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Present:

Chris Branch-(CB)-BOCC

Jim DeTro-(JD)- BOCC

Andy Hover-(AH)- BOCC

Lanie Johns-(LJ) - county clerk

Albert Lin- (AH) attorney

Perry Huston -(PH) - planning director

Contents: Newspaper of record; Miscellaneous: LTAC, Scheduling; Upper Columbia Salmon Recovery Board Appointment; Beaver Ck Flooding.

0900 Review Consent Agenda

Lanie is not present. No sign in sheet.

PH and CB are talking but cannot hear what they are saying.

All three commissioners present. Reading from their computers. Then Andy leaves to go to prepare for an executive session at 9:30. (union negotiations) CB and JD talking about a tour of some the Columbia Dams system. Impressed with the infrastructure. Talking about trips over the weekend. Informal and casual conversation.

JD reading from his computer - Murkowski (Senator Lisa ?) and Cantwell behind 2 yr expansion for SRS - Secure Rules Schools program (from internet)

9 Mile Rd - talking about flood

Talking about flooding up North, private subdivision, thinking the landowners will have to put in a culvert but pay privately.

No talking - reading from computer

9:30 -

LJ arrives and brings sign in sheet.

Albert Lin arrives. Andy returns.

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AH - The LTAC meeting went well. "There had been some concerns about this and that and the other thing. " Contract renewed. Things went smooth. Everyone agreed. The only piece of business is Myla, LTAC. She hasn't made any of the meetings.

JD -We should open up the position.

LJ -She just had baby.

AH - If she wants to reapply then okay. She's from Jim's district right? She collects tax. Alison, District 3. We need to apply for both of those. She talked about her replacement.

LJ- The executive session, staffing performance, union negotiations. Staff would like to create a list of performance issues. (to be discussed at a later date .)

Newspaper of Record

LJ - Legal news bids comparison sheet. Gives spreadsheet to commissioners and Albert. Foreclosure listing longest and most expensive. Not able to get the amounts down accurately, they were talking too fast and no copy was provided this year.

2 yr contract breakdown

Chronicle - \$60,378, 2016-17; \$1,120 difference.

CB -Is the circulation in the county?

LJ- More coverage with Chronicle and (*or than?*) MVN ; because many projects are in the Methow you would still have to notify.

Reviewing numbers, talking softly.

CB - Gazette I like, it comes out earlier in the week. My experience has been that they are more lenient if you have to get something in a little late.

Lelani - My overall recommendation would be, the Chronicle based on cost. 2015-2017

CB - asks Albert about an executive session to talk about roads.

Albert- I thought about using this time in executive session to talk about it.

CB - Read an article RC... , (*loud truck goes by Missed it.*)

Albert - personnel members, involves more policy.

CB - There is some sensitivity to it.

Misc.

CB - What do you know about flood issues? (asks Jim)

JD - Just what I read in the reports. I know that it (the water) has come up.

Albert- Do you know if Deb (*Debbi Hilts, Human Resources*) Is involved in labor relations? Albert goes into back room.

JD - She should be.

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Lanie - Was the clerk going to work on the rates to rent the space? Public records. I am going to get a mock invoice to get 200 boxes. It has been difficult.

LJ and CB go back and forth - Perry was discussing the festival permit. Was the reason that it was late, was that there wasn't going to be camping? It's a marijuana farm? It's a CUP and a festival permit.?

CB - I think that I got it mixed up. You better wait. I'm gonna step out of quorum.

CB - (returns) Well it not's a pot festival... It was about not notifying the adjacent land owners. You know what, they will deny the permit and they will have it anyway. Leaves again, then comes back.

10:05

DJ - Trying to register for WIR (*Western InterRegional Conference of NACo, National Association of Counties.*)

Lanie - I'll take a look at it. For the NACO ?

CB - So we don't qualify for FEMA?

Perry Huston arrives - 10:08 Since Albert is here, do you want to go into executive session, to discuss potential litigation.

Agenda - 9:30 Executive Session

1010- leave for executive session. Say - 20 minutes total.

10:35 Chris and Andy return.

Miscellaneous: Scheduling,LTAC

CB and AH and LJ talking about copyright or trademark of "Okanogan Country" . Radio station uses it too. Informal discussion of LTAC . OCTC. Okanogan County Tourist Council.

AH- Wants a proposal with a vision for 10 -20 years down the line.

10:43 - JD returns, Albert leaves.

LJ - Give the hoteliers a list of events.

CB - They help the county to develop a strategy.

JD - She's (??? current OCTC ???) doing a good job.

CB - The map goes out, if the consultant doesn't know the area ,then there are always problems.

1046 -Discussion of getting JD registered for conference in Oregon. After discussion that there is no record of his registration, he finds confirmation, but doesn't have a hotel room, so LJ is helping to get a room

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LJ- Amanda (*Lanie's trainee*) gave her 2 weeks notice. Too much traveling. She and her fiancé are commuting now. She's put over 17k on her car.

JD- talks about driving his wife's car to commute to county meetings. Gets 45 miles to gallon.

CB - 16 miles to gallon. If I don't change the timing belt, I won't have a pickup.

CB- Affordable Housing Meeting - June 5, I don't know who's going to go that meeting. Andy is going for sure. CB planning to go.

CB - meeting tonight - ??? he's going. (*couldn't find announcement on county website*)

JD and someone talking in back room, then comes out and starts talking about getting the race track in shape in order to have horse races, then goes back into the back room.

LJ- One of our main maintenance techs in retiring. Sighs.

11:12- JD and CB and LJ present - discussing when to schedule a meeting. 3rd Thursday, LSC (*Legislative Steering Committee.*)

CB to JD - Sage , from ecology , did you get that email?

JD - Takes a phone call on his cell phone. "I don't think we can do donations. Let me have you talk to Josh, the fairgrounds manager. Gives contact information. We're stickin' to the rules these days because of liability. It'd be nice to do it the way that we used to but, we're sticking to the rules now."

11:25 - LJ sets up time to talk with Josh about Racetrack, so that the right message gets sent out.

Agenda - 11:30 Upper Columbia Salmon Recovery Board Appointment

Char Shumaker

Joy Juelson - JJ

Pete Taigen - PT

JD - apologizes that they can't start until the time on the agenda.

JJ - Introduces self and Pete , Commissioner Hover is on our board, looking for 2 replacement members for citizens advisory committee, provides list of applicants, commissioners to make final decisions. In the past they have always agreed with your decision. Refers to handout, Jerry Barnes left, didn't catch name of other person who left, but both from Okanogan sub basin. Need 7 members minimum. Process and timeline, call for nominations, went thru watershed committees, giving list of nominees which will be selected by you. (the commissioners.) Requirements that comes from statutes . Tribal , agricultural, ; former members from Okanogan, sub basin, so at least one from Okanogan and one from the Methow. Makes decisions about hundreds of thousands of dollars of money for salmon recovery.

CB - The board had recommended someone outside of this list.

JJ - If they did, it would have been in a written notice, we didn't receive it.

CB - Ashley Thrasher

JJ -That's for the watershed council

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CB - One of these is the spouse of one of the board members. (*Salmon Recovery Board*)

JJ - Our board meeting is the 25th. Would you have your decision today ?

CB - AH not present so, we want to wait until tomorrow to decide after talking to AH.

Beaver Creek flooding

JJ- Beaver creek flooding, county road and FS road above have washed out, FS road 2 miles above county road. It's impressive. The road is completely gone. We have people coming to take a look.

CB - How much of that area was burned?

JJ - About 89 % , discussion between JJ and CB about the large trees down in the creek already, a "mosaic" of burn , CB knows the area well from hunting and some training in the area.

CB - We may have a meeting about that soon.

JJ- We'll be talking about that at our next meeting.

JJ -Thank you for your time today.

CB - Ya , we'll get some decisions to you. Leave at 11:45.

CB - Well I guess they got people out there looking at it. (Beaver Creek project)

11:45: Looking at minutes, making corrections, LJ asking to move some meetings around.

LJ - Have you gotten any emails from Carol Richards , there is a public records request . Employees of Carol Richards. All emails forwarded sent to planning office. They are asking for anything relating to

JD - I didn't respond. I just forwarded them. They should all be in the planning office.

12:07 JD leaves, CB leaves

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