

Board of Okanogan County Commissioners
6/8/17

Present:

Jim DeTro (JD) - BOCC
Chris Branch (CB) - BOCC
Andy Hover (AH) - BOCC
Josh Thomson (JT) - County Engineer
Ben Rough (BR) - Dept.Head, Public Works
Tanya Craig (TC) - Risk Management

Bid Opening, South Bridge: two responses including North Central Construction of Moses Lake at \$2,553,056.25 and Sealand Construction of Wenatchee at \$2,331,581.75 for County's project estimate of \$1,797,775.

Bid Opening for Roll-off Bins at \$66,542.04 by Solid Waste Systems of Spokane for County's estimate of \$120,000.

Public Works update by Josh Thomson (JT) and Ben Rough (BR): opens with kudos to crews from AH. BR opens with Tanya Craig for discussion of Cost of Living Adjustments for temps. Discussion of equity, relative qualifications, migration of temps to permanent status. Decision: direction to draft a formal pay schedule policy with budget impacts for commissioner review. Also, commissioner direction to publish a schedule of building rental charges with related policy.

Discussion of CDL (commercial driver's license?) training costs as upgrade for existing drivers; idea to have cost amortized over employee's tenure with refund if they quit early.

JT comment on ongoing coordination with the federal government of bridge repairs; JT indicates original budget of \$850K is probably accurate.

Commissioner direction for staff to attend Regional Transportation Planning Organization meeting in Olympia (?)

Public comments: Katie Haven and Jeff Zwar, two of eight property owners along McFarland Creek Road (Methow) regarding repairs and installation of larger-capacity culverts; appreciation for public works coming out on the weekend to make repairs. Comment that the only other road out of the valley is a poorly maintained forest service road with dangerously steep slopes along its route. AH credits JT for quick response. Zwar opinion that planned federal controlled burn would likely make matters work. Discussion of other property owner building his own road on his property to avoid washed-out areas; discussion of alternative ways experienced private engineer identified to fix the road.

Legal notices/Newspaper of Record commissioners select bid by Gazette Tribune/Methow Valley News, based on \$1 per column inch saving; formal resolution at Consent Agenda.

Speed Limits: discussion that process is to *study* changes in speed limits--no decision has yet to be made pending Engineering review.