

Okanogan County Board of County Commissioners 5.31.16

Present

Jim DeTro - JD (Board of Commissioners)
Ray Campbell - RC (Board of Commissioners)
Sheilah Kennedy - SK (Board of Commissioners)
Albert Lin - (AL) Deputy Prosecutor (enters late)
Tanya Craig - (TC) - Risk Management
Debbie Hilts - DH - Human Resources
Scot Fuhrman (SF) - Assessor
Josh Thomson (JT) - Cty engineer

No agenda available this time as handout - until later in the day.

***Contents:** Huge \$\$ increase for public defense; hiring problems - locals need training, others can't find suitable housing; BOCC vs. Department head financial responsibilities; Facebook/County Fair; Zoning/Shorelines; Assessor/PW Updates; Newspaper of record selection.*

Note: These notes are a combination of summaries and verbatim quotations.

Commissioners' Staff meeting

AL - Albert Lin (enters late.)

Concerns re huge increase in cost of Public Defense

Tanya Craig (Risk Manger) Makes a report regarding a recent activity. Surprise inspection in re military (?) I will meet with them tomorrow morning and do the risk assessment, which takes away a portion of what I do. Judge Short - emailed her. Wanted to know what grant was for PDI money. I explained that, which led me on to"price sheet" - I want to do a useful analysis so we can see where we are with case loads vs huge inundation we are now paying - for public defense costs. If you look at 2013 numbers - \$33,0000. Now at \$142,000 last year. I want to know why. What has changed? Have concerns about local inmate poll - used to be in the 80's, now about 130. That's huge increase. Why? Why do we have people now staying in jail for double or triple time for same offenses .

SK - This also impacts revenue coming back in..

TC - our revenue has gone down a lot. Used to have Marysville, Linwood, etc. Now, since we have such a high local population, we are turning people away. I think it will be beneficial to try and understand - maybe we can push and coordinate for a Diversionary plan. I think Judge short is open to working with prosecution, etc. for Diversionary programs. It's a lot of numbers and formula, and it should show us a lot. Short very interested.

SK - Is it tied back onto when Judge Smith was here? I forget program....friendship diversion w electronic monitoring...We are supporting it, and there is a private business doing this...is it, or could it be, tied in?

TC - Yes - electronic monitoring and alcohol monitoring. what Noah gets out of his (?)...Could be tied in.. WSP ...and then we can't charge for felony. Felonies have gone up tremendously. That's money I can't recover.

"Cut Cadet" was stolen and damaged over 2,000 in damage . must replace motor. Going to court for restitution to try and recover from individual. Looking to being able to claim it on our other insurance policy. ... might help recover that. If we do get restitution, will have to work with ins co.

Damage at frost free at Whitley Fuel. An individual was towing a low boy and tore it out. \$5,000 in damage. They were not going to have them go through the claims procedure - quite an interchange. Will go down and explain procedures with them.

SK - Do people understand what Tanya's responsibilities are with risk management for this county? Do our offices understand that?

RC - They SHOULD. We've gone through this item for item.. What is wrong with us?

SK - Doesn't matter what type of incident, accident, departmenteverything needs to be reported to Tanya and let her follow through whether large or small. Departments shouldn't be making that call.

RC - We have one department that does this time and time again.

TC - They have requested that I go down there and go over it again. We will make this happen.

Debbie Hilts (DH) - We had oral boards this week for entry level deputy. Will be doing the top 3 interviews this week. Some good candidates. 3 new county hires. Vivian, Ashley for fair-grounds, and full-time dispatch started really well. Have been doing webinars. Talking with companies that re applicant tracking programs. Done online. Have been investigating, gone thru 2 webinars . Prices from \$1900 per year to \$4,000 year. Why \$4,000 I don't know. This company does the majority of governmental applicants. Neo Go. I also am in contact with Pay Sale... BOCC mentioned doing something about ?? analysis. Found a company that does that. Getting a head start on that, idea of what it entails. Did see old salary surveys from 2012 done by hand. Various counties throughout state. This company will do cities as well.

SK - Part of goal with that - if we are going to have a company come in and do that for us,,,, \$30,000 or so, from history. Our goal is to start comparing not so much to other counties, but also to private industry locally. From schools to hospitals, to contractors, small businesses that we need to start bringing this in....

RC - A lot done on a broad basis. They don't consider who and where we are - and don't consider our situation - economics, etc..... Must compare apples to apples.

DH - Grant and Ferry counties - are they comparable?

DT - NO. Ferry has nothing.

DH- Usually do private industry within cities. Wenatchee, Spokane???

RC - Doesn't compare. Okanogan County can't compete.

DH - She did analysis of auto mechanics. We are about in the middle. Spokane and Wenatchee were compared. I told analyst to stay away from coast because not remotely comparable. I will go over again with her next week.

RC - Stevens county would be more of a fair comparison, Lincoln county, maybe Douglas?

DH - Douglas has cities...

RC -Yes, a little glitch there.

SK - Difficult part is law enforcement and prosecutor. We have done a lot of private attorneys, not sure where prosecutors fall in line. Need to figure out something fair for law enforcement, communications. A lot is working with unions. Those people working on 911 on 12-hour shifts probably should be paid more than other people. These are types of things that need to be check and addressed. Will not be another easy one.

PH -- Need to do apples to apples.. ie. need to be sure that planning director in comparable counties are doing what they are in other counties. What would we call Tanya (TC?) Can compare to Kittitas which has same population, but it's just outside Seattle area. Entirely different world although same population. A reason people don't apply for jobs. If you get 50 applicants, probably in good shape. If only 2, need to discuss business.

SK - Lacking component - we used to be able to hire our local people - was at entry level and then they'd stay for 30 years. Have moved away from that. In my opinion, comparing us to other counties, having all these requirements - a lot of people locally can't apply for jobs. We are losing our local workforce. There has to be a way we can address this.

PH - If you want to hire someone....(*couldn't follow*) - has to do with training programs. Showing them how to get on internet is not real training. You can drive 2 hours in OK county and not get anywhere in particular... that's part of it.

SK - For higher paying jobs...we have lack of housing, rentals here....

PH - I spent a month in a hotel (*when I first came here.*)

SK - Need to see large picture.

DH - Succession program. We all know what is going on in PW - they did not do that. Other areas would benefit by having a succession plan. Other departments could benefit - especially citing training.

RC - If we bring in people, where will they stay?

RC - They have regulated building so it is now too expensive. It's a big deal here. A study brought to my attention by WASC (Washington Association of Counties) As stricter regs come on for building, cost of building goes up to the level where the low income people are now the homeless people, now middle income is low income, and so forth.

SK - Conservation easements are selling off development rights - this will impact county forever.

DH - We have had to rerun temporary positions for Public works. (*Gestures - meaningful to commissioners, but not to note taker.*)

SK - We need a discussion with Josh and Ben to see how we can use private contractors. We are advertising 3 times and still not even getting applicants.

RC - Probably is related to the business season. These people already have jobs at that time. At the end of the year when there is no competition - that is when we should try to find applicants. Right now, people have jobs.

DH - We started in April.

RC - People already have (*spring, summer*) jobs then. You need to start in February.

DH - REALLY! We are doing civil service testing to create a roster for control position in sheriff's dept. Have no legal list, so that will control the list. Only one applicant. When Laurie sent out, she had 53 applicants.

SK - A lot goes back to civil service testing oral boards. Those things are challenging to a lot of people. If we could offer classes to go over the info to be able to say this is what...relating back to pesticide licenses. So many people not licensed. Before, we brought in Dept of Ag for a day, day and a half, training. The second day was testing. Everything was fresh in people's minds then. Need to take away the threat people feel about the testing. Right now, testing is for 2-3 people. We are not using lists, waiting lists.

DH - That's how I got in.

PH - Previously - testing for gambling and other licenses - First 6 hours was on how to pass the test; then you took the test.

DH - I'll look into that.

SK - We want people, and trained people.

TC - A lot of people around here - there is a nervousness about background checks, so forth - if you have ever used drugs, they don't even bother to consider you.

RC - This leaves out a lot of folks (chuckles all around.)

SK - Highway patrol - used to be the elite of the elite. Now they have had to modify their restrictions and requirements because the world is changing.

DH - We had an applicant that as soon as the sergeant looked at it...just discarded it.

AL - Suggests we not discuss particulars as to why people were ruled out.

Issue of BOCC responsibility to budget and department head authority.

Al Lin - we have meetings coming up and would like to discuss something re Executive Session until Mr. ??? arrives.

I had sent a memo on basic discussion in terms of issue regarding the legislative functions of the board...provided to Lanie last week.

LJ- sent to BOCC just now.

AL - The main issue deals with the board . BOCC has authority to create and to fund positions, but how the positions are dealt with really goes to the head of the department.... elected officers. Speaking hypothetically - if the board in the budget provides certain resources - or, specifically hypothetically - the sheriff's office has certain employees who are exempt, the jist of the memo is that you have given the authority to that department head. I would ask the board to take a look (at AL's memo.)

SK - Because of litigation?

AL - Potentially. I advise caution on the law as I see it and if the board has questions, I will answer. Anything else I can answer?

Facebook post in relation to County fair

SK - Is now the time to talk about the Facebook thing with the fair? From what I understand it's not our county page...

LJ - an individual created it.. not anyone who has administrative rights.

AL as far as I can tell, there was nothing there that would show they are assuming any official government connection. Just a Facebook page. I provided?? to Lanie. In my opinion, it is not something I would recommend that the BOCC look at any further. 1964 - in this case, US Supreme Court ruled that public officials can be ????? I weighed in on this. We may not like what's being said, but it is freedom of speech.

SK - It's part of us being elected, which is fine. We should look at our own fair Facebook page to ...people can spread their gossip...we can figure out how to address what we are doing at the fair, problems with firing people, of project and money we are beginning to look at putting into this project, and money we've put into fair this year - which is more than ever before. A smaller group of us should figure out what we want to say and get specific, all the way to the contracts....contracts with campers are creating all this work... I hear we do not need all these

contracts. We could say there is a committee dealing with campers..maybe first come, first served, etc.. some people may not get camping spots their family has had for 100 years.

SK - We want a process when they apply for that space - time, date, all important because we are responsible for that money coming in and getting it to Treasurer's office. If we have a spread sheet of advisory committee..whether

(apparently Vivian) - Isn't fair advisory committee supposed to be doing this at this time?

RC - Yes. It is up to those people as to who, where they will be, connect the dots, check off the list.

SK - ?? comes to us, not to advisory committee.

Vivian - I have not heard from any of those, but we have a list of people a who have paid and no one from the fair advisory is contacting us. Basically the reservations - we don't want a backlog of people thinking they have these places.

RC - there was apparently a loss of info before - there had been confirmations come in and lost, misplaced, so calls when out to everyone. I want that checked up on. We want fair advisory committee to connect. They need to do that..

SK - Now that we have 2 staff and Lona is coming in - maybe after next Monday we could schedule time with fair advisory committee. Get one person who is supposed to do that. Figure out what is not getting done.

Vivian - We want to accentuate the positive but not relate to "the other one."

SK - Heard they want to open a second gate, but that is up to us.

RC - This is a good time to do so. Whatever garbage on this other Facebook page....

AL - You could set the records straight or just inform public of what we are doing. Not necessarily respond to criticism.

TC - Explain this is an informational tool so public can know what's going on.

SK - make clear our page is the official page.

SK - brings up a newspaper ad and shows it - did we pay for this? Did the advisory group put it in? I hardly ever read the paper, but.....I'd like us to look into it.

Vivian - what is the ad?

SK - It says, "Let's lay tag.... pick up ear taps, pre-registration ...other rules.... for info, call Ag Tech...also has "Okanogan County Fair" web page on it. Seems to be a mixture of fair advisory committee with a private business. Is it fair that we are...

AL - Does fair adv. committee have an address on there?

SK - Yes.

PH - As a matter of policy - should be clear and up to date. If private business...

SK - should not be using our...

PH - You need a clear policy of what you will allow private business to do on behalf of the fair. It's not uncommon for a livestock hauling company to advertise....

SK - Needs to be sure it's on the county website. If we are going to do this for a private business - we should be fair to all.

PH - Fair enough. The business should have paid for the ad. If you allow private business to advertise, they pay for ad.

RC - problem is that the advisory member is the owner of that business.

PH - Need a sponsorship agreement. They must stay within the boundaries.

SK - for example, if we ever get recommendation from ad. comm for beer garden, we are going to allow them to have our county emblem and web page???slippery slope. Our contact info needs to be on it.

PH - Correctly done, it's good support for fair....but you have to reign them in. Same with Facebook or webpage...advertising that this is the official site, but that means it has to be current. Otherwise people will look for other sources and get incorrect info....something will fill in if we don't give correct info.

AL - Problem with a Facebook page is that someone needs to monitor it.

TC - You can make settings so people can't randomly post. Not open to public.

PH/SK- info only - if you have a concern, call the office.

Vivian - Need to make sure that the info is on there. I went to a site and all the info was from 2013. People won't go to a site that's out of date.

RC - there have been glitches, so that's why we are discussing.

SK - Have been trying to hire a manager for months, so now we are trying to make up for lost time.

Vivian - If ads are referring to office and fair...I had no clue this was in there.. I was totally unaware. How can we monitor if no one is monitoring?

RC - At next fair advisory committee meeting, will have to connect with you. He is going to fair advisory committee mtg on Thursday at 6:00.

Vivian agrees to adjust her hours and go to meeting. She asks for copy so she can call people to see what they are thinking. Says Kathleen (involved with fair) is very amazing, thorough. I am happy I got to train under her.

Fair finished.

EMS - Tonasket, Oroville

Ton EMS. I spoke with EF Recovery, am in discussion with them, severing agreements wasn't a great problem. They seemed more familiar with reasons behind transition than I had expected.

SK - So no waiting period?

PH - Initial response...I don't believe it will be (fades out.) The proof is in the pudding. Lanie, in a dual pronged approach tried to get into payroll agreements. LJ - got it. PH - Still waiting of other info.

LJ - Have a copy here for you. Not as restricted as EF Recovery. Only 90 days rather than 120?

PH - 90 days from???? Our glitch with EF Recovery.. We can work with this, according to initial response. Also went and met Mr. Wicker - CEO, North Valle Hospital..wanted a follow up discussion. Best approach to prepare and submit....Will want to come in and chat about history and expectations. He doesn't have that foundation to work with compared with other respondents. They seem willing to work with process.

Oroville agreement is in the mail for signatures.

Still need to bring closure to the board for closure of EMS; agreement. Need letters to that effect. Have clerk that worked for them. Need closure for that.

Zoning, Shorelines

PH - **Zone code** will come out on June 6th. Have asked LJ to schedule public hearing on interim zone code, which is in place until June 22. Tight enough to ask for an extension of 30 days so we are not in position of having no zone code; Tonkt/Oro EMS;

RC - good idea.

PH - Scheduled for June 13.

Shorelines - Met with Lennard last Thurs. He extended an offer to meet board to go through... they have some differences based upon the superficial discussion we had. Don't know that any of it.....

SK - When they worked with us before, had no problems then; but now

PH - that was anticipated. As you get down to the wire, you see people who have not looked at it before. What makes it difficult or not is how tightly we bond at the staff level of DOE , the people we have been working with all along. Some of these are the same, some are not.

TC - Did you figure out who Putnam is?

PH - New entry, hooked to water quality. Probably under Gary Graff, who was under...they have a new interim director from Central office - previous director is back to his previous post...I will reach out to see who it is. Tom went to Columbia River.

PH - I will be gone tomorrow, Thurs, Fri. Will be around, will be reachable. but not in office.

Sheilah - clarification on Tonasket EMS. Did letters go out?

PH - I believe Clerk did send those.

SK - Any comment?

TC - sent our Friday, late last week.

PH - Suspect most were fully aware and anticipating this.

Damaged truck

TC - Recovery team came and picked up the truck into auto accident. (Can't- hear over discussion at Lanie's desk.) TC - Cost to repair was \$11,014. Ins co picked up. Will be calling to see how much it would cost...etc.

Side conversation regarding ins. (LJ, SK, TC.)

Lanie - some sort of deal with Teresa Myers. Was supposed to go out this way, then take the Ag Tech out instead of Monty Andrews. (*Confusion.*) Some sort of deal made with Chronicle in re Ag tech and the ad. No one seems clear on what went on.

ASSESSOR'S OFFICE, SCOTT FUHRMAN - Quarterly update.

SF - mailed out latest reappraisal on the 27th. Most went to Methow Valley 9500 parcels. Mixed bag, some going up, some down, some same.

SK - How are we looking in recovery fire areas.

SF - Can't answer. Made some adjustments on land values. Reduced non-timbered by 25%. Within fire should have been up 20%. Haven't had any burned timber parcels sell, so not sure how they have become devalued.

We have certain timelines we try to meet. Getting the mailing at end of May is important. Sets up to board of equalization appeal by (June 1) Tax calendar moving along fine. New construction county-wide we are on schedule. All going well. New construction until it's done, hard to

estimate total dollar value. Picking up . Has been increasing. Last year 8 million more than year before.

SK - We know these numbers increasing are mostly because of fires.

SF - wouldn't say that. A lot of people not rebuilding. We'll have to see if that does cause a spike because of the abnormal numbers...

RC - Market in valley has been pretty active.

SF - seems to be picking up. Know a guy who sold in 17days. My house was non market for 2 years.

RC - There will be some additional building.

SF - legislature increased income levels for senior exemption so intend of max income 35,000 now 30,000 and can qualify with reduction up to 1 acre. Have only had 70 new households qualify . Expected more. We have advertised and put on website. That's about 5% more than before. One thing it did was that if you were already in the program, you get a bigger break than you did before. They changed numbers. Indexed to county median income. We lobbied hard to index it to the county . What 40,000 dose on I-5 corridor is different from here. We were unsuccessful. Even our legislators voted for it. You might speak with them.

SF - King Cty assessor was trying to get funding for us, but unable to do that. Thanked him a lot for trying. Came to naught. Doesn't mean we won't keep tryingl. They know the need.

RC - Would be cost effective. could keep an gong look at that. Al the agencies can use it.

SK - Maybe take this approach?

SF - I stressed that this tool could be used for everyone to analyze and go forward . If you look at aerial right now, it looks like that timber is still there. Would be graphic to have those side by side.

SK - Murray and Cantwell was trying to figure out ways to kelp us and address holes. I never thought about this. It might be the perfect one to supply this suggestion. Should Scott talk with Jon Wyss - he was coordinating these efforts on recovery. Scott- share this with Jon? A possibility this could work in.

SF - I will. Federal money.

SK - USFS, tribe, all can use it. Everyone would use it.

SF - Yes. Dept of Transportation

SANDY MACKIE HAS ENTERED.

In your FUI folder, new info is Mission Restoration project. Received notice that we have some numbers of total sales for cities within Ok county for PUD privilege tax. Appears the cities have sold more in 2015 than in prior years. The city pays this during the year and then we give back their portion?? will be very close to \$500,000. Last year, just under that.

Also, JD - Canvas board? I didn't get further e-mail, but on monthly reminder. I'll be in Cle Elum tomorrow for fire advisory.

LJ - Next Tuesday to certify election. the following....June 7th, at 11:00. Also, on 8th - work session with Verlene for road logs. At 1:30 we have a discussion with Rocky. re union. Road log - 1015. RC - have Region 6 at the 9th. Pena is coming. DT - is this the evaluation thing? Yes. I'm on for the 9th at 11:00. SK - 8th is the road logs (Wed.) Are you both to USFS on 9th? RC - talked with Mike Liu. Just 1/2 hour, 2:30 - 3: on 8th. JD - mine is 11:00 on 9th. Request by them.

RC - A followup on evaluation of the forests. Will have a panel, ask us some questions. Followup from meeting I had in Portland on fires, forest health, planning for suture, evaluate what they have done, etc. LJ0 Mike Liu mentioned Mission Project for 7th as topic for discussion.

SK - was going to inform us. Still doesn't understand coordination.

SK - going to meeting with Odessa - teachers and friends from Odessa in charge of Future Leaders of America received \$35,000 grant. They're the ones during 2015, the FBLA got together and sent over 1,500 lunches. made them, brought in hay, grain, other stuff to Casino. A lot of trips. They wanted to know what more they could do. Got the grant. Out of \$35,000, I believe they are going to have \$12,500 they are going to pretty much give to recovery group in the Methow...more Pateros and Brewster.

RC - That's Brewster/Pateros - one group - and Twisp there. Carlene is over the whole umbrella. SK - Also Terry has been working with Carlene and Jon. Specifically mentioned helping recovery efforts with \$12,500.

RC - Homes were put up in Twisp area.....

SK - Award is in Odessa, so I will try to be at that. To say thank you. They have done the work, all I did was connect the people.

RC - *(Leaning back from mic, can't hear. Something about rural fire districts.)*

LJ - Also, a discussion this afternoon with the treasurer. and auditor. Leah is not feeling well and can't make it. Rescheduled - 1/2 hour at 2:30 - fair staffing and internal controls. Wanted to discuss concerns she usually has at time of fair. Kathleen met with the Waterville fair staff, manager and secretary on Friday and received a lot of info on how they do their gates. Kiwanis along with auditor run the gates.. She has the paperwork they use. She spoke with Kiwanis down there and has contact info from them if we need to speak with them about our process. Have heard our Kiwanis wants nothing to do with fair, so assume they wouldn't want to run groups, but ask Kathleen not to rule them out. SK - a couple other groups over the weekend - One is ? Wilson and Jr. Gun Club group. Okanogan FFA. My question - Larry Gilman told me a couple of years ago that search and rescue had no interest, but heard yesterday they might be interested. Need to figure out who will do it, etc. Last year paid \$5,000 to Search and Rescue to do the

gates. Other people who have been able to pull a lot of work is Brook and those guys..they have a group of individuals, so we need to figure out how we will get it done, set stipulations.

Lanie - throughout this meeting with treasurer and auditor so that the concerns will be covered from get-go. Process that works for Barb, we won't need to recreate that if we can use it for our fair.

SK - So can we reschedule that?

LJ - Wanted to know about later next week. No one here tomorrow, so it wouldn't be until next week.

LJ - Also, next week a meeting with Mariah Corn Woman and Carol Lanigan re Green Okanogan and their wish for support. Talking about recycling and their idea.

JD - Went to a seminar on what they are doing in Jackson, Wyo with recycling and landfills.

RC - *(can't hear.)*

RC - We can do anything we want, as long as we have tax base.

SK - We have already heard that our recycling at county keeps us in the red.

JD - Jackson Hole - \$110 dollars a ton.

LJ - GO recycling in Tonasket

JD - Refers to NACo Conference past weekend in Wyoming. *(Talking over to PH about recycling in Jackson.)* Millionaires came in and ran the locals out . Now billionaires are coming in and running millionaires out. Sandy Mackie chimes in; he was apparently there.

Executive Session

PH - 10:35 - Requests Exec Session. Sandy - this will be advisory, no action. SK - never action in Exec Sessions, just to clarify.

All leave. including Mackie. *(No announcement of length of time, but agenda says 30 minutes. There were 2 extensions. Returned just before 11:30.)*

11:30 Update: Josh Thomson, Public Works

Maintenance - Crews focused on building shoulders on chip sealed roads to support shoulders. Starting in some areas on cold-mice (?) level - start again in Area 5 by end of week. Out of Tonasket.

DT - List?

JT - will e-mail list to you

Barclay Ditch

Stabilizer App completed. As of end of last week. First found of contract spreading also. Tues of last week, met with Roger Rowatt and John Sunderland re Barclay Ditch and northern end of MVID. Have been talking about Davis Ck - 100 had none into irrigation ditch, now no place for water to do. Roger agrees it...preferred option - culvert fro road to river. 100 year design flow. Other option - go south along edge of field, on to open field.

RC - On culvert — —

JT Would do everything on field. County portion would be on roadway, maintain it to..

SK - their actions are creating more work and more expense for us.

RC - A shame because....Watershed finding..blocked off water for wildlife. Storage of ground water gone. Ditches were great storage place. RC, SK agree.

JT - You are familiar with Davis Ck . Alluvial fan where Davis Ck is.,,, They would prefer a franchise agreement from us and when pipe goes in, a straight line instead of two crossings.

SK - If we were to say no on franchise agreement? Just asking to understand.

JT - Would follow current ditch. Makes sense that we would upgrade old culvert. Old, rusted out, not a huge cost.

Balky Hill Road

Next one : Balky Hill road. A small bridge over irrigation channel. Usually we have a flat spot to work with ...can't right now because of elevation. They would put pipe deeper, do all stuff that we wanted because of the dip. I would like to drop the road by 5 feet. That will make it easier. They will put in at elevation we request.

RC - They are talking about dropping ditch...

JT - If not for our request, they would run it under budget now. RC clarifies. They would design their pipe to accommodate us. Bridge is ours....water off on Oct 1, with contractor to start. Two options - after Oct 1 after ditch shut off. We could remove bridge and put in temporary culvert and contractor would build. Better option: they could put pipe on east side of bridge. When they are out of the way, we can work on bridge. My recommendation. RC agrees, to avoid problems. They are checking to be sure they have right of way.

SK - How much of road work will come out of our pocket.?

JT - Anything we do is our responsibility. They would put in pipe at lower elevation to allow us to do what we need to do.

RC - If they were not going to do that,,,, if they were not going to do it, it wouldn't be a cost to us. So as a county, we are paying additional because of this.

JT - Only way we have cost is if we lower road.

RC - How would it affect runoff at that point?

JT - minimal runoff.

RC - On our....if we drop road to be flatter.

SK - It's a new project we haven't planned for. Does it take away work we were planning on? Any impacts.

JT - In fall or spring we would have to prioritize what we are doing. We could decide on some storm repair, if it's necessary.

RC - So we could do this at any time??

JT - Yes - could be 5 years or whatever.

6-year transportation improved program

Still advertising for public comments. have not had any.

B-3 and B-15 projects - getting into Corps, etc.

SK - Have been told we are not getting it this year...where are people hearing this? From permits? or

JT - Which bridge? ...SK - near (Joe?)

SK - So as far as we know, will be done this year?

JT - Yes.

Conconully - 7 Devils: moving along. by end of this week or following, will pulverize whole road, pave 4th of July weekend. Will be paved at that point, but some clean-up. Plan to have the striping done by then.

JT - FEMA side - No signed PW's. Evelyn Peters retiring - she's the one we have been working with.

Tipping fees - 206 tons,,,, (*hard to follow.*) Still tracking, got extension on debris removal.

SK - Is it June that Kathy Powers was talking about the church groups coming in to do work?

JT - That's all.

RC - thank you.

Miscellaneous

11:45 - Campbell leaves. BOCC reading documents, computers.

11:55 - Muffled talk between Campbell and DeTro. Cannot hear. Talk about whether you talked with that Mexican woman. (*Assume a reference to NACo meeting from which they just returned.*) Up here, when we challenged them because it (*Grey wolf*) wasn't an indigenous speciesbut down there, the red wolf is not.... (couldn't hear)Campbell - something about wolves not being native to Yellowstone - wiped out native (people?) DeTro - talks about Coy Wolves not being timid at all. Refers to a TV show on Coy Wolves awhile ago. They are having serious problem All this scientific crap about the wolves....no such thing.

12:25 - DeTro leaves.

12:35 - Campbell leaves. No quorum. Note taker leaves for lunch.

Skip Rosenthal - Okanogan County Behavioral Health

(Note taker came at end of meeting with OCBH.) Most of conversation at that point was about possible grants and whether/how to pursue them. Skip strongly advised keeping the County Fair drug and alcohol free, encouraging families to come, showing young people that they can have a good time without being drunk (in relation to beer garden that is being considered.) It would be a bad message to give that the group drinking beer is having the best time.

4:00 - Newspaper of Record

JD - We need Lanie back.

Lanie - Has comment from Treasurer's office re cost for printing foreclosure sales. She said the same due dates; column width is the same. They publish a whole paper just for foreclosure notices. Somehow the Chronicle does exactly what they'd like. It's the point - she doesn't have to hassle about it. Has been working with them the past two years. Just info because we had asked. (*Sheilah has visible response.*) It appears that that was less either way. Inch or by parcel. There are (standard tier?) packets as well.

SK - on RCW you provided, when it says county auditor shall advertise, is that you? - Lanie said yes, it is the clerk of the board.

All BOCC are looking at their computers.

DeTro - any questions or discussion?

SK - for clarification, it looks like from the two bids that were submitted, it looks like the Methow is a dollar less and for the standard column inch and for one ad that we would normally put in, the one ad would go in Methow-Gazette at no additional cost.

LJ - provided a sample hearing. This is what Chronicle would charge, that is what Methow - Gazette would charge (*pointing at paper note taker cannot see.*)

Note: it was not clear what the categories below were. Full information is on the handout, received after the meeting.

Chronicle - 52.00 (?)

M-G - 38.36

Chronicle 152.75

M/G 108.47

Samples submitted -longer and shorter.

Ch - 50.00 flat fee

GM 38.36 or 61.60 per column inch.

Chron - \$100 for ?

GM - 61.60

SK - Both would do on-line.

PH - Inserts his thoughts - apologizes to Lanie for not getting back in writing. In your code, many of my ads will require not only the official paper but a second one. Many ads I already publish in both Chronicle and Methow.

SK - Lowest price now is Methow-Gazette (M-G.) Would you need to do once?

PH - I sometimes am required to submit to a 2nd paper. With one submittal, would be in the official county and the other would be a 2nd paper. If in M-G, wouldn't be paying for the 2nd ad in those cases. Not suggesting it happens 50 times a year. But in many cases, I do have to publish in two papers.

SK - So what we have to meet - (reads RCW aloud.) Best and lowest responsible bidder, considering circulation in awarding the contract. So the difference between circulation is 104. Chronicle is 104 more circulation, but then the Gazette is \$1.00 less....DT - every line. (?) On the invitation to bid, it's almost \$47 difference. DeTro ...\$46 something. SK - \$46.88.

SK - Do we know that the total circulation includes the people online?

LJ - only the people in the county. There are numbers that include people who receive the paper that don't live in the county.

RC - These #s are not effective outside county.

RC - Broader circulation distributed across the county with M-G. But total being 104 more circulation for Chronicle, but hitting all corners of county, M-G is better.

RC - So....what needs to be a consideration here, Methow is the one I would move to approve.

SK - based on price and circulation - SK will second. (She did a lot of hemming and hawing)

DT - approved. Any further discussion?

All in favor ..motion carried.

Woman (from Chronicle?) leaves. Some whispering among BOCC.

Contract will be on agenda for next week.

Consent agenda - Good with all 5. (Passed, apparently.) All moved and seconded, passed.

Dan Higbee - Gives out paperwork on quotes for a vehicle. To compare.

4:32: note taker left.