

**Board of Okanogan County Commissioners
(BOCC)
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Lanie Johns – LJ (BOCC Clerk)	Maurice Goodall – MG (Emergency Mgmt.)

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Summary: Maintenance (Fair Irrigation, Seasonal's, Suplus sale, Garbage pick up, Tractor, hourly rates for fair rentals), **Fair Events** (Race Track Grant, Agriplex mess), **Civil Attorney** (Road log, potential litigation, Executive session), **Risk Management** (Web site demo, Elected official compensation), **Dispatch** (Fees & sub-districts, Switch phone vendor, System end of life costs), **Public Works** (Apple Maggot & SW, Leachate pond, CCT Salmon Creek cleanup, SWAC membership, Open positions), **Public Comment**

9:00 SC, JP, CB, PH & JD present along with LJ. AH in DC for Salmon Recovery meeting.

JP (Maintenance)

- Blow out on irrigation system, air relief valve was bad and had been leaking for some time. Replacement of valve went easily and really upped available water pressure in the whole system. Goal is to irrigate as much of the grounds as possible without drawing sand (Goal of well work at Fair is to remedy this problem). There is not enough pressure and water to use all lines but there is a big improvement. Will need to cut asphalt near the Pig Barn to access leaky water line. Will need a "cutter" to access.
- Will interview on Wednesday - 3 Seasonals, 2 to be hired.
- Surplus sale this year? JD – depends on what Public Works knows. (LJ – Sheriff's have left over vehicles from last year). JD – Basically yes on surplus sale, just need to get organized. LJ – best if before Fair. Need to get work out to the departments for surplus items. A lot of material generated with the "Big Move" at the Courthouse. SC – asking about availability of a covering for worn out seat cover on S-10 PU and if any other departments might have something.
- PH & JD – what of not working Garbage Truck? Problem with hydraulic pump? Need to check with Pelligrini about having it checked. PTO? JP – possible to use a versatile vehicle. No real need to have a single function vehicle and only use it for the short

period around Fair time. Maybe just a big dumpster and use regular PU to collect and then transfer to large dumpster?

- Has BOCC decided on a tractor? AH is working on it? Question if authorized? Mahindra brand was decided on. Need to put together a resolution and move forward.
- There is a big pile of dirt at the Fair Grounds with rocks in it. Would need a rock screen to be able to use dirt to smooth grounds. JD – need to check with PWorks (BR).
- PH – need to figure daily and/or hourly rate for usage of Fair facilities, i.e. Arena, Agriplex, etc. PH will forward information to SC to move forward. PH suggests having some criteria to determine rates. Will forward a worksheet for determining. Also a template for writing a resolution. Need to examine the methodology of the worksheet for suitability.
- Currently doing something like musical chairs with a variety of stored materials to open rental spaces as needed.

SC (Fair Events)

- Racetrack grant has been approved, when OK to let Public know? When start, and end dates? People have been asking about improvements. There is a review on Facebook complaining about the upkeep of the racetrack. Need to purchase all materials and incur all expenses by 2019. AH wants to move as quickly as possible and hope to have usable by Fair time. LJ – would be good to put out a Press Release to let public know – let people know what County is doing what it can with limited funds. People appreciated more when kept in the loop. PH – SC to get a copy of the grant application and contract so that SC is in the know.
- Last Agriplex event left quite a mess, will probably exceed deposit to clean up. Rentee currently unavailable. Need to clear up now to make ready for next rental. How to cover real costs? Bill for actual costs? SC – would be better to specify in contract cleanup charges in addition to damage deposit. GT – take pictures to establish baseline for “clean” to avoid disagreement over definition as part of walk around. CB – ideas are on the right track, come back with a specific proposal. County needs to recover cost overruns.

DG (Civil Attorney)

- State AG letter over procedure for cleaning up road log. If the road in question was originally put on County rolls without proper procedure then the BOCC can just “let go” of the road by majority vote.
- DG some questions about a potential litigation. DG has passed on the info to TC. A former land owner felt a Tax Sale notice was not sufficient and wants compensation of the value of the sale. They disagree over interpretation of law.
- 9:54 Exec Session: 20 Min. PH, DG, BOCC (AH absent - DC Salmon Recovery), return at 10:10. PH leaves.

10:20 TC (Risk Management)

- First demo for Web site proposal will be Monday, 10:00 from one provider. In process or arranging other demos

- Purchase trailer from North 40 for jail.
- Met with SC on training, will continue. Doing a good job.
- TC will attend conference with Alliance over possible medical insurance for employees.
- Risk Pool people will get together
- Grand app for legal costs
- Request for compensation letter to contractor that damaged sewage line in Conconully (lift station repair s- about \$1000)
- Required elected officials compensation review underway. TC is doing a survey comparing office salaries to comparable counties. Douglas & Stevens have not replied to date. (Survey Sheet attached). Still putting some details together. Will need to be adopted this year to be effective 2019. Current BOCC office holders cannot raise their own salaries but would apply after re-election.

10:30 **Dispatch** (Mike Worden)

- Met with Fire and EMT districts about Dispatch fees over new fee schedule. Many organizations are volunteer organizations and felt was another burden on limited finances and a double taxation (Sub-district patrons already pay into County taxes and this an additional fee?). County position is that they provide a service at a cost to the County and there needs to have a cost sharing amongst all users. Gives an example that the percentage of the Dispatch fee is to the overall budgets of sub-districts are all lower than 5% so really a small portion of the budget (Many districts have a large budget but operated yearly on a small portion. Much of the money is in some kind of reserve to use for capital purchases as needed).
- Sheriff's rep – expresses that fees might be set a side in a restricted fund for the betterment of Dispatch System. CB – BOCC has discussed this and is in support of the concept. Target funds would go in effect in 2019 so would be in place next year.
- A bit ahead on budget, even or 1 – 2% over.
- Sheriff's – Jail still over budget but improving. Sheriff's has a buffer but will go away due to car purchases & repairs. Will do a supplemental as some point. BOCC understands that Departments have some upfront costs that will even out as the year progresses.
- Dispatch – Disaster Recovery money will probably get full \$300,000 and likely deposited this week.
- SB 2010 - \$22,000+ to be used to provide backup in case computer systems are disabled – handheld radios.
- Will switch over to a new phone vendor. This will be done overnight for least disruption. May be down a short while and hope for no problems.
- Some hardware in the system is reaching end of life. Not able to get repairs or upgrades. This is come and will be a big cost. JD – 4 counties are looking at using funding to do major upgrade/investment into Cmu/Dispatch. M. Worden hearing one county of the four may want all the funds itself.

PWorks (BR presenting, JT absent – conference)

- BR went and looked at cleanup site on Salmon Creek.

- See Attachment PDF for Apple Maggot summary. Generally seems to be moving towards an agreement, commercial food waste – store bought, restaurants, processed will not need treatment but need a waiver from State to transport to Central Landfill. All other organic waste – yard, woody, home grown will need to be treated and retained in quarantine area (chipping, composting, heat treatment all possible and need to work on details, native hawthorns and such are also hosts and need to be managed if moved out of quarantine area.
- Waste Wise will not collect yard waste. Education is very important. Dan McCarthy – County Ag – Need to try some process, enforcement end is very likely impossible as a solution. BR – verbal from State that processes for commercial/store bought is not an issue – need it in writing. Only raw, home grown a high risk. Given potential issue State will be very cautious.
- Hearing Examiner for State Dept. of Ag is scheduled July 19. Need to request a delay, extension or leniency period for County and Waste Wise. Meeting will be in BOCC meeting room.
- GT suggests having a small grant program for subsidy of purchase of small chippers for neighborhood groups. BR knows of grant program from DoE and will look into.
- BR will need a meeting with BOCC about costs incurred – personnel, additional fees, capitol, grant costs. Not ready for a comprehensive meeting but will need one in future.
- SWAC was updated Monday night. Everyone needs to know and understand that there will be a change in operation at Methow transfer station forever.
- JD - For Fair garbage. What of a larger container like used at the transfer stations for the Fair to use during Fair time with Solid Waste doing PU and drop off? Or something similar to solve problem of costs at Fair?
- JD – need to go ahead with tipping fees and Tribe cooperation over Salmon Creek property cleanup. PH can provide list of past citations for justifications. Will need an MOU with tribe. LJ sent a draft resolution. Kent (Solid Waste) & BR evaluated the site. A lot of people wanting to move ahead. CCT, Fish & Wildlife, DoE, etc. County would do disposal, CCT would cover equipment & labor – proposed. Kent wanting some scope of work to estimate cost. A lot of material has been removed already. Unknown how much hazardous waste material involved. Need for a time frame of the project.
- New leachate pond having final inspection. Will need to have piping installed for leachate. Additional cost of course.
- BR wants to be present at BOCC CCT Council meeting. June 12, 11:00 am. Wants to be present but not an active participant unless asked.
- SWAC membership size, voted for no change to previous determination. Tribe wants 2 people on SWAC, BOCC needs to decide to expand or not.
- WSU Extension agreement. After consultation with WSU Extension, BR does not recommend a three party agreement.
- 3 Open positions: Engineering Tech/Asst – reviewing past applicants, Methow area Truck driver – generally difficult to fill due to lack of housing in area, BOCC or anyone know of someone with a CDL and who would want to apply?, SW General Labor (Seasonal & temporary) – one candidate resigned, need to refill that position.

- There is a need for more jail trustees to be used at SW and Fair. Problem is lack of suitable candidates at jail
- After review of resolution on CCT Salmon Creek cleanup, could have a list of property citations, MOU with tribe on cost sharing. Vote by BOCC on Monday.

12:00 Public Comment

- GT concern about need to move forward on Water Availability Study Areas. Short timeline, likelihood of multiple studies, potential work bottleneck are issues. CB understands problem and BOCC working on it.

Auditor Comment has input on new Corrections Coordinator a fulltime position. Will be moving to a full-time position and will need to have a supplemental and to move quickly to cover expenses. Auditor knows Jail personnel (Noah) and has worked with him. Cary will work with him to get resolution to BOCC quickly.

12:30 Adjourn