

**Board of Okanogan County Commissioners  
(BOCC)  
Feb. 27, 2018**

Jim Detro – JD (BOCC)  
Chris Branch – CB (BOCC)  
Andy Hover – AH (BOCC)  
Josh Thomson – JT (Public Works)  
Debi Hilts – DH (HR)  
Joe Poulin – JP (Maintenance)

Perry Huston – PH (Planning)  
Lanie Johns – LJ (BOCC Clerk)  
Ben Rough – BR (Public Works)  
David Gechas – DG (Civil Att.)  
Tanya Craig – TC (Risk Manager)

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**Cannabis moratorium & Interim Control, Civil Attorney Updates, Maintenance & Grounds Update, Assessor Update, Admin Update, HR Business & Employment, Bid opening – legal newspaper, Fair well project, Resolutions, PWorks Engineering, 2018 Homeless Housing Plan**

9:00 JD, others not present currently. DH – HR, DG – Civil Prosecutor, PH & AH @ 9:07

PH & AH: Well drillers are bringing concerns over the new procedures for getting wells done. Feeling is with support and familiarity it will work out.

**Cannabis moratorium** is repealed, interim rules and procedures implemented. Review by BOCC, PC and other bodies will be done before finalization of the rules and procedures.

DG (**Civil Attorney**)– looking at Title 20 and needs to read comments on hand before continuing on review of comprehensive plan, some concerns & will research for Case Law. SB 6091 – since we’re going out first will create some new precedent and attention. This is part of the risk in going forward. PH – some push back on “Nexus” language. If necessary he can edit it out. 20.10.050 will be struck out of Title 20. PH feels comments by “he” are planting an argument or direction of future argument. AH – looked at a map of general Methow and possible maximum exempt wells and estimated 26000 possible. Using consumptive use model he feels there could reasonably be up to 25,000@380 gpd. AH feels no feasible way could use all available well sites so sees no real restriction except in closed basins. There is reasonable concern over water availability and over usage currently in Tunk valley. GT (George Thornton) – comments that there are a few water basins with no outlet and should be examined due to limited watershed and recharge, i.e. – Wannacut/Blue Lake in the north end of the County. No other specific areas are thought at this time. There is some conflict over landowners and differing interests that will need to be balanced in the Comprehensive Plan.

9:34: JP arrives

DG – only limiting pressure on water is on housing not agriculture, industry and stock water. PH – senior water right usage under Hirst is still top concern. DG - Tribes contend fishing water rights pre-date all other rights though this position is not currently accepted but will still be contested. DG has talked with Mrs. Volckers (sp?) – still concerned about the 2 cfs rule in the Methow but not expressing why. 2 cfs is hydrological not biological according to Fish & Wildlife and still want to rethink that position. AH – brings out anecdotal comment about change in fish species mix in Methow River that may be connected to 2 cfs rule and long term changes in water flow in the river.

9:50 JP (**Maintenance & Grounds**) – he has looked into a rental for a tractor at the Fair Grounds. The nearby vendor does not rent anymore but would loan one for the immediate weekend need. He is looking into a variety of prices for a permanent tractor. Fans for the Agriplex would be \$250 for a small fan, up to \$5000 for a big one, \$1000 for a usable design for the Agriplex. Will be able to do real research after a budget is adopted. The budget will be discussed on March 5 and lead to a final adoption. Fair Doors – waiting on “dead parts” for repairing the doors. JP is looking into bids for installing the parts. AH needs a quarterly update on budget from Maintenance. Douglas County wants to contract with Veteran’s Affairs. PH & JP need to be kept in the loop. DG needs to develop an inter-local agreement to cover the arrangement.

9:58 SF (**Scott Foreman**) **Assessor Update** – levy rates for education generally up \$1.00 + in local area due to state education assessment. SF has sent PILT to the Fish & Wildlife – County may get a few more dollars. SF still keeps a “red sheet” tracking what would be earned by the County if the State PILT were fully funded. Full value is close to twice what the county currently receives. SF passes on that State pays only on land value not on any improvements reflecting the public value of the land, generally at 50% of general assessed value. Assessor’s office has made physical inspections in the central valley and SF feels they are going well. Central valley is about done. Assessed value is very low compared to current selling values – assessed values are running at 84% of market value. County is limited by law to raising values fast enough to match real prices so can’t keep up. SF passes on his appreciation for updating wages for map segregation position. AH – DoR (Department of Revenue) use code question? SF replies that unfortunately they are not updated regularly and is often overlooked when reassessed. The code does not address the property usage in any great detail. AH asks if it could match to GIS data. SF yes easy to match to any available GIS shape file for sorting. This is easy, just need to ask. *(AH is looking to get data on potential well sites and correlate with the usage codes and wants to match to the various reaches in the Methow)*

DH & AH – looking at contracting with Douglas Co. for **Veteran services**. Wants DH to look at job description and DG to review.

#### LJ – **Admin Update**

- Email sent BOCC of draft job description for Senior Clerk position.
- Resolution to transition Clerk 3 to Senior Clerk position
- Email shows difference in wages between the two positions, approx. \$3800

- Non-bargaining position, candidate has increased knowledge, experience and responsibilities
- Board Clerk 2 position was eliminated making that positions budget available to fund wage increase
- LTAC contributes to salary position as that is part of duties of the position. AH needs to know if Clerk 2 position salary can be directed to the proposed Senior Clerk position or does it go elsewhere?
- DH – Person has greatly enlarged background, doing a lot more,
- LJ has trained the person to have higher qualifications, person is being head hunted by other departments.
- LJ – person is highly valuable skills and LJ doesn't want to lose.
- Proposed increase is to Senior Clerk 1, Step 2. Meets policy, has worked for County for 6 months+
- Only info AH needs is that LTAC \$7500 went into Clerk 2 position so can it transition to Senior Clerk position.
- Bid packet for legal newspaper. 2 bids to be opened in the afternoon. Actual award will be March. Will be presented to Board 1<sup>st</sup> Monday in April
- Clerk office has grant from Sec. of State office for digitizing records application was submitted. Sample of application has been sent to BOCC. State has a goal for records to be available digitally. Grants is for \$21,480. Expectation is for award to be very close to that amount.

DH (HR) – TC (Risk Management) is down with the flu, and is not available so DH will cover. **HR Business & Employment**

- **New jail doctor** is asking for \$900 a month, \$10,800 increase from previous, would be available 24/7. 1 day a week will work on meds. Person has been on SWAT team, is quite an upgrade from past. There needs to be signatures form all of BOCC & DG to accept. AH moves to approve contract for new jail MD. Bradley Craig (Sp?).
- A District Court Prosecuting attorney has left, replacement will start 2/28/2018.
- Will start advertisements for **PWorks seasonal positions** next week.
- WSU office manager, PHealth positions are out for applications.
- Are losing another Dispatcher, now down 2 positions
- 2 people are on the roster for Corrections, DH is doing backgrounds. 1 person has requested moving off Sheriff's roster and onto Corrections roster.
- Still waiting for State PSafety to respond to allowing DH to proctor local testing
- Issue with having temporary officers in jail, 2 Omak police officers, fell through. Sheriff's Guild felt unfair to take away overtime opportunity by having outsiders fill need.
- Sheriff will allow a deputy to fill in as a deputy in Corrections but not as a Corrections position
- Claims (TC job) – insurance has declined, 2 people were backing out into each other, one from driveway – plow driver to realign on street. Did not see each other
- Will bring up Fair Grounds at March 5 meeting.

AH – question about Senior Clerk position – if person moves on in the future would position be filled at a Senior Clerk level?

10:50 JT & CB currently at SWAC meeting, will be delayed

11:40 Adjourn for lunch

1:30 AH & JD – possible donation to Fair. AH – options for funds include rehab of equestrian track at Fair.

**Public Comment** period: None

LJ & AH: **general budget questions**, Homeless proposals for Monday meeting, budget line for Admin.

2:00 **Bid opening – legal newspaper**. 2 bids: 1) Omak Chronicle, 2) Methow Valley News/Oroville-Tonasket Gazette. Bids directed to LJ for copies and review, civil deputy will review, March 13 to make award at 3:00 pm.

2:17 Bids for **Fair well project**? NO. Possible bidders want to include a remote camera inspection, taking cap off current well before bidding. Will send out a new request that would include in RFB.

2:21 CB arrives. PH arrives – asks about repeal of Cannabis Moratorium? AH – updates CB, asks PH to check about water rights at Fair Grounds. Question is if can drill a new well near current site under the current water right.

## **Resolutions**

- Board repeals **Cannabis Moratorium**
- Board approves **Interim Cannabis Controls**
- **Repeal part of Title 20** as pertains to Determination of completeness (OCC Title 20.08.050)

2:30 JT (**PWorks Engineering**) arrives.

- USFS asking about specific access issues to various Snow Parks for road maintenance
- WATV – needs to send in a sample sign to WDoT.
- Bid Award for Roller/Packer to LyCox
- Bid Award for PUs – recommend reject, as award winner wants to rebid at a lower price.
- JD asks if still deciding on diesel or gas Pus. JT – will try 1 PU, ½ ton and see how it goes. Maybe not this bid.
- Will come back next week for a more detailed report.

JD leaves for meeting on west side.

GT – introduction of Karen Hardy & Susan Swanson to BOCC.

3:00 Homeless Housing Coalition presents draft **2018 Homeless Housing Plan**. There is a general introduction of highlights and then breaking down to interest groups to discuss individual draft goals. BOCC, Coalition members and public participate then a reporting out to the group. BOCC will discuss 9:00 am Monday.

4:30 Note taker leaves for another commitment.