "as ranked."

AH - Directs staff to create a resolution that accepts infrastructure committee's recommendations.

AH and JD vote yes.

R - Introduces Earnie Rasmussen. All say hi. R says what he works for Colville Tribes.

AH - Obviously ag is a big business up here. Trying to keep it ...the county business in the county and trying to...instead of shipping beef out to wherever.

R - We had a couple different people look into mobile processing. A couple of years ago, worked with Cons District. it was 5-6 years ago when a building was vacant. We worked with them and put in an app to USDA to come in as well as other ag folk and go into that building, But we would have grocery store, deli, bakery. We were looking at putting in meat dept with USDA certified, mobile unit. USDA turned us down for the loan and the building owner wouldn't bring down the price. We had a grocer who would lease for grocery. Couldn't push it through. Since then, the Carlton store submitted an app thru USDA to become certified butcher. Meat processing center. We wrote letter of support. i know that people are sending....people who live in OK county right now and cutting meat there in Othello.

AH - People go to Odessa.....

AH - My was wife at the fair, there was a restaurant person who wanted to ship pork. You have to ship to USDA facility and it needs to be brought back. Hard to find a place that take smaller animals. Odessa didn't do it. Had to to to ((??) because they do pigs. To Detro - at cattleman's dinner, didn't CareyHunter talk about a facility? DT - don't know. They were going into the auction that takes a long time and I had another appt.

R - Will look into more. Recites all the challenges due to transportation, etc.

AH - Twisp Works got a grant to do fiscal analysis for Thompson's meat. Taking that report and taking it to whoever can....whether it's a co-op, reservation, etc...AH - it would create jobs, etc.. Maintaining the art of ag we have here and keeping it within the county...makes me sick to see beef imported from Argentina, and my neighbor is shipping to Arizona to get it to Mexico. Schools and so forth....how to tie in with Federal subsidy program. AH - John Butler.. does apples, oranges, celery - he has contracts with schools within the Pacific NW and making sure they have what is required now. His family has had orchards here for years and years and had to supplement with other foods...his family farm was diminishing. He decided he would do this. He has equipment at his facility - bought the old flour mill. R - we worked with him. It's the only

equipment in N. America. It treats the fruit...there is a short shelf life, but it's for the students and there are very specific requirements. He went out to get the equipment....no one in the USA has the same type of equip't. They have to import people to work on their equipment. I will definitely look more into agriculture. We have been talking about it for at least the last 10 years. Talking location, people who will step up, like a coop or...and gaining the USD standards. Huge to be seen as certified. AH - and then to put together buyers and sellers ahead of time so that there is demand for the facility. Or doing it if you don't have that. ...i f no one will haul your animals..... Ernie & R - we try to connect people tougher with folks who will connect people with government. If the county wants to sell paper, you would list your bid so that people would go out and look at different types of contract....R - goes on with different ways to connect people. Asks Ernie if maybe "John " could come in ..his big issue is getting drivers to drive people to transport things quickly. Getting people with CLS's is the hardest thing. He has been very successful in what he's done and a good success story.

AH - The biggest issue for cattle ranchers - their marketing skills.

R - in January, we will bring in a nationally known speaker and meet in Pateros. We will talk about finding new markets, how to market your business, are you looking at transporting your product. \$15 per person to attend.

Ernie - Finding the individuals or groups the are willing to take on a new business. This is a very big challenge with the tribe. The challenge doesn't only exist within the tribe. A generational shift away from becoming an entrepreneur and taking a risk. The opportunity may be there - the spirit is usually associated with youth. As they get older, they tend to lose the spirit of self-determination. We are full aware - would like to see more opportunities that support entrepreneurs...ie -marketing skills for support.

AH - When you are young, you are resilient. When you are older, you ask if you can come back from adversity. We are losing our.....speaking of Condotta, talking about Amazon the actual retail sales numbers of brick and mortar compared with online. Sickening. When I can go online and get for the cheapest price...just like Okanogan. Demoralizing because the fact....you have to get the things where people can be entrepreneurs, that you know it's not something you can get over the internet.

R - The Okanogan chamber has done a 180 - trying to do things outside the box. They have a group of young business owners. Exciting. I talk with (???? - too rapid.) We talk with people who walk into our doors to start a business, and their problem is to find a place to have a business. Owners have for rent signs, but they never call back. These people will move to another community. I've been sending info on how to reach absent landlords, getting people into vacant buildings. Many of them are condemned. Many have a high value on their building...but in today's world..... and it's been vacant for 10 years.....it's not worth that now.

AH - Have all discussed importance of the reservation and having anything we can do to have economic bidders. As people become more affluent there, they can spend \$\$ in other areas. We are absolutely willing to have a conversation about economic growth in the whole county.

Ernie - We try to create the conditions..infrastructure, physical, people skills...but not necessarily becoming owner and operator. Perilous if the gov't does this. One agency of manufacturing closer of the mill... it was deleterious to whole economy, not just Omak. We are committed to this, but its resilience for the markets (?) When the mill is outdated, etc...

AH - Tarrifs are going to come on. American wood products will be more competitive with the Canadian markets because of the tariffs.

Ernie - With manufacturers in north and center of the county ...spin- off effect...people can be well paid and be high consumers. To fill the niches in the manufacturing base and fill them with local people,....plumbers, electricians. We are working on supplying the report. Including in health area. Resilience that can withstand ups and downs. Something like a USDA certified processing facility, while it may be a good...not necessarily the things we look to get into. Would like an entrepreneur to step up. Much better chance...when you have a governmental organization, doesn't work as well.

AH - Agrees. Get the bases set so an entrepreneur can come in...I can spend a lot of \$\$ renovating a building because I have these supportive reports.

R - Gebbers, Pendergraft...were talking about going into having a meat processing. When Gebbers were discussing their cattle. Yay! All these kids went to college together, had backing from their families, but they all wound up going into different directions. Finding the people that are passionate is the key. They want to be successful and doing whatever it takes. Trying to reach out and find those people...we have a lot of resources already to help them. When you go after USDA funding, they want to know that the demand is there.

R - Thank you for your time. I will be back next week. Please share link about the training in Pateros. Economic alliance is here for all business. Throughout all of Oaknogan County. Farmers and Ranchers just as important as anyone else.

12:00 - Everyone starts leaving.

Planning Study Session

1:30 - Fairgrounds (about 40 minutes.)

First item is the fairgrounds. We think we have a list of the things that are scheduled. I am assuming you want us to continue to rent the thing out.

AH - Resource people are talking to us about keeping the employee on call. We are going to hook on tomorrow on the HR update. We will make sure it is all in place so there is a grounds person on call.

PH Debi was going to join us today. Is she not available? (Leaves to apparently call her.)

Discussion of unemployment and stand-by.

Gap in my coverage here due to important e-mail. Perry has left.

Debi Hilts came in .

AH - We will adopt the rates.

LJ - Clarifies that we haven't actually done this yet. Discussion with PH as to why JD and others thought they already had. LJ asks when we waived the event this weekend. Clarifies there was no motion to waive it yet. If we put a provision in the current resolution, adopt fee schedule, and then make motion to waive them.

(PH enters)

PH - You might be inclined to do that. My opinion, we have the wedding of a very popular person. We don't want to start waiving fees.....

LJ - we have the one resolution that waives fees for county dept. Is this a dept person?

AH - No, he was just a big supporter of the fair. PH - lumber trust fund. AH - seemed weird to charge \$100 for someone who contributed so much.

PH- I'll see what I can come up with .. The one resolution has already been adopted (\$75.) I would try to come up with language to allow you to waive the fee in certain circumstances. (Goes through steps he will go through tonight.)

Are the Commissioners reviewing every contract (before the event?)

Process (BOCC clarifies)

1. We initiate 2. Goes to Tanya, Risk Manager 3, Tanya gives to "us."

PH - We will identify fees charged. One question - after we establish the criteria, everyone will come to see if they can get a break, We can explain provisions.

AH - That is all we need to do. That place over there needs to generate income.

PH - We will use that as the routing, then. Then I will finish fee schedule, tune up the resolution. We had 36,000 in cash after the bond payment .

Rocky wrote up 9,000 in bills last week - their share of ins through the risk pool. AH - so there is ? in carry over? - PH Skosh over 20,000.

JD - Talked with Ken Stanton, and Joe was going to talk again about pulling the meter bases and going to solar.

AH - We only use the meter bases for 1 week - but we get charged about \$500 per month. At 6,000 per year, you could buy a propane generator and run all the barns ...and pay off in 1 year (JD.) If they have a solar program through PUD...PH - Only buildings routinely used is annex.

AH - It's almost easier to have someone come in and just run Agriplex, all contained. Whereas the vintage fair - people walking around, needs to be cleaned up. Requires level of maintenance.

PH - transfer to Current Expense? JD - This was just a solution to give Josh 6 months....AH - We can only do it right now or first thing part of the year. This would be better because of carry-over nightmare. So we are dating with on-call right now.

CH - to DH - could you call him to come in and I can meet with him? DH - Suggest he come in tomorrow with staff.

JD - He is aware. I told him it's just being discussed. DH - Need to go over whole package, benefits, etc.

AH - Should also bring up facilities and fair budget. We can settle up that budget and try to have a balanced budget - or some kind of minimal hit that we can figure into our budget.

DH - Because we are paying in advance, we have already paid for month of December of medical expense, etc. in Jan, we will pay for Feb and forward. Will need guidance on all that

AH - We can go through budget and see what we can do to make it work and skim it down as well as we can.

JD - Any time we can see benefit of money.

AH - We could lay him off for 2 months, and then come in and pay him on a budget...

DH - "On call" status (says something about benefits that I could not catch.)

AH - If it was you knowing that you are going to lay off an employee for 32 months and they will come back in, it's only fair that you pay the medical ins for 2 months. I could see if they were part-time full-time employee, but if we are just doing it now in order to structure all this....We just need to make sure the budget will....a good time to sit down and look at those two budgets. These are really the last two items to set budget in line.

PH - Propane and snow removal.

AH - If he's on call - who knows, maybe we are to the point where we can just keep him through the year after we look through the budget. I don't think we can pay for snow removal when we can have an employee do it and pay a person. If we bring under Current Expense,in fact they start talking about putting him on maintenance for 6 months.....

DH says to discuss this, we need exec session. 10 min. For performance of a public employee.

1:55 - They go into exec. session for the above topic.

2:07 - AH and DT are back.

Perry - We will revise fee schedule, put in something about conditions under which someone could ask for a reduction. (Summarizing for one of his staff.)

Staff - Was there a reason you were leaving the Walmart advertising in the box? AH - No. Staff - I will go up from the top then. Staff - I will make up a special folder for you AH - Sounds good. Goes on about a few details about the folder.

2:08: Planning Commission

We have meeting tonight. Rocky has verified a quorum. Talking reorganization and rentals, Some have been talking about appointments to the PC, which is why I put it on the agenda today.

AH - I would like Branch to be here for that. I have seen 3 applications.

LJ - Karen Reneau, Fawn Creek Road (Mazama) James Goldschmidt (?) - just an inquiry, but sent resume) Gina McCoy, George Thornton.

PH - Keith Kissler talked about it.

DT - Bob Clark. He is in contact with Branch.

AH - Have not seen any communication from him.

PH - We will not make appointments today then.

AH - Asks LJ to reply, with e-mails, that next week with full board here we will discuss appointments.

JD - Confirms he will be here then.

PH - Next Monday - Marijuana moratorium hearing at 3PM.

AH Wednesday, day after tomorrow, you want me to fill in on the

PH - I will be gone Wed. Cannabis meeting 205 (AH filling in.)

AH - Will they have an agenda?

PH - They are bringing in amendments, a definition of high density. They agree that these farms don't go well with a lot of houses. Talking about an overlay for where they shouldn't go. They don't want to revisit maps all the time. So they will try to turn the map into a definition. Have to talk again about what to do with the existing sites. Talk about fences. They are supposed to have specific suggestions - already have talked about ideas. George is calling in. Everyone else should be present. Tomorrow...I will try to mess with definition of high density.

AH - In general, when you establish interim controls, how do you get to a point where you create the actual controls? Say you come up to a point where you need interim controls, how do you get to the formal adoption of those?

PH - Wed they are successful in coming up with refined enough body of regulation that you could adopt them. You could adopt and have a public hearing within 60 days. The interim controls go through SEPA, etc. Could adopt these as the regulations and appeal interim controls.

AH - Interim controls or go into hearing and keep moratorium....etc. (*He reviews.*)

PH - Another option - comes to you as proposed interim controls. You could adopt (with hearing) SEPA, PC, and back to you. An option.

Comprehensive Plan

PH - I sent over a whole bunch of stuff over the course of the last week. You got a comment reminding you of the process. Started before I got here (*assuming this means 2006-7*) and you got one grant before I got here, one after. Got \$\$ for facilitators for Lower Valley Advisory Group and Middle Methow Neighborhood group and then groups scattered around the county. All of this is still a part of the record. Some generated vision statements. I have sent these to you all. I sent you the different graphs of the vision statements as they become more prolonged and the one that is in the Comp Plan. MVMCP and Sub Unit A have vision statements. All has come to you for your review. I don't have a graph. Still working on it.

I sent the Exec summaries..historical...we can leave in, don't need summary. I and have begun to go through table of contents, based upon discussion so far.

AH - So they follow the Planning Enabling Act?

PH - BOCC had some interest in what "she" captured as Critical Areas but what I heard was more Hazard Mitigations in reference to Critical areas, Wildfire Protection Plan. Still working on that.

Will working on map, beginning to pull apart Resource Land designations to make that a more traditional approach, more statutorily consistent rather than what we had Mineral was challenged before and will be again. Has to do with gravel. (Says something related to identifying the existing mine sites as a fall-back.)

AH - Headwaters Campaign (proposed copper mine exploration in the Methow) has more than Copper. That is county, right?

PH - USFS. Yes. That is the approach I would suggest. Whether our regulation enters into USFS land will come under debate...my position is to include the whole county, including USFS land.

AH - Then when we call for coordination, and they say this is all forest land, and the actions you are taking are detrimental...

PH - The idea was...including on the Colville...we have a zone in place, we have a tag team. They usually refer to our underlying zoning.. Kind of a dual zoning. On fed land, not remarkably dissimilar. So that's what we are working on in terms of rearranging Comp Plan.

AH - So do we just kind of follow their lead in Comp Plan as to what they designate resource land, etc?

PH - The Comp Plan just designates the reservation as the reservation. We do have minimum requirement list for zoning. But we also refer to whatever they have on the books too. Our Shorelines master Program adopt theirs by reference. The zone code per se - there is more a mix of game management areas, etc. Their system not set up to do land use applications. They come to us in terms of the notification system, etc Now, with Title 20, we refer to their water supply (division?) That's how we tag team on the reservation. Won't revise the Comp Plan designation. Lately, people go to them to apply for permits. (to?) Angie - especially if they have shorelines...We enforce their code anyway.

Do we have info on Branch for Monday?

AH - He was supposed to be in today.

JD - Says he won't be here tomorrow. Hopefully next week.

Vision Statements/Catron County/Best Available Science in re Water Quantity

PH - Based upon our past discussion, the vision statement is not remarkably dissimilar from Wyoming's (Catron County.) Up to BOCC as to what you want to capture. "They" (previous BOCC?) started off more like a speech than a vision statement. Went to Planning Commission, who pared it back significantly. BOCC pared it back more. I will continue to work on that. I sent over to you the one I wrote in May. Branch re-worked that. AH - the water one? Ph - Will

put back on Study Session for next week. Will begin to drill down on Vision Statement. Angie and I will work on vision statement. You will be able to see structure of the plan itself.

AH - Question(?)

PH - One of the attachments is the WRIA 49 and second was "his" revisions to the one I created. In following e-mail, the one I created, you can see mine and changes he proposed. Both are considerably longer than the one from Wyoming. *(Assuming he is speaking of Branch?)*

AH - I go to these different Comp Plans in rural America and look at how much regulation or lack of regulation just because I think it's important...I mean Wyoming, that's one of the last vestiges of the Old West. yet there is verbiage in there that is really consistent with the type of wording we should look at.

PH - Branch always poses the question - re clean water, enough for future ..the drill is every one agrees with that, but how does one get there and what does that mean? Not everyone necessarily agrees. Although all are working toward clean ground water.

AH - You have a goal, but what science do you use to arrive at goal? Best Available Science means something different to all people. My BAS is much different for someone else's is.

For example: What we are talking about amt of water actually consumed by 4 person household. It is 30 - 70 gallons a day.

PH - Aspect said 30.

AH - Your cells only utilize a fraction of that water and it is discarded. If I build 100 houses and 75% are only part-time use, and they only use 30 gal when in use, pretty small amt of water that you are actually consuming. But if you go to western water law, and it says 5,000 gal per day. So that's 500,000 gal. Not true.

PH - The magic is bringing those two together (AH) into a reality that is shared by everybody.

PH - If that works for BOCC, I will try to come up with a vision statement to begin looking at Monday.

Neighborhood Groups, Lower Valley Advisory Group

AH - The comments that Lanie shared with us...

PH - She is talking about Neighborhood Groups, etc. which is why I sent all this to you. For example. Lower Methow and Mid Methow vision statements. all sent over to you. The process we are referring to.

Actually, up in Oroville , Doorn was working earlier and it fizzled out. Loomis, Wauconda, Riverside, Mallot, Okanogan, Brewster, Middle Methow, Lower Methow. Mazama Adv Committee had already done theirs in years before.

AH - Current Com Plan - how do we get to the point of having more completely planned areas when this Comp Plan requires 2/3 of the voters to get it going?

PH - All (*zoning??????..... Some verbiage I couldn't understand at all. It did not appear that anyone else understood it either, no one questioned him, and the conversation went on.*)

AH - Does Lower Methow go to the border of the county? Pateros?

Lots of questions from Andy on boundaries of the area recommended by the Lower Valley Advisory Group for inclusion in the Methow Review District expansion. Perry defers to note taker (Isabelle Spohn) who was on the LVAG. (*I reviewed the LVAG's first recommendation for him - down to Amy's Manor due to the topographic change there (valley narrows) and later the compromise of moving it back to Black Canyon after Perry Huston and Lorah Waters, the facilitator, met with with "large landowners" in the area.*)

AH - He wanted to know more about the eastern boundary. (*I said I thought it had pretty much followed the ridge line and could not remember about Indian Dan Canyon, but that would be on the maps.)*

(*Interruption in the proceedings - afterwards, the conversation continues in another direction.*)

Public Comments on Comp Plan/Comp Plan Schedule

PH-So if that works for the commissioners, I will continue working. Obviously, BOCC will want to weigh in on the comments (*submitted in the first round of comments this fall.*) BOCC needs to identify sections to drill in onnew section obviously on water..... in terms of other things you want to add or delete so we can target our drafting.

AH - Did you say you had sent those to me?

PH - Quite awhile ago. (*To staff*) Which of you sent comments? (*Determines it will be an e-mail from Rocky. Angie sent summary of the comments.*)

AH - Work sessions? So Isabelle can put in her notes?

PH - I haven't tried to fit anything into December because of questions. (*Holidays, other questions? Garbled*) - I need to work on this.

February - Planning commission meets on proposed revisions.

First public comment period (*Ended this fall. Little realized by general public*) was information gathering. We got some good info. Now we drill in tighter with commissioners & we can actually start to put together a revised Comp Plan. We are supposed to have it done by 2018.

AH - If we are doing good work and are trying to be thoughtful, we can go there (?) with a better relationship.

PH - Then we morph....into the Zone Code. Depends upon position the BOCC wants to take. (*Is he ignoring Andy's point and its implications?*)

Advisory Committees on Comp Plan

Advisory Committees? Still talking about advisory committees. Isabelle brought this up. Code statement requiring advisory groups "sufficient in number" to advise the Planning Commission

of "issues in various areas of the county" was written in 1971 (Code stated that advisory committees were "in place.") But we cannot find evidence of that. (Rambles. No one seems engaged.)

Zone Code

Zone Code by end of 2018 will be harder, but we should be well on our way. We still have Critical Areas to mess with. The VSP doesn't come to you per se in an adoption process. It's just a skosh ahead of schedule. Has to go to advisory committee on the 28th. Then goes to Conservation District (?) end of Sept. They have 3 months to approve or reject.

AH - Condottahave an update from Condotta. He says a lot of the basis for your platform is strong economic counties, etc. Here we are dealing with this marijuana deal. We sit here and talk and get \$19,000 per year. (DeTro says it's 12,000.) AH - Chelan is bringing in 59,000 and it's going down to 34,000.

Hirst

Conversation wanders here to Hirst.

PH - There is no "fix" to Hirst. Where the foundation is, the seniority of previous appropriations... - are you going to fix that? (chuckles all around.)

AH - He said that the Senate is right now in a lot of turmoil . Demos and R's are not even talking.

PH - The "chart" flipped 45 or 49 - this hybrid majority thing isn't even really existing. Sure the Senate is finishing a round. JD- both houses are down to 3. They still don't have the motion to pass the tax. (___?___) wrote an editorial that state income tax was unconstitutional in Wa. State.

Comp Plan Schedule Again

PH - Comp Plan - We will go ahead and I will keep it running on my study session and then we will post to the website - progress. Yo might want to set up special study sessions so we can get into review process to have around March ...

TITLE 20

Hearing on the 14th. Not a lynch pin, but important part. Pub Health has to weigh in on "interruptible" Not a center piece, but a part of it.

PH - Dan has an issue- holding the line in terms of new water and old water use. If it's water they've been using for one house, fine. But additional needs to slog through the process. We are beginning to pick up more applications again.

I talked with (?????) in Wolf Ck and may need to pick up application again and review/review. Have not talked with atty for Yakimas.

Dan - Things have slowed down because snow hit. No one has been complaining about not getting their water permits.

PH - Still working up with language on what our decision means when no well has been dug. We probably need to discuss whether to take what we are doing in 48 and work it over to 49. No closed basins in 49.

AH - Been thinking. If someone comes to you to see if I can just get water on that property. ... Well logs for different reaches...how close are we to being able to say you are not in a closed basin, and out of the cfs here is only so much being taken, so as of now, there is legally available water?

PH - That's what we are doing. We are not to the point - we have not gone through all the well logs to refine the 2 cfs that is left .Still abstracting from Aspect report. According to them, we have a fair amount left so we are not down to drops. "Gene "went through. The hardest point is to take the well logs...do some superficial analysis. So many wells, so many lots....some modeling, so to speak. We do not know relations of well lots to development . Well logs do not always give location - have to do that by hand.

AH - Watershed council wants to become more involved. There are enough technical writers and so far, with their help we might get a grant from DOE to correlate the well logs with the map. Aspect said there was a report out that did that, but it does not exist.

PH - We talked with Ecy for some kind of financial assistance. They were open to it. Sage (Park) was willing to talk. We can put together a fairly targeted scope of work. Tying one well to one parcel....we still do extrapolation. We have so many developed parcels...maybe a barn, maybe a house.

AH - Aspect's report supposedly did this.

PH - They are probably pretty close, unless we look at each parcel to determine whether it's a house or a barn, etc. It will be a tedious task.

AH -If yo had one person whose only job was that - it could be a doable project.

PH - Agrees it could be done.

AH - Are well logs and parcels tied together in the ones we are doing now?

PH - Yes. Where there is a well log, we attached the parcel.

AH - So anything that is current now...we can say commercial or not.

PH - Perfect world is if we could find every well log, tie it to parcel, find if it is in use, is it tied back to a water right, is it irrigation? All wells could be broken out - active, water rights, replacement, etc. etc. We would know how many parcels have as well, do not have a well, if well is being used. Perfect world.

AH - Analysis of closed basins in the "shake piles?" (? What are shake piles?)

PH - Done

AH So "he" took the shake piles and figured out how many are in closed basins?

PH - He is doing it by reach.

AH - DOE said this would be valuable info to them to have the number of parcels covered by their shake pile?

AH - as soon as he gets closed basins done, can you e-mail to me so we can get to Ec'y?

PH - Applications: some will be kicked back for more info from applicants. The ones that do not have the DOE letter will have to go back to DOE. This will take a little discussion. Still a dangling level of discomfort about those who have no wells.

AH - I have a hard time, because we have this 5-year shelf life. I think Title 20 needs re-reading.

PH - That is our interpretation of 20. When you look at Hirst, land division, building permits. It doesn't say anything about existing lots, no one doing anything. If we were entirely compliant, we would n't (give?) any info unless there is an application,

AH - You would just tell them you are in a closed basin, and here is the data, or you are in this reach, and here is the status.

PH - Concerned still about where there is no well in the ground, we are telling them that there is a possibility that you can find water if you poke a hole in the ground.

AH - Can we get the Hirst decision pulled up and read on the screen where it says that we have to show that there is actually water there?

PH - (No answer.) We are kind of going back in time in our current process and making that determination. When we do that, we go back to Campbell-Gwynn.....

AH - But in my opinion, you give them a determination of legally available water, and they have to prove it by drilling a well, that there is physically available water. We can't say you can go down and you will get water.

PH - We are trying to say that in our decision, but now those certificates are being used as marketing for lot sales. The guy is acting like he's in a better position than someone who hasn't done that. What's illegally available now may not be available 5 years from now.

AH - Let's take a hypothetical situation. In one reach, you have 100 houses left. Someone comes in and 100 different people say we want you to say we have water. But 5 years from now, half have not been used, and all off a sudden....

PH - Relinquishment - doesn't happen too often. Theoretically, that is how we would approach it. No one would get another water certificate until a water certificate had expired.

AH - This will be a detriment in our county. - We know the procedure now pretty well. you are not in a closed basin. There are roughly a thousand homes that can still be built in this reach. If you can buy the land and want to wait.....if there are 2 houses left.... maybe you should....

PH - There are some things we need to take another look at. We can have a more informed discussion on the water section (of the comp Plan?) Angie was saying she was afraid she would be bored this inter.....

3:25 BOCC adourns, reconvenes as Tonasket EMS.

Discussion of appreciation/depreciation and how that might be dealt with and a scribner's error. AH moves to recognize the scriber's error and approve an action of the chair. Moves to prove the vouchers for utility and water reimbursement.

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3:28 - PC -quick exec Session - personnel issue. Roxanna King and myself.

AH - Exec Session for 5 min. Personnel issues. Perry and Roxanna join them.

3:34 - Reconvenes as BOCC.

PH - Last item -.Conveyance documents, the boundary line adjustment... *(Not on the agenda, no idea what is being talked about.)* Where are we at with the "Hewn" issue (???)

PH - Have not heard anything from Dave. He may not have had a chance to pick up yet. I know he contacted (??) He was gone Thurs and Fri. I will check on this. Anything else? Leaves.

AH, JD - Yukon to Yellowstone and now the "Western Wild Way Network. *(From info JD is getting on the web. Chuckles.)*

Note taker leaves