

**Board of Okanogan County Commissioners  
(BOCC)  
July 2, 2019**

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Chris Branch – CB (BOCC)	Stella Columbia – SC (Fair Events)
Andy Hover – AH (BOCC)	Maurice Goodall – MG (Emergency Mgmt)
Josh Thomson – JT (Public Works)	Mike Worden – MW (Dispatch)
Joe Poulin – JP (Maintenance & Fair Grds)	Dan Higbee – DH (Building)
Perry Huston – PH (Planning)	George Thornton – GT (Citizen, County Watch)
Laleña Johns – LJ (BOCC Clerk)	Tony Hawley – TH (Sheriff)
Ben Rough – BR (Public Works)	Randy Clough (Central Service)
David Gecas – DG (Civil Att.)	Larry Gilman (Assessor)
Tanya Craig – TC (Risk Manager)	Annie Lyons (Noxious Weeds)
Leah McCormick – LM (Treasurer)	Charlene Groomes (Clerk’s Office)

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**Summary: Fair Events:** State Grange went pretty well, Non-slippery floor mats, Sponsorships on arena fencing, Floor sink in kitchen area, Public input on the website, **Planning & Admin:** 2 Planning Commission vacancies, consideration of advertising a position opening, retaining experience and learning of previous appointees, keeping diversity and recognizing difficulty of finding suitable appointees, **Civil Attorney:** Exec Session. Potential litigation – French Creek, Treasurer/Assessor, an ongoing “Domestic topic”, **Clerk’s Office:** Records to NW Vital Records, RFP on Domestic Violence records, **Executive Session – BOCC & PH:** Performance of a public official, **HR & Risk Management:** Executive Session. DG, TC & BOCC. Current litigation, New HR, **Public Works:** Maintenance & Roads, Fairgrounds track & arena, Statler Bridge, Hwy 7 – north from Tonasket, Salmon Cr. @ Cowan’s, Barkley & MVID Ditch project, Elmway Levee, Edelweiss sewer force main, SOS grant for scanning records, Radar gap / NOAA mtg, **Miscellaneous Business**

**BOCC:** CB, JD & AH. Staff: SC, PH, KR (Kelly Ross – BOCC Clerk Asst.)

**DG (Civil Attorney)**

- Needs an executive session after everyone done reporting.

**SC (Fair Events)**

- **State Grange went pretty well.** A lot of things learned about setting up a major event that is not the Fair. Good things to know for the next opportunity. Good people to work with. They have gotten their whole damage deposit back.
- Need **non-slippery floor mats** in the Annex kitchen area – a safety issue
- AH – if want to sell **sponsorships on the arena fencing** is there a fee schedule. Would depend on size, location, duration and other specifics on what the fee would be. SC will look around for banner costs. There are 16 X 4 ft. panels of fencing.
- Christy O’Neal had already sent a message SC email inbox.

- Need to consider a **floor sink in the kitchen area** of the Annex. Currently drain for mop water is in electrical area. JP wants to think about some way to get a more convenient and safe location.
- No Agriplex or Annex renters until July 27, this is a good time to do maintenance work.
- AH – cattle pens near the arena are being put in today. Will get a pole pounder to put in permanent posts.
- SC – setting up a **public input on the website** for suggestions and input.
- As Fair Grounds are an emergency shelter site that could be used to justify some grant improvements.

#### PH (Planning & Admin)

- **2 Planning Commission** vacancies. McCoy & Thornton terms have expired. Has provided 2 letters of re-appointment if the BOCC is inclined, this would be for four-year terms. AH – would like to see an open process for appointments whenever any commission or committee comes up. Doesn't want an automatic renewal of any position. General agreement expressed to the concept with consideration of advertising a position opening, retaining experience and learning of previous appointees, keeping diversity and recognizing difficulty of finding suitable appointees. CB – members learn a lot over time, need to consider the value of that history and/or experience. AH – how to honor need for an open application process and keeping qualified, involved people with historical knowledge. PH – create a protocol for getting people who are interested applicants. AH – Ok with re-appointment for a full 4-year term and also to have PH develop a protocol to solicit interested applicants on a regular basis. AH – moves to appoint GT to At-large position on the Planning Commission. Approved. Move to appoint Gina McCoy to District 2 Planning Commission. Approved.
- Hearing Examiner position has simplified finding people to serve on Boards. Much fewer controversial decisions over individuals.

#### DG (Civil Attorney)

- A few topics, maybe 20 min. in Exec Session. Potential litigation – **French Creek, Treasurer/Assessor, an ongoing “Domestic topic”**. 110.1(i). Return at 10:04

SC – Only 1 reply on managing the gates during the Fair. BOCC Oks offering the contract.

#### 10:06 Clerk's Office (CG & SP)

- Going well right now – a new batch of **records off to NW Vital Records** for digitizing and indexing.
- Any info on funds to help to do more digitizing more records? Concern about the volume of records being stored in containers. There has been a lot of issues with termites.
- AH – there is money in the budget for a digitizing. Would like to clear out the containers that have records – they are vulnerable. Possible pricing of a whole container? CG will ask – possible to budget for next year.
- CG did get a tour of the Spokane facility.
- Currently some old records are digitized on real microfiche. There is only 1 working reader/printer around at a local title company. It is showing its age and may not last much longer. Need to look for an alternative (Possibly Public Works?) or prioritizing NW Vital Records digitizing.
- An **RFP on Domestic Violence records** – worked with DG on wording.
- All caught up with daily work.

#### Executive Session – BOCC & JH

- Discussion of the **Performance of a public official**. Review complaints brought against a public employee, complaints about PH & his department. - 15 min.

#### TC (**HR & Risk Management**)

- Needs an **Executive Session. DG, TC & BOCC. Current litigation**. Return at 10:54
- Shelly (**New HR**) is digging right in, has previous experience.
- Talked with LJ about budget and has funds to buy a new desk. OK from BOCC, only \$289 and has free shipping.
- On Monday 4 new people starting. Know almost already – 2 Dispatch people. CB – be sure to emphasized courteousness. TC – need to be monotone to keep people calm, be business-like. Will have a full complement of Dispatch workers, but an impending maternity leave at any time.
- A couple of people have asked about working in the Jail.
- New Therapeutic Court person on Monday.
- TC will be taking a trip to Oregon, Shelly will be handling the job during absence – TC will be available by cell if needed.

#### JT (**Public Works**)

- AH – Does Public Works have a reel microfiche reader/printer that works? JT will check.
- **Maintenance & Roads**: Same, getting ready for chip seal. Some digging out of ditches and culverts.
- **Fairgrounds track & arena**: Finished hauling yesterday. Will get the rest of the grading done no later than next week.
- **Statler Bridge**: A lot of moving pieces expected to come together. On consent agenda next week. Property owners have signed agreements – working with lending banks in some cases.
- **Hwy 7 – north from Tonasket** – drainage work this week, paving later. Rebuilding intersection on west side of bridge.
- **Salmon Cr. @ Cowan's**: \$8500 to relocated power lines, won't need to remove any more trees.
- **Barkley & MVID Ditch project**: open canal conversion to pipe. Getting easement at airport is proving problematic. On hold. If can't get soon would put off to next year. Discussion of another impediment at a bridge relocate – MVID need to cooperate. AH will talk with them.
- **Elmway Levee**: Meet on site next Friday.
- **Edelweiss sewer force main** – loan application: Due next Friday
- **SOS grant application for scanning records**: Sec. of State - will apply for next round, didn't get previous round same as Clerk's Office.
- **Radar gap / NOAA mtg** in Wenatchee 6/28: General view from NOAA saying wouldn't be helpful given the cost of a new radar. Each radar was "hand built" by NOAA, don't have the expertise anymore. Budget constraints are the big issue. Current forecasts are based on models and past behaviors not real data.
- JT goal is to go to Oroville and inspect the Similkameen trail bridge.
- CB asked to talk to Mayor Neal at Oroville about upcoming EMS levy.

#### **Miscellaneous Business:**

- Move minutes and consent agenda to close earlier this afternoon – AH has a conflict later in the day.
- Move to approve updated proceedings – June 24 & 25. Approved.
- Move to approve Consent Agenda – Approved
- Move to approve special run of vouchers – Approved

11:45 AH leaves for the day

1:30 **Public Comment – none**

2:00 JD leaves, no quorum. Adjourn.