

Board of Okanogan Count Commissioners' Mtg.
2-14-2017, PM session

[Handouts will be attached to these notes soon.]

Board of Health—at the Public Health Building

JD—Jim DeTro
AH—Andy Hover
CB—Chris Branch
DH—Dave Hilton—Environmental Health Director
LJ—Laurie Jones—Community Health Director
JJ—JJ Bellinger - Board of Health
CB—Carol Bagley - Board of Health
MW—Maryanne Williams - Board of Health

Summary of Board of Health Meeting—

Approve minutes, Treasurer's Report, Vouchers. Surplus 2001 Nissan, Board of Health orientation slide show, Community Health update, Environmental Health update.

Meeting begins at 1:30.

The minutes of the last meeting, the Treasurer's report and the vouchers & payroll are all approved. County Commissioners review the vouchers more frequently than the BOH because commissioners meet more often.

Discussion of Consolidated Contract Amendment #8. These are contracts that are concerned with maternal health, drinking water, etc.

DH—Group B & Group A regulations (unable to follow discussion)

CB—What about old water systems? Do they have to abide by regulations?

JJ—Nothing is grandfathered in, must be either A or B. Old, non-compliant systems are mostly brought into compliance when someone sells the property & the buyer need financing.

LJ—Sent notices to mayors re: opening of the Board of Health who must be an elected official. Mayor of Tonasket was the only one who responded.

MW—Maybe we should give everyone another month?

JJ—I'll email Tonasket mayor to let him know we received his letter & tell him we're keeping it open another month.

LJ—Marianne caught an error in Charter bylaws and proposed a correction. The Vice-Chair had no duties so the amendment will say the Vice-Chair will chair meetings in the absence of the Chair.

DH—Surplus 2001 Nissan. Almost 200K miles and it "has issues". Blue Book value <2K & needs work, especially on transmission. It will be a direct sale and advertised in the local newspaper. The Board of Health, not the BOCC has the title. The BOH recently bought a new Chevy Colorado. The BOCC approved the money for this purchase two years ago. BOCC approves surplus of old vehicle.

LJ—Presents an Organizational chart of the OCPH department in 2016. Dr. McCarthy is the Health Officer, but he's being courted by Spokane County and he'll make a lot more money there if he goes. He'll be at the BOH meeting in March.

MW—Wants to see the evaluation criteria for Dr. McCarthy.

LJ—(?)Dr. Larsen of Kittitas County covers for our County as Dr. McCarthy is away.

LJ—Presents a slide show to introduce the new BOCC Commissioners to the BOH.

Highlights include:

- Environmental Health.
 - Restaurant inspectors try to get to all full time restaurants twice/year, but prioritizes ones with a bad reputation. We see photos of restaurants with deplorable stuff. Inspections include restaurants & food service at events like the fair.
 - Garbage removals.
 - Septic systems. They now have a correspondence course for septic installers.
- Community Health—
 - STDs including partner notifications.
 - Reportable and non-reportable diseases.
 - Two cases of active TB in the county, so a nurse visits daily & observes the patient take the medication.
- Contracts with
 - DSHS--Home visits. Maternal Child health
 - Juvie Contract—Nursing assessments to see if a child should be sent to a health care provider or not. Sort of triage.
- Birth & Death Certificates
 - System in place now where people born in any county of Washington can get an official birth certificate on safety paper from Okanogan County.
 - Okanogan County voters are removed from voter rolls when they die in Okanogan County. (DeTro makes a joke about voter fraud, but this shows the county removes dead voters for its rolls.)
 - County coroner has been bumped up from 60% FTE to 100%.
- Community Health update
 - No mumps in Okanogan County. Grant County has 9 cases & Ferry County has 3. BOH has notified all schools that if anyone gets mumps at the school, those not vaccinated or able to show they're immune (both students & staff) will be excluded from school and school activities for 25 days from the last case reported. Teachers without immunity will be excluded without pay!
 - Opioid epidemic—Okanogan County has a syringe exchange & a questionnaire for those who use it. Meth use is decreasing (as a result of making it much harder to buy the ingredients) and heroin use is increasing. Since 2015 we've got Naloxone injections to use in overdose rescue kits. Mid-Valley Hospital ER is required to report of OD if patient is hospitalized, but not if patient is treated & released.

DH—OTA (Overnight Transient Accommodations) This means motels, B&B's etc. Towns of Winthrop & Twisp are reluctant to sign the form saying an OTA is licensed. DH thinks this is because they misinterpret the form. OCPH needs only to know that a place is an official OTA and then they can inspect it for health concerns, such as bed bugs. AH says he will look into the situation.

LJ—is going to a training conference in Seattle and has a scholarship to cover the expenses.

Meeting ends at 3:10.

Back to the regular meeting room at 123-5thh Ave, Okanogan
Discussion of Affordable Housing reporting by OCCAC (Okanogan County Community Action Council)

AH—Andy Hover

JD—Jim DeTro

CB—Chris Branch

LD—Lael Duncan, Executive Director of OCCAC

DT—Donna Talbot, Fiscal & Administrative Director of OCCAC

LJ—Lalena Johns

LT—Laurie Thomas

Summary—There are two laws under discussion. One has “Homeless” in its title & the other has “Affordable Housing” in its title, but both laws deal with both issues. (The laws are also called by their numbers, HB-2060 & HB-2063.) In a previous meeting OCCAC was asked to produce an accounting of the money from the county and this is the result. The commissioners all praise the information they’ve been given but have questions about the unspent half of the 15% administrative allowed money. OCCAC has been spending only ~7.5% of this money & now wants to be able to use the rest. Commissioners discuss this idea after LD & DT leave.

DT—passes out binders with fiscal accounting of OCCAC from 2005 to present. Everything needed to show an auditor. Includes money from Okanogan County, allocations made, cumulative activity funds, 15% administrative allowed, and how much of the 15% was spent and how much carried forward. Each year also includes copies of contracts with coalition members and minutes of coalition meetings.

DT—she leads commissioners through 2005 & 2006.

AH—This is extremely good.

DT—skip to 2015. Total transfer from County is \$750,000 since 2005 and how it’s been disbursed. Since 2005, OCCAC has used only approx. 50% of the admin allowed and now it’s asking for the other 50% they were allowed but didn’t use.

LD—This request is shown as available funding.

AH—questions about 2014 & 2015 (no disbursements in 2015)

LD—used 2060 money (?) Proposes to move \$26,000 back to OCCAC.

JD—Funds can’t be housed in separate account outside of the county.

CB—Is it state requirement that money is held in our account?

LD—County attorney drew up the contract.

JD—But compliance issue just came up due to state audit.

LJ—Problem with account. Process similar to homeless housing fund. Auditor needs to see how County is handling the funds.

DT—We can change if you want. It’s not a problem, but we did what contract called for.

JD—It's our fault because we wrote the contract.

CB—Two problems—1. The funds that accumulated (the carry over of the admin allowance) and 2. The balance—why doesn't the county hold it & get the interest?

LD—I'm happy to change what we call the columns: Homeless vs. Affordable Housing. Back in 2004 we adopted the way we do it because the reimbursements could be done earlier.

LT—Would like to see funds vouchered as needed rather than quarterly & then you can't see them anymore.

DT—So why not just do it like the county does (2060)?

CB—Who does compliance?

LJ—We'll make it part of the contract with each entity.

LD—I have a question from Jan 23, 2017 BOCC mtg. (Passes out copies of page 3 of ROC's minutes from Jan 23, 2017.) Is BOCC satisfied we're doing good? The intent is to be transparent JD says I'm territorial but that's how I feel re: homelessness funds. I'm very committed.

JD—I didn't mean territorial in a bad way (paraphrase, not quote).

AH—In November you gave the old board a list of proposed disbursements. Did they get approved?

LD—We make decisions on funds & BOCC approved them.

JD—ROC notes are taken by lay people, (he says while staring right at me) not a professional (gesturing towards Lanie).

AH tries to get the conversation back on track.

LD—in 2007 we asked BOCC to set aside 1/3 of the money in the Homeless Fund for future projects.

AH—Define these terms—Homeless vs. Affordable housing. What's the difference?

LD—Affordable Fund 1st created, but intended to serve homeless & very low income. 2 separate bills created these funds, so they have different names. 2060 fund is Affordable Housing

JD—2060 is direct connection to Housing Authority?

CB—The names are confusing.

LT—Funds 141 & 142 were set up because of two bills, each with specific language.

CB—One has more restrictions. Both address homeless.

AH—Thank you, OCCAC, for your excellent accounting.

LD & DT leave at 4:30. Commissioners, LJ & LT continue to talk among themselves.

AH—Asks others, do numbers look odd? They used only 50% of admin allowed over numerous years & then asked for all the rest right at the end.

LT—It was all very vague before this. Maybe they're still co-mingling two funds.

LJ—Needs reporting language in contract.

LJ—BOCC should have received copies of contract all along & this is the first time we received anything.

AH—Does contract really call for us to give them all the rest of the extra money? We should run it past Albert.

LJ—State auditor will have a cow.

AH—If you're only using 50% of admin fees & now you can't have control of the cash anymore & you want all the rest of the money, what's going on?

LJ—March 1 is termination date of the contract & requires them to remit

CB—What they want is a request.

AH—Disbursement is not a request because they don't have to do it.

CB—What do their books look like re: readily available cash in this account? Is that part of why they're requesting the other 50%?

AH—Mentions problems in 2011 & 2012. They need to be addressed.

LJ—Does this match up with 2017 spread sheet?

CB—I'd like to discuss this in a less formal setting. Can I go talk to LD & DT by myself? It's OK with AH.

LT- leaves at 4:48.

Commissioners discuss the Consent Agenda. Note taker leaves at 4:55.