

**Board of Okanogan County Commissioners
(BOCC)
March 6, 2019**

Jim Detro – JD (BOCC)	Tanya Craig – TC (Risk Manager)
Chris Branch – CB (BOCC)	Leah McCormick – LM (Treasurer)
Andy Hover – AH (BOCC)	Cari Hall – CH (Auditor)
Josh Thomson – JT (Public Works)	Stella Columbia – SC (Fair Events)
Debi Hilts – DH (HR)	Maurice Goodall – MG (Emergency Mgmt)
Joe Poulin – JP (Maintenance & Fair Grds)	Mike Worden – MW (Dispatch)
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: Building Inspector - contracts for services, Pateros for Police services, FutureWise Meeting, Reviewing documents, Tonasket recall hearing, **Fair Events:** Summer temporary position, looks busier than last year, Long term priorities, Old race track material, **BOCC Clerk:** Update printer for the office, **Admin & Fair Maintenance:** Getting ready for summer, Juvenile Sewer repair low bidder, **Planning & Admin:** Veranda Beach road controversy, Cabin on the river, **HR & Risk:** Tonasket Law Enforcement Agreement, Criminal Justice billings, Jail Bunk beds, Solid Waste LOA, Risk Pool and Sheriff's Office, Risk Pool Conference, **Public Works:** Maintenance & Roads, Network Connection, WATV routes & signage, Capital Facilities Plan, Levee Repairs, M2 truck driver, Wages for SW temp. employees, Similkameen Trail, **Miscellaneous:** Discussion of cougars, Opportunity for a shared planning position, Emergency Services Organization, Quarterly meeting of NE Counties, **Emergency Manager position, Public Comment:** GT - Corrections Officer, TV District, Encouraging County support, **Miscellaneous**

9:05 JD, AH, CH present. LJ, PH, JP, SC & DG staff present.

DG (Civil Attorney)

- Building inspector discusses statue of **contracts for services** to Brewster, Riverside & Twisp. Riverside & Brewster just need to be renewed for 2019 and just need dates and fees checked. Twisp never finished the contract from last year but they want to have the County continue doing the inspections. DH – Twisp contract needs to have a contract end date, otherwise ready to move forward. AH – need to look out for needs of the County – County ability to provide the services, cover changing costs, no enforcement by County w/i cities, In general the County is not able to charge “fees” higher than costs but the city agreements are “contracts” so some flexibility on the contract amount. Twisp has almost the same fee structure as the County. Once a general contract is agreed to than it will be easy to renew in following years. Current is dealing with added labor needs at this time. CB – Does Twisp cover any liability issues? DH – Current contract has Twisp covering insurance or Risk Costs. BOCC want yearly contracts. Building sends a person to Twisp Staff meeting once a month – cost is recovered from Twisp.

- Also received a proposal for services from **Pateros for Police services**. Will check in with Sheriff for input. DG will correspond with Pateros lawyers then bring to the BOCC next week for signatures.
- **Futurewise** has sent a letter asking to meet with the BOCC in a public hearing. Futurewise has MVCC (Methow Valley Citizen Council) as a client in this situation and has comments on the County Comprehensive Plan. There is a lot of pressure from the courts to work out differences. AH – needs to know what details are of concern and lay out or describe a solution as they see it. Could be a useful conversation. A chance to hear what Futurewise would like to see. This is about the Comprehensive Plan. DG – will forward the email if BOCC wants so they can consider. CB – maybe 4/28 or 29? The email/letter has a proposal for additions for the BOCC to consider – including an Option #4 (Current Comprehensive Plan proposed has 3 options). AH suggest sooner as there are some complaints about process taking too long. LJ sees April 1 or 2 as available on schedule.
- DG is **reviewing documents** for several staff and the TV District.
- **Tonasket recall hearing** last week – resolved for now. Could come back.

SC (Fair Events)

- Need to advertise for **summer temporary position**, would like the position to start 4/22. Will work until the end of October.
- Looks like October will be very busy.
- SC getting requests for weddings and such. Looks like there will be more business than last year.
- AH – moves for staff to create the part time clerk position at the Fairground starting 4/22. Approved.
- SC asking to meet with AH to discuss **long term priorities** and possible directions in the future. It will be an informal discussion about possible goals.
- AH – asks JP about possible surplus of **old race track material** after dismantling – sort into poor, OK & good. Issues with inner railing, need to pull our current posts & footings and put in new. JP can get started as soon as PH gets check list done.

LJ & Kelly (BOCC Clerk)

- Need to **update printer for the office**. Current printer out of lease, need do something. Choice between Ricoh & Xerox, faster or comparable speed than current and then cost. After discussion of options, pros and cons decision is for faster than current Ricoh. Points in favor is speed, cheaper cost overall, wireless capability, \$45 cheaper per month’
- HR also has an office Lexmark that is very expensive to operate due to supply costs. Does high quality but expense for supplies about \$200 per month. HR and some others need to have privacy in printing materials due to various laws. Discussion on assuring privacy if move the Lexmark out and use the new Ricoh above.

JP (Admin & Fair Maintenance)

- Kyle (Fair Grounds) is **getting ready for summer**. Rented a “high lift” to change lights & trim some trees. Will need to hire summer temp soon but will bring to the BOCC when appropriate.
- **Juvenile Sewer repair low bidder** has signed up on the Small Works Roster. Now BOCC needs to decide on who to select for the bid. There is verbal assurance that the low bidder can do the job at the quoted price. BOCC has looked up the process for rejecting a low bid. Can require a performance bond? – only unless part of the original bid solicitation. So, in this case no. AH – moves to **accept low bid** for Juvenile Sewer repair. Approved.

PH (Planning & Admin)

- Meeting with **Veranda Beach** with JT about a disagreement between Veranda Beach and the Home Owners Assn.
- Will be reviewing a **cabin on the river**.

TC (HR & Risk)

- **Tonasket Law Enforcement Agreement** is complete and ready for BOCC signature.
- **Non-Commissioned Contract** – working with their attorney on language regarding the Janus Decision
- **Criminal Justice billings** are under way
- **Jail Bunk beds** are installed affording 10 more beds in A & B tanks.
- **Solid Waste LOA** will be voted on Wednesday.
- Working with the **Risk Pool and Sheriff's Office** into the possible option of Lexipol – Policy Management software for training and management.
- **Risk Pool Conference** in Kennewick, Mara. 20 – 22. CB to attend also
- April 4 – 8 will be out of the office.

JT & BR (Public Works)

- **Maintenance & Roads** – more of the same
- **Network Connection** – still not fixed. Many people using personal cell phones for business
- **WATV routes & signage.**
 - o RCW 46.09.360 – HB 1028 if passed would modify language to lump ATV & WATV together in terms of County road usage. In a Wait & See mode. Currently need 164 signs as discussed last week to implement current plan – looking at ordering 200. If this bill goes through it would change things a lot. It does not require the County to open any road but would allow flexibility.
- **Capital Facilities Plan**
 - o What of Public Works building repairs? Put the item on the Capital Facility Plan or just part of the regular yearly budget? AH – recommend putting in both. Facility Plan is to identify funding sources, yearly budget specific repair plan and costs. Contact PH to put into the Facility Plan. Look at the MRSC online tool to put in parameters for contracting or using County workers, to bid or not, Small Works options. County rules do not match State rules so look for that and also prevailing wage.
- **Levee Repairs** – waiting on Corps of Engineers.
- **Fill vacant M2 truck driver**
 - o Area 1 – another driver is retiring. BR wants to start process before the person leaves as already down one driver and process takes time. Generally, notice is sent out after person leaves. OK. Also, will start advertisement for supervisor position.
- **Wages for SW temp. employees**
 - o Normally temps receive same wages as comparable regular but without some benefits. New contract calls for a small increase for regulars – OK for temps to receive same? BOCC OK.
- **Similkameen Trail**
 - o PUD sent a letter saying BOCC responsible for maintenance. Need to move forward on discussion of plans and funding. Last spring was when the washout happened. Bridge/culvert is in the system for inspection. Need to reply to PUD, also contact regional PNT rep. – Kirsten Akerman.

Miscellaneous

- **Discussion of cougars.** Too many causing problems. JD – pointing out need of “not killing good Toms”, they help control others. A lot of anecdotes concerning cougars are shared. No person problems lately, no livestock, only other wildlife (deer primarily), also some in built up areas – Riverside.
- CB - Possible **opportunity for a shared planning position** with a north county city.
- AH – **Emergency Services Organization** met Monday evening. Discussion of wage increase for current manager. Organization includes cities & County. Will get with Auditor to determine full cost of proposed increase
- LJ – email from Stevens County. What date for **quarterly meeting of NE Counties?** Will be in Okanogan Co. this time. Looking at options – April 12 best it seems, 10:00 am – 1:30 pm. Will suggest 3 options and see, LJ will send out tentative s and then fix the details later

Lunch

1:30 CH (Auditor) going over total cost for possible wage increase for **Emergency Manager position.**

Public Comment

- GT:
 - o Had conversation with a **Corrections Officer.** Feels lack of support for supporting change in prisoners. No current transitional support for prisoners being released. Many problems in prisoners are symptoms that are not being addressed.
 - o **TV District** – Thursday this week County SnowCat will take the KSPS tech people up to Omak Mtn. to install new translator that will restore full power and capability to the system. Meeting with CCT Mar. 13 to work on lease at Omak Mtn.
 - o Concern with possible loss of OB services and other issues in more remote part of County will impose emergency costs on low income and more rural citizens.
Encouraging County support in getting word out on LifeFlight insurance option. About \$65 per family per year, a single flight is \$10,000 to \$30,000 depending on location.

1:30 Miscellaneous

- Amendment between Ok Co. Employees & DG (Building). Approved
- Approve Public Defender access to DIS system.
- Payroll & Vouchers for County approved.
- Public Health Payroll & Vouchers approved.
- Oroville EMS – adjourn and open as Oroville EMS - approve vouchers, Adjourn and open as Methow Valley EMS – approve vouchers, Adjourn and re-open as BOCC.
- Approve of Consent Agenda.

2:30 Adjourn.