

# Okanogan County Board of Commissioners Meeting

Dec. 5, 2016

Jim Detro – JD  
Ray Campbell – RC  
Sheilah Kennedy – SK  
Andy Hover - AH  
Lanie Johns – LJ  
Albert Lin – AL  
Perry Huston – PH  
Josh Thompson - JH

*All writer's comments are in italics. This is a paraphrasing of conversations. As this has periods of BOCC work time there are extended periods of BOCC members looking at a variety of papers, reading correspondence on computers, emailing and texting. All BOCC members are present at opening.*

**MISC, MJ Issues at Malott, Budget & Resolutions, BOCC & A. Hover, DNR Timber Plans, 1955 road ownership project, Hirst Issues, CCT inter-local agreement, Hearing Ex. (Beardslee) Contract, Tonasket EMS, Jail, Fairgrounds, Building Inspector Contract**

## **MISC:**

9:05 – JD inquiring about fuel bid opening being on the agenda. He had noticed bid packets on LJ's desk. RC & SK are quietly working on computers. LJ – fuel bid opening is scheduled for 10:45 am Tuesday – will continued over to 2:00 pm Tuesday so that BOCC can be present. Tuesday morning will not have BOCC present and lack of quorum.

RC & JD – discussion of Rodeo- Saddle bronc results from TV. Some local people

involved. Also mention one family having a lot of success - Minor & DeMoss families (?).

RC & JD – discussion of a vote recount being done in the Midwest. Says 50% done and only one vote change. This involves Green Party – Jill Stein. RC – mumbling about cost to taxpayer.

9:30 – SK – Lael Duncan said that she would run some Vet housing stuff through Ok. Housing, this from Vet program. Vet office being able to assist Vets up there especially given the travel /time issues getting down to Ok. Office, which closes early on Fridays & totally on weekends.

## **Mj Issues at Malott:**

9:37 – PH enters. Malott old school issued exclusion for indoor grow/extraction plant. Malott Improvement Club objecting to process, but Planning can't change process rules retroactively. Still need several steps to get through before any final decision. Need a Conditional Use permit from County Planner. SK discusses a variety of obstacles and possible avenues of complaint about application. (*This was in paper last week in legal section.*). JD said he had a call from a friend mentioning a friend inquiring about buying the Malott school building for this project. JD replies he told the friend that he had no opinion pro or con and that "they" had a responsibility to go through process.

## **Budget & Resolutions:**

9:45 LJ discussing upcoming Supplemental Appropriation requests logistics and how to handle. Information not totally available but Resolution numbers are ready. First resolution (Medical Expense Revenue) is at 9:55.

9:55 JD opens Public Hearing on Supplemental Appropriation for Medical Reserve fund. Resolution 123 – 2016. This concerns \$ generated accrued from pre 2014 medical insurance contract that rebated \$ when county costs met certain goals (savings). This money was not spent and built up over time. This resolution transfers some money to current expense and the rest to pay for increase in non-union wages to make them more equal to equivalent Union wages. The rebate system was discontinued in 2014.

Second Resolution 124 – 2016 reflects change to current expense budget of the above Resolution.

### **BOCC & Andy Hover:**

10:10 – AH arrives. Public Hearing – current expense adjustment to cover expenses of election. \$11,320 – Resolution 125 – 2016. Needed to cover past election expanses.

JD & RC share with AH login procedures for looking at County log of who has or has not submitted time sheets for the past 2-week pay period. Because IRS requires a separate timesheet for each pay period this bi-weekly report is required.

BOCC are looking at issues of how an individual reports and reports what hours and how this impacts. Some mention of only look at Emergency management & Public Works, no explanation on why these and not others.

### **Budget & Resolutions:**

10:20 Supplemental Appropriation – Treasurer O & M, Resolution 126 – 2016. \$14,000 is to cover additional expenses through the end of year. (Always need to make sure all budget lines match up or the EDEN accounting program will lock up until rectified).

10:25 Public Hearing Resolution 127 – 2016 – Supplemental. Appropriation For Public Works - \$370,000 contractor services within Road fund. (Moving \$ around due to splitting of a project between seasons – fall 2016 to finish in Sprint 2017 due to weather. This pays for work done to date).

10:30 Sk – Wants to move 2017 Budget Final Hearing for Approval to Dec. 27. Dec 26 is a BOCC holiday. Will set late in the afternoon. 4:00 on Dec. 27 to finalize budget for 2017 Public Hearing. Budget is currently out \$700,000 and will have the public hearing on adoption Dec. 27.

JD – whether to listen in/attend DNR timber discussion at DNR. Tomorrow morning.

Lael D. has gotten back that OCHAC has Tonasket office also and has worked out contingences.

### **DNR Timber Plans:**

JD & RC Timber Counties have an annual meeting. Meeting is in general a repeat of an accumulation of info & meetings that are BOCC is aware. There is no real need to attend as local BOCC will get an update directly. RC goes on (to AH) about a past meeting he attended where a DNR timber

sale was up for discussion. This was a salvage sale that was opposed by ConNW. When the sale did come up for bid there was no actual bid. AH asks what science was behind ConNW opposition. – no specific response from RC, just goes on with his point of view on the history of events. RC & JD give input on points of view on process. JD – Marbled Murrelet & Spotted Owl restrictions have totally shut down west side forest harvest. This is a very one sided discussion overlooking all other influences on harvest.

AH – is given info about old Quad County & USFS Ranger Matt Reidy about wanting possible involvement with RAC Committee. LJ gives AH background and information about coming into the position. Note taker has discussion with AH about issues with USFS & grazing. There is lack of adequate long term funding accountability, operation and maintenance of grazing contracts and infrastructure in Tonasket RD.

SK & RC give AH background on Road Plan. Set up for setting 1955 road map as official County plan. A lot of roads were not legally removed or added to system. Some people impacted when there was no public process. 2015 CRAB – County Rd Advisory Board (State money for reimbursement to County) – is reviewing Okanogan Co. road process. There is some conflict in a few cases with USFS over road usage. USFS is OK with county taking over maintenance of a variety of roads. RC & AH: - PW provides info, then a consideration by a road engineer who to makes a report then BOCC decides; *(1955 map is official because that was last time an official resolution was done on county roads)*. RC informs AH of need to do official road vacation process that will fall on the new BOCC along with USFS action

of transfer of jurisdiction for some roads to County. RC indicates that some roads will be done by current Board before they leave office.

Note taker and AH discussion about adequate recording of BOCC proceedings – videotaping?, need for indexing and searching ability of archive, logistic issues. Open ended and pointed toward more public access. Extends to possibility of some services – such as clerical as an example of possible collaboration with city offices, e.g. state does this with DOL issues, using website, county & licensing agents. This could be explored to ease the burden on more remote areas of the county.

## MISC

Much computer, shuffling of papers, reading by SK & SK. JD left about 11:00 – not exact as the note taker was in discussion with AH.

12:30 RC leaves for lunch, no quorum. Lunch

1:30

## **1955 road map project: USFS/County ownership, maintenance of roads, vacation process.**

Verleen & JT (Josh Thompson): efforts for reconciliation of 1955 map with current road system. Going over a series of roads with no history of county maintenance or not existing even though on 1955 map. BOCC agrees on all but one case, next step is to examine legal issues, then road engineer examines, and finally a public hearing. The one exception is an non-existent road up Gold Creek (Tonasket Ranger Dist) on Buckhorn Mtn

near current Kinross Gold Mine. JD objects as he is concerned about possible “locking up” by “them” and wants to retain access for possible exploration.

When to set public hearing on final decision? If go to Hearing Examiner will take longer, if BOCC hears on Dec. 28 then is quicker and final. Set for 9 am. Verleen & JT will need to post possible action at both ends of roads or non-existent roads. Quick break so PH can rewrite vacate resolution.

JD – relays to JT about disagreement in Chewilliken School Bus route between Wilson clan & Tonasket SD.

Some confusion – RC wants to be part of resolution concerning all roads on 1955 map as being on system and then vacate a few due to history of not existing or non-maintenance. Others want to keep in two separate resolutions.

Verleen pointing out 3 steps: 1 – Resolution to vacate some specific roads as discussed above. 2 – declare that all roads that were removed without due process are on County system. 3 - Need a letter from BOCC to USFS that specific roads are on County system, others USFS jurisdiction. SK is agreeing that County has them on system so no need to send anything to USFS – (Has always been on system), a clarification will then go to USFS so USFS can proceed with NEPA process.

There is a long process of wordsmithing a resolution to put back on roads that were removed without due process. Becomes **Resolution 129 – 2016.** Done.

### **Hirst Issues (See also ROC notes for 12/7/16 public meeting.)**

PH – Ordinance 2016–5 meeting will be 6:30 Tuesday. Target audience will be well drillers, developers, practitioners and others about new county HIRST procedures. Official public hearing will be on Dec. 19, 1:30 (Tuesday), Dec. 6 meeting is public outreach, informational.

People who are applying for permits (Hirst impacted) are calling in and asking info. Generally a good attitude and they like that there is a clear process.

RC wants wording that fixes positively impacted in-stream water flows.

PH – combining stream data, precipitation well logs, and more in order to demonstrate if any correlation or not between permitting of an exempt well and water availability.

### **CCT inter-local agreement.**

Tribe signed a different resolution on agreement. If BOCC is in agreement and is ready to sign then move ahead. Seems CCT had signed the same version after all, (a bit of confusion here), BOCC just needs to sign, SK moves and OK.

### **Hearing Examiner Contract:**

Professional services agreement with hearing examiner (Beardslee had been with a consulting firm associated with Gebber’s Orchards). This is a draft, just needs an OK to proceed.

### **Administrative Agenda:**

## **Tonasket EMS**

Adjourn as BOCC, reconvene as Tonasket EMS. Approval of voucher for \$708.36. (PH in as executive director of Tonasket EMS—leaves local control out.) Needs to decide on what to do with building upgrade and new vehicle. Wants a long-term agreement with Lifeline similar to Oroville EMS. Need to present first right of refusal offer to City of Tonasket on building. PH is to prepare a letter to get City to buy or put building up for sale. Building needs a lot of repairs to meet codes. BOCC has a discussion about some alternative scenarios to resolve Lifeline long-term contracts, need for new vehicle and building needs. BOCC wants to keep Lifeline though if it “walks” alternatives exist – NVH, local volunteers, - these options diminish as time goes along due to whittling away of nest egg of \$ transferred from Tonasket EMS.

Adjourn as Tonasket EMS, reconvene as Tonasket EMS Bd of Trustees. There are two billings for on the job injuries. This is still working on clearing up backlog of transfer of Tonasket EMS local to BOCC control.

Adjourn as Tonasket EMS Trustees and reconvene as BOCC.

JD & RC thanks PH for guidance on Tonasket EMS procedures.

## **Jail:**

Budget resolution in process for ceiling project

## **Fairgrounds:**

Referring to Coordinator/facility manager at Fair. Current fair administrator is on a temporary position at fair, need to make a decision on the status. Need a person on the ground dealing with fairgrounds events, keep current person and offer interim status to this seasonal person. PH will post position as a more permanent Events Manager position. DH – Debbie Hilts – Human Resources coordinator discusses issue.

## **Building Inspector Contract**

Dan Higbee wants to know if there is an intent to renew his contract and his performance review. He needs to be done by Dec. 15, BOCC will offer a new contract.

4:00 Note Taker leaves.