

**Board of Okanogan County Commissioners  
(BOCC)  
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**Summary: Discussion:** Criminal Prosecutor Attorney to be on par with Chief Civil Attorney, **Civil Attorney:** Inter-local agreement with cities for Bldg Dept. Inspections, class action lawsuit on Federal PILT, FutureWise comments on Comp. Plan, Courthouse Security contractor, Publics Works agreement for Magnesium Chloride, **Fair Events:** Clean Agriplex floor with a Zamboni-like machine, permanent sprinkler system over time, District court community Service for work on fair and fair grounds, **arena/bleacher project**, location for a sign, temp worker, Older painting on Art Bldg, main entry to near Jones Hall. **BOCC Discussion:** Groups in Public works, Meetings & Events, Proposed Resource areas in Comprehensive Plan, **Public Works: Engineering:** Sinlahekin Rd washout, Peter Dan Rd Slide repair, WSDOT trail easement agreement amendment, CCT access at Brewster Shop, Conconully Sewer lift station repair project, WATV routes, Corps of Engineers levee inspection. **Admin:** Open Positions, Apple Maggot Quarantine Area Update, CCT recap, Solid Waste Enforcement. **Public Comment:** Michael Howell – Central Washington Home Builders Assn. **Approve Consent Agenda. Risk Management & HR:** Elected officials salary comparison with comparable counties, Roller Hockey group, Wage compensation goals and philosophy, Rating of skill qualifications and salary. **PWorks:** Peer Dan Rd Slide Repair – Selland Const. wins bid

9:00 AH, CB in attendance

- Prosecutor’s office presenting information concerning salary of **Criminal Prosecutor Attorney need to be on par with Chief Civil Attorney.** Information is presented comparing similar counties and their salaries. Would want the two positions to have same salary scale.
- DG arrives @ 9:03
- BOCC uncomfortable with changing salaries mid year. The presenters are asking for parity at the beginning of the next year, but would want some direction from BOCC to study the impacts of the raise.
- - AH, BOCC open to change but wants specific Step & Wage numbers for the position in question. Wants to see numbers to see the affect on the budget for planning purposes. Would like to see a draft resolution also.

#### DG (Civil Attorney):

- Dan Higby about **inter-local agreement with cities**. Would like to see a year-to-year agreement. A general discussion of cities currently being served by Building Dept., (Pateros, Twisp, Brewster – with agreements of various lengths). DG would want to look at past agreements and develop a common contract. DH – He recommends considering an update to the current fee structure, language to encourage cities to develop their own inspector. BOCC OK with a long term if workload does not impact County operations. CB – sometimes a change in a mayor can affect the relationship. DG – asks if BOCC would prefer an automatic renewal of the contract at the end of the year, or a need to renegotiate. BOCC is Ok with a 1-year contract & DG & DH can put together a draft. Want to see consistency, cost recovery as a goal of a contract. If Okanogan Co. Bldg Dept. were to take on Pateros and/or Riverside the impact would be negligible on the workload. Currently they do some co-operative work with Omak, will bill on a case by case basis.
- DG, a **class action lawsuit on Federal PILT**, does Okanogan Co. want opt in? Various questions to be considered. Would it be in the County interest, only over Federal PILT \$. Issue s if Federal is underpaying the PILT. BOCC – State PILT is much less – only 30% of real tax value if private ownership. AH – this a tax burden on the County. JD would see a lot more support if the State would also do the current maintenance, upkeep on properties they own.
- Contacted Mark Johnson on **FutureWise comments on Comp. Plan**. Agreed with most of FutureWise comments. Unsure about a change of wording from Shall to May in Water Availability Study resolution.
- **Courthouse Security** – wanted more protection to possible agreement. Other points of change were put in reply. Need to continue going back and forth to match Douglas Co. contract. Company has pushed for higher costs – 3% annual raise, higher base hourly rate. DG looking for parity with Douglas Co. contract. AH - don't tie to CPI as it is affected by large urban area costs. CB – looks up CPI and show recent history is really quite low – 3% or less, so maybe not the big issue. . Company has a Bellingham contact, they do have a Wenatchee office. AH – would they hire local workers for security? Or will send people in that would have to pay mileage and per diem? Better if live in area to avoid additional costs.
- DG: **Publics Works agreement for Magnesium Chloride**. Contractor did not provide product in a timely fashion or fulfill the volume asked for in the contract. DG will write a letter to try to get the company to be responsive. Finding a variety of addresses – an agent, empty lots, a residence.

#### SC (Fair Events)

- Company coming to **clean Agriplex floor with a Zamboni-like machine**. Has billed offending wedding party, denied return of deposit, etc.
- AH – may look to put in a **permanent sprinkler system over time**.
- SC – got an OK to use **District court community Service for work on fair and fair grounds**.

- AH – possible additional match towards **arena/bleacher project**. Boots and Saddles club, more. Need to put these together so can start ordering things. Tribe looking at putting in a large covered equestrian arena. Need to find a way to cooperate and market together to enhance value for both.
- SC – inquire about a **location for a sign** advertising about RV/Camping availability at Fair Grounds. CB – always be careful and consult with State DoT. A variety of possible locations and ownerships of sites are discussed.
- Interviewing tomorrow for a **temp worker**. Hopes that the person can do a variety of daily tasks so that SC can move toward more forward thinking and planning.
- **Older painting on Art Bldg** rather faded. Looking at painting over or renewing.
- Fair Advisory Cmte is looking at changing **main entry to near Jones Hall**. That hall seems to be getting full. Should SC take Jones Hall of rental availability? Go over affect if Fair Grounds are used for emergency fire base. Not really – they use other facilities for the most part.

10:10 SC leaves

### **BOCC Discussion**

- Three **Groups in Public works** – Solid Waster (BR), Roads/Engineering (JT), Administration (BR).
- Discussion of **meetings and events**, LJ – agenda items for NEWC(North East Washington Counties). AH – joint planning with Forest Health Collaborative (Colville & Okanogan with across their border) – proposed treatment around Toroda Creek north to the International Border.
- AH & CB – wants a map showing land use by entity, would use in **proposed Resource areas in Comprehensive Plan**. CB – use to co-ordinate with Forest Service. Need to consider Federal mandates and their limits under the law. AH – relationship with State and resource lands is different, mining is an example. Most mining potential is on Federal lands (Counties need for gravel is an example). IS conversion of timber to agricultural a problem? IF private land designated as Forest land in Comp Plan gives some protection against harvest. Does work same way on Federal or State? Question if can be converted to AG? - None. How about rural? A concern is that if an area is designated it is locked in. Rural has to be serviced - sheriff, Bldg, Waste, etc. Under GMA – does not require any particular usage, procedure but requires a comprehensive process to be gone through to change usage or designation. Comp Plan would involve change through an amendment to the plan, can be cumbersome and expensive. GT – land use policy tends to be determined by the accumulation of exceptions, amendments and CUPs over time. The process of change needs to be carefully designed to ensure consistency, fairness and adapt to new realities. AH & CB – land use, Water Conservancy, outside groups, foundations, Waster Shed concerns and how they interact with County and official functions are all at issue.
- 10:50 – various representatives of contractors bidding on Peter Dan Rd repairs begin arriving for 11:00 Bid Opening as BOCC continues discussion.

11:00 Bid Opening.

- 10:53 JT arrives, 11:00 BR arrives – Engineer estimate is just over \$4,000,000

- BIDS:
  - o REclaim CO. – Yakima \$5,247,777.77
  - o Selland Const. – Wenatchee \$1,986,476,50
  - o Delhur Industries – Hermiston \$2,179,041,40
  - o Scarcella \$2,896,013.00
  - o J & K \$3,076,765.00
- Selland apparent low bid. All bids referred to Clerk for scanning, then to Engineer for full review. Engineer will examine and make a recommendation to BOCC. WSDot will also examine bid. JT wants to bring back a recommendation for today's consent agenda.

### **Public Works (JT –Engineering, BR – SW & Administration)**

#### JT (Engineering)

- 6 hr. OT – brush cutting, crack sealing, 3 hrs last week doing inventory.
- Crew is doing crack sealing, pre-leveling getting ready for chip sealing.
- **Sinlahekin Rd washout** – met with WSDF&W; no simple solution. Creek diversion is culprit. Pushed water into Blue Lake. Can temporarily re-use a 4' culvert to get through summer and open road. Will look into a permanent fix. Would need to be in place by Fall to avoid another washout next Spring. Looking at cost estimates. Aiming to get to \$100,000 or less. Due to sediment load from fire, creek is moving around on the alluvial fan. Looking at a variety of fixes.
- **Peter Dan Rd Slide repair** – see bid opening info.
- **WSDOT trail easement agreement amendment** – will hand deliver to JT, took 2 months at State level, expects by Friday.
- **CCT access at Brewster Shop** – draft easement and will bring to BOCC later
- **Conconully Sewer lift station repair project** – basically done, working on the electricity panel and will install when ready
- **WATV routes** – all on the web site, will meet with Matt Reidy, TRD, if any concerns
- ON Consent next week: City agreements for chip seals.
- SRS \$ don't need a supplemental in income only when spend.
- **Corps of Engineers levee inspection:** Elmway – only small work needed, Twisp OK, some mitigation, if more will get back to BOCC. AH – Lost River issue – USFS, County & Home owners all want to be involved AH working on it.
- Tonasket Hwy 7 bridge project underway.

#### BR (Admin & SW)

- **Open Positions:**
  - o Eng. Tech/Assitant – will repost, want someone with more technical experience.
  - o M2 Truck – Area 3 – 1 application, will keep posted, \$18.17 per hour.
  - o M2 Driver – Area 6 (Oroville) – temp went to Sch. Dist.
  - o SW general labor – left for another job, no new app. unsure about next step.
  - o New Transfer Station Tech @ Twisp TS – Apple Maggot driven, need a “spotter” to ensure compliance. Probably need 2 people for safety reasons at all transfer stations. Not asking ring now. BOCC OK with new Twisp employee.
- **Apple Maggot Quarantine Area Update**

- Special Permanent Status & SEPA – Last week as uncertain over what goes in waste. Woody & yard waste and home grown fruit. Not food waste. Called Green waste.
- Public Health will do SEPA, WSDoT is OK with that, Dave Hylton has done SEPA in the past.
- AH wants an Info Sheet on Apple Maggot operation, what wastes to where & handout with all waste receipts in the Methow area, include Public Hearing date & Time. Implementation will be Sept. 1, BR – will do.
- July 19 Hearing in Okanogan BOCC, BR wants to draft up County comments – BOCC included? Will do from BOCC but BR can put together draft.
- Twisp Bin Retro-Fit - \$3500 for Quarantine compliance. 1<sup>st</sup> phase is lids.
- Woody debris at gravel pit (TUP & CUP?) – might need a CUP. If heat treatment works, will not need. Temp use permit might be better pathway.
- **CCT recap.**
  - Disposal Fees: tipping fee, county doesn't have much flexibility, needs to recover costs. SWAC membership: CB – offer of alternate position to CCT on SWAC not OK, need permanent. Need to change bylaws of SWAC, include Twisp rep., CCT wants 2 reps. CCT needs to know SWAC is advisory only – not enough?, even with 2 reps. Need a MOU for now? CB sees further discussion necessary. Not ready of a MOU at this time. SWAC membership: Fee lands, what sites CCT concerned about.
- **Solid Waste Enforcement**
  - AH – any effort for Clean up effort in County? There is one in Methow Valley. Why not rest of County? BR – lack of leadership, organization in rest of County.
  - Fund to waive Disposal Fees: Set aside a small amount of each ton fee to cover disposal or cleanup where costs not recoverable or reimbursed. Inter-agency benefit (County, Public Health, CCT). AH thinks it is a good idea on a disposal fund, CB thinks it is a great idea, put some thought into details want to have a small working group to cleanup some issues. Wants to talk with Dg over more possibilities.

**1:30 Public Comment: Michael Howell – Central Washington Home Builders Assn** introduces himself and organization. Wants to work with County.

**1:35 Move to Approve Consent Agenda – Passed**

**1:50 Vouchers & payrolls – Passed**

- Public Health Vouchers – OK
- Oroville EMS – payment to Lifeline, OK
- Approved letter for Housing Coalition - \$50,000, going to a good cause.

**TC (Risk Management & HR)**

- **Elected officials salary comparison with comparable counties – 7 Counties:** Douglas, Franklin, Jefferson, Kittitas, Klickitat, Pacific, Stevens, Walla Walla, Whitman, Okanogan.

- Looking at possible increasing of salaries. BOCC wanted law on salaries – could have a salary commission, prohibits any change up or down during a term or election cycle. (Can't vote your own raise until re-elected). Need a new salary resolution and have in place by Dec. 31.
- AH – can't justify any Commissioner raise while some other County workers only at 70% of comparable positions in other counties. (BOCC is at 93% of comparables average). CB nods agreement.
- Draft a resolution out to Dec. 31, 2020. Commissioners at that time could adjust as necessary.
- **Roller Hockey group** asked about insurance. AH asks about Kittitas Co. coverage for very expensive horses in their County facilities. TC not happy with a waiver of liability, still exposes County, Looking into issue.
- Discussion of **wage compensation goals and philosophy** – considering % increased, set \$ increase, COLA: all being considered. Goal is to increase hiring ability and retention: reduce training costs. Upcoming Compensation Meeting: Any employee can attend but not comments from observers.
- **Rating of skill qualifications and salary.** Question is how to measure substitution of one skill for another in measuring.

JT – **PWorks: Peter Dan Rd Slide Repair – Selland Const. wins bid.** \$2,011,000 ( there was an error in submitted bid but still lowest), Oked by WSDoT also. County approves. BOCC passes.

3:00 Adjourn.