

**Board of Okanogan County Commissioners
(BOCC)
March 19, 2019**

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Perry Huston – PH (Planning)	Dan Higbee – DH (Building)
Laleña Johns – LJ (BOCC Clerk)	George Thornton – GT (Citizen, County Watch)
Ben Rough – BR (Public Works)	Tony Hawley – TH (Sheriff)
David Gecas – DG (Civil Att.)	Randy Clough (Central Service)

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Summary: **Civil Attorney:** Property tax foreclosure case, Dog Ordinance, Building – made city agreements, Public Records requests, Medical bullying for inmates on furlough, Search & Rescue issue, April 2 FutureWise, **Fair Events:** Gate Ticket taking, Consulting services, **Admin & Fair Maintenance:** May 1 temp positions, **Executive Session:** Potential litigation, **Finance Committee:** Review of Cash on hand and investment balance, Revenue Recap, Credit Card policy, Fund 93-932 is a Solid Waste, Interest off residual funds, Annual report by Auditor, **Planning and Admin:** Method of Revenue and budgeting, Sharing a Planning position with Oroville, **WSU Extension:** Appendix A form, Reclassification Office Manager, 4H, Monthly email update to BOCC, **Public Comment:** Road Maintenance, **Bid Opening:** County Legal Newspaper, **Miscellaneous Business**

JD, AH & CB present. LJ, PH, DG, SC & DH along with Deputy Yarnell.

DG (Civil Attorney)

- Received a lawsuit on Friday on a **Property tax foreclosure case**, Knew the suit was coming. DG will want an executive session over this case and upcoming Futurewise visit.
- Other issues:
 - o **Dog Ordinance** (Deputy Yarnell, Animal Control officer for the Sheriff's office).
 - o **DH of Building – made city agreements** for building inspection services have same language and are sent out to the cities.
 - o **Some Public Records requests.**
 - o **Medical bullying for inmates on furlough** and a **Search & Rescue issue.**
- Dog Ordinance: present a potential ordinance for review by BOCC. Would make the entire County an animal control zone. Same old problems keep coming up. Has presented the proposal to the BOCC in an email. Here to review for the BOCC. DG and Yarnell had introduced a while ago, took comments and made changes then the effort was put on shelf due to other more pressing issues before the BOCC. The goal was to rescind the old ordinance and replace new ordinance. Has sent the Kittitas County ordinance and formatted it to look at. It makes the County a control zone. There is never concentration of complaints – they are all over and

scattered problems. Wants BOCC to consider – goal today is go over issues he has run into. Currently no way for County to classify a marauding dog that is killing livestock, currently puts burden on owner of livestock to control. New ordinance would allow County to intervene directly on nuisance animals. Allows ticketing of owners whose animals are a nuisance. Would like to have ID/tags on dogs but would not require but encourage tagging, micro-chipping or collar ID. Wants an individual with a sufficient complaint to say “this” dog is causing a problem and will ticket or impound the animal. The animal ID would be posted for claiming or given to an animal shelter. Owner of the animal would be responsible for any fee or the shelter would cover the cost by adoption fees. Would need to identify acceptable shelters for impounding and come to an agreement on appropriate fees. Allows control of a harassing animal, nuisance animals, control of a dangerous animal, harassing of livestock, wildlife and more. Defines “Running at Large”, makes every case a case-by-case basis.

- AH – looking for explanation and thinking about potential issues. Yarnell – in 2018: 89 vicious dog complaints, 124 animal problems (other than vicious), 104 stray incidents: are “at-large” and also includes other animals (horses, cattle) – incidents may involve multiple animals.
 - PH – sees issue well describe in proposed ordinance.
 - CB – knows will be some pushback but a lack of any enforcement a problem, wants some teeth, appreciates a need for discretion on the part of officer.
 - Yarnell points out Omak (1st Offense: \$250 & 2nd + \$500), Okanogan (1st Offense \$50 & 2nd \$200). Would want to be somewhere in the middle for County.
 - Yarnell sees his effort will be an education effort. If an individual shoots an animal without reasonable cause, shooter could be in a criminal charge for malicious conduct. If an animal is chasing wildlife, that is a WDFW issue and anyone would need special permission to control harassing animal.
 - If BOCC wants to approve an ordinance would need to have a public hearing. AH will look at the ordinance for a concern about “at-large” definition. BOCC will look over what DG has right now for review. Then see where to go.
- **April 2 FutureWise** possibly a meeting with only 1 BOCC Commissioner so there would be no quorum. Details are still being worked out.

SC (Fair Events)

- **Gate Ticket taking** has been set for 2019. Same church group will work the gates at the same fee as last year.
- Move to allow Eric Fritz (VSO) to charge Fair for **Consulting services** on non-VSO items. Need an agreement to understand what the details of the work involve.

JP (Admin & Fair Maintenance)

- Wants to get the ball rolling for **May 1 temp positions** for the Fair Grounds. This year it seems unlikely that it will be able to get a Jail trustee for work at the Fair Grounds. JP would want 2 temps, 1 more than last year to make up for the lack of a Jail Trustee. Work would be Spring cleaning, repairs, prep for season. Generally, the Fair gets a trustee or two, if not available then will need to create a second temp position. AH want JP to bring budget numbers in to see if the extra position is possible.

9:55 **Executive Session:** 1(i) - potential litigation. Return at 10:21 no decision

Finance Committee (LM, CH & Lisa Shreckengost (new in office))

- **Review of Cash on hand and investment balance:** Doing very well for this time of year. Should be able to get through to tax revenue with a supplemental out of Contingency Reserve
- **Revenue Recap:** Early reports aren't representative as most revenue comes in April so working on carry over from 2018. Nothing out of the ordinary for this time of year.
- Treasurer still working on **Credit Card policy**, will be giving a class on handling revenue for departments.
- **Fund 93-932 is a Solid Waste** account to be closed and funds moved to Current expenses (\$83,000). Will need to talk with JT.
- **Interest off residual funds** this month was \$34,000, a big increase.
- **Annual report by Auditor:** Definitely on track. Will bring the report to the BOCC, especially narrative. Wants to have a public link on the website. Difficult to compare to previous year due to State Auditor eliminating and changing of various BARS. Will put out some graphs for comparison.

PH (Planning and Admin)

- Possible different **Method of Revenue and budgeting?** BOCC wants on the Finance Committee agenda. Possible systemic changes in budgeting? Need to look at the big picture issues – stagnating revenue, increased demands from legislature on Counties.
- CB: Need to follow up on **Sharing a Planning position with Oroville.**

AH brings up a WSU office request for reclassifying a position as well as other positions in the County and looking at the overall impact on the budget. WSU impact alone might be a \$95,000 increase in budget.

- **WSU Extension** (Kayla Wells-Moses: Natasha (4H) and Kayla- **Appendix A form** need signature of BOCC then it goes to WSU. WSU will cover for this year the 1% raise for Natasha (4H) so County does not need to adjust budget.
- Kelly's **Reclassification (Office Manager)** is in the BOCC hands – any update? County will need to do a budget supplemental to cover change in budget. LJ – need a resolution. AH moves to have staff develop a resolution to change classification of the position.
- Move to sign Form Appendix A – passed. Question - is reclassification immediate?
- Natasha (4H) – has been very busy – **master gardener training**, 35 people at session, **4H leader training**. Want to have a program for 4hers on **flag & veterans history** of the flag and proper treatment. Will be at Methow and Okanogan. Will involve taking cutting stars out of retired flags and officially presenting to. Will have Eric Fritz (VSO) giving a presentation at program. Will be open to the public. 4Hers will learn proper handling of the flag. Need it on record that BOCC approves – BOCC OKs participation of Eric Fritz as part of normal work. **Possible living with bears education program** – basically OK if not advocating for grizzly.
- AH – wants a **monthly email update** of what has been done by Kayla, also developing an impact report of what the program is doing.

11:30 No HR/Risk presentation

1:30 PH check in. JD, AH & CB present + LJ

Public Comment.

- Stan (From Chilliwist) – **Road maintenance** needs more and better work. Road is not crowned properly, water is running down the road and not into the ditches. Sees a lack of experience in grading of roads – lack of crowns allows sitting water leading to chuckholes. Graders not clearing ditches to bring ballast back onto the roads. BOCC needs to see how bad it is. Culverts

are plugged, much of the gravel on the road gets pushed off and into the ditches and banks. Material needs to be brought back onto the road. Causes a lot of wear and tear on citizen's vehicles. Perhaps lack of experience/training on the part of operators.

2:00 Bid Opening

- **County Legal Newspaper** – Decision will be made after comparison of bids on April 1 @ 3 pm.
 - o Bids by Wenatchee World, Sound Publishing (Gazette Tribune & Methow Papers) % Omak Chronicle.
 - o All papers supplied sample legal ads and costs along with type specifications
 - o Comparison of ad costs, circulation in County. Data will be put into a spreadsheet to determine comparable costs. LJ will prepare, along with circulation numbers for BOCC comparison for April 1 decision.

Miscellaneous:

- Approval of vouchers & Payroll for County: 1,021,323.84 – Approved.
- Approval of Public Health vouchers and Payroll: \$34,199.03 – Approved.

2:25 AH – off to talk with PH, JD & CB reviewing materials. 2:37 AH returns

Miscellaneous:

- Conversation with AH & LJ over **fuel (propane) usage at jail**. Might have been left out of budget Checking over usual expenses for propane and projected expenditure for year. Possible supplemental to cover.
- AH relaying that he answered **10 questions for a Tonasket Outreach Middle school student**. Student has asked if he could recommend AH to others as his is the only person in class with a response. AH says he would be willing to recommend CB & JD (laughter). AH proceeds to send recommendation to student.
- Resolution creating **2 new sheriff's positions to serve Tonasket** during the length of the agreement with Tonasket City and Okanogan County. At end of agreement positions will end.
- **Consent Agenda** passed.

3:05 Adjourned