

**Board of Okanogan County Commissioners  
(BOCC)  
July 10, 2018**

Jim Detro – JD (BOCC)	Ben Rough – BR (Public Works)
Chris Branch – CB (BOCC)	David Gechas – DG (Civil Att.)
Andy Hover – AH (BOCC)	Tanya Craig – TC (Risk Manager)
Josh Thomson – JT (Public Works)	Leah McCormick – LM (Treasurer)
Debi Hilts – DH (HR)	Cari Hall – CH (Auditor, Finance Mgr)
Joe Poulin – JP (Maintenance & Fair Grds)	Laurie Thomas – LT (Auditor)
Perry Huston – PH (Planning)	Stella Columbia – SC (Fair Events Coord.)
Lelanie Johns – LJ (BOCC Clerk)	Maurice Goodall – MG (Emergency Mgmt)

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**Summary: Auditor:** Election system update, **Fair:** 3<sup>rd</sup> water line to the South End, Mark Egerton, Nulton Irrigation, Hired a Tech, Tractor purchase – maybe Thursday, Locate irrigation “cannon” connections, Backups in pipes in Juvenile, **Fair Events:** Walk through of the Fair with the Advisory Committee, **Civil Attorney:** Letter for Community Action, Inter-local proposed contract for Building Inspection services, Courthouse security, **Planning:** Similkameen Trail still closed, **HR & Risk Management:** Treasurer job - Foreclosure Deputy, employee issue has been settled, Elected officials resolution?, **Assessor:** Cannabis operations and Personal Property Taxes, Expressing efforts to work with people to get compliance not enforcement, **Public Works: Engineering:** Maintenance & Road, Similkameen Trail repair, Peter Dan Rd repair, Buffalo Lake Rd CCT project, 6-year Transportation Improvement Plan, WATV Routes draft map, CCT access at Brewster shop, Conconully Sewer, **Admin & Solid Waste:** Open positions, Cash Flow, Apple Maggot, Solid Waste Mgmt Plan, Solid Waste disposal fees, Taber Land Purchase, Central Landfill Scale installation, Discussion of improving evaporation from leachate pit, Landing float planes on Chopaka Lake, **Board of Health Directors Mtg:** Admin, Public Info Officer, Community Health, Environmental Health, **Supplemental:** Supplemental for District Court, Jail & Maintenance, **Oroville EMS Levy Public Hearing, Vouchers & Payroll, District Court Probation Remodel Request**

9:05 JD, CB present, AH at another meeting.

JB, CH (**Auditor**)

- Cari Hall: Reviewing of **election system approval** to move to Verity with HART vendor made last week. Civil Attorney, DG, has looked at the contract. Rumor at the Sec. of State says State might be HART might be selling out – may be good or bad, just CH has been happy with HART to date.
- State probably I the process of a Statewide voter registration and tabulation system. Would be many years down the line though. It appears that the timeline may be moved up, this would put Okanogan Co. purchase of an election system replacement leaving us with an “orphaned” system that would need to be replaced long before

it's contract expiration time offered by HART. Unclear what the consequence would be to Okanogan Co.

- Currently about 90% of state on ClearBallot system – need to look at that switch. Very worried about proposed 10 yr. contract being offered. ClearBallot will be demoed at Ferry Co. in August. County needs to hold off for now on contract and Verity software until things shake out.
- CH has done good research and the situation is more complicated than first thought.
- Concern over hardware compatibility and cost with the various systems. Need to have an understanding of all the details before committing.
- No decision for now, current contract being offered will be sent to DG for review.

#### 9:17 JP (**Fair Grounds & Maintenance**)

- Has had a discussion with CB & AH about extending a **3<sup>rd</sup> water line to the South** end. That end does not have an irrigation line with separation of the domestic and irrigation water.
- CB: **Mark Egerton, Nulton Irrigation**, has offered to look at the whole system and proposed changes and expansions and give input at no obligation or cost to the county.
- **JP has hired a Tech** and that person has started as of yesterday. Another hiree has given notice at their current work and will begin in two weeks.
- Need to monitor water/sand issue in well during different seasons.
- Called about **tractor purchase – maybe Thursday?**
- Used metal detector from the Sheriff's Office to **locate irrigation "cannon" connections**. Will look for more. This would avoid using a water truck on track that compacts the track.
- JD expressed concern about **backups in pipes in Juvenile**. JP expressed not yet has a call in.

#### SC (**Fair Events**)

- undertaken a thorough **walk through of the Fair with the Advisory Committee**. Some issues and responses from JP:
  - o Drip pipe in pig barn are Fair responsibility, add-ons after main construction.
  - o Asphalt will be patched after water and digging completed
  - o Other issues are incidental and routine – hornets and wasps.

#### DG (**Civil Attorney**)

- **Letter for Community Action**, letter looked OK to be sent in. An accurate depiction of situation.
- Revised an **inter-local proposed contract for Building Inspection services** for cities. Copies have been sent to Brewster (Zimmerman attorney), Pateros & Twisp (Detro Att.), and to Riverside mayor – DG does not know if the Riverside mayor has shared the contract with the city council. Proposed contract is for 1 yr expiring on 12/31/2018 to match fiscal year and then would be renewed with all agreement for a full year. County would not do Code enforcement.
- **Courthouse security:**

- Has talked with Judge Culp and that Judge feels that one entry point in Courthouse is OK. On occasional days would need to have more than one – special conditions are manageable. One person wanted larger changes but adequate budget a problem. State AG not able to provide input on how other counties fund security changes.
- DG is working with **Pacific Security on a possible contract**. There are a few issues to be resolved. Wheel Chair access is a big issue and how much construction would be needed to accommodate. Depends on the entry as to how much needs to be done.
- JP – 3<sup>rd</sup> avenue side would be easiest for handicap access ramp. Need 2 entry points – due to design of building. 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> floors. All other are emergency exits.
- Still a lot of ideas and solutions floating around about Security / Safety. Many Courthouses have only one public access, any other entry/exit for employees greatly increases risk.
- Need to be careful to make sure short-term solutions would mesh with long term plans and avoid wasted expenditures. Cheapest short-term is for a single entry.
- PH relates that the main concern is not weapons but people displaying anger, conflict resulting in an increased perception of danger on the part of employees. This is aside from AG's security concerns. Domestic and other conflicts are biggest pressure not people with weapons and intent.
- Leah McCormick (Treasurer) – feels issue is a variety of reasons, personal conflict spilling out, commotion, people in conflict.

#### PH (Planning)

- Question: **Similkameen Trail still closed**. PUD wants to keep the trail closed while doing off trail work. PUD has the call. Feels this is excessive as work is being done above and outside of trail right-of-way. CB & JD – let insurance decide. County has rights from trestle to Oroville.
- CB relates: Some time ago PUD sold right-a-way upstream from dam, to a cattle company (Barnes?). Outside was bought up and then resold. Asking about needing to examine the ownership and look at a long term plan for trail. Various land acquisition has complicated future expansion. CB would like a PUD rep (Botiger?) to come in and discuss. PH will work on it.

#### TC (HR & Risk Management)

- Treasurer is asking for a **job opening in department. Foreclosure Deputy** – wants person to begin Aug. 1 or Sept. 1 to work with current clerk to learn process. Current employee will be on staff until Sept. 31, a lot of procedural details that need to be observed and trained on. There are 64 current foreclosure filings – though low historically, need to get someone on board due to complexity and need to be correctly done.
- Treasurer does not have funds in budget. Would need additional funds. JD – AH is lead person for budget issues. So would want him to weigh in. Would prefer an Aug. 1 begin date. But need AH input to proceed and to look at funds and where they

would come from. Treasurer has a very barebones staff and really can't spread responsibilities.

- A lot of times upset people want to vent. Following RCW carefully as a County to avoid a lot of issues. (Foreclosures, back taxes, only 2 year over due taxes can trigger foreclosure – better to pay current year to avoid penalties then go back on past years. Older taxes have already incurred penalty so pay after current taxes, still might trigger issues though).
- TC: an **employee issue has been settled**, no need for BOCC action.
- **Elected officials resolution?** What has happened? Will be looked into.

10:30 **Scott Furman (Assessor) & Staff** (Larry Gilman, new assessor & Lynn – works on personal property.

- **Cannabis operations:** Having difficulty with Cannabis operations (Producer/processors). They are not listing property for taxes. Less than half of the State recognized operations have listed personal property. Absentee owners, leased property on many occasions so nothing to put a lien on. SF has talked with Sen. Short about solution. State can refuse to renew license. County can send a letter of objection to the WSLCB and send in.
- Other Counties have not had any success getting State support. WSLCB only has one inspector/enforcement in a large region and is not able to keep up. Comparable to mobile homes that move around a lot. Cannabis operations are especially complicated compared to other problems.
- **Expressing efforts to work with people to get compliance not enforcement.** This attitude has allowed Assessor access to various “parts” of the County that others have difficulties. Wants to avoid nay connection to any enforcement agency – drugs, etc. Feels the connection would compromise access and ability to do their job.
- Purchase of a WSLCB license in Okanogan Co. from the State does not indicate actually doing business in the County. Names, addresses all confusing and/or misleading, some never set up shop in County. Complicated ownership trails – who is responsible is difficult to track down.
- Can write a letter to nonpaying Cannabis & BOCC will sign letter to be sent to the State asking for a non-renewal of the Cannabis licensee.
- 73 licensed producer/processor licenses less that half are complying with listing personal property for tax purposes. This number is declining as boom/bust cycle is in the bust mode.
- Retail tax on sales is unevenly distributed – based on consumption/sales not on production/processing.

11:00 JT & BR (**Public Works**)

- JT (**Engineering**)
  - o **Maintenance & Road:** focus on chip seal around Omak Lake Rd. Omak East side, Toroda Creek. OT was 6 & 8 hrs – will be more this week with chip seal work
  - o **Similkameen Trail repair** – have discusses already, BOCC wants to open trail despite PUT. Will discuss with PUD about whole system & current

repair. PH wants to have big picture on trail development. CB – where's the PUD on concept?

- **Peter Dan Rd repair** – start next Monday – 30 day closure, will get notice out.
  - **Buffalo Lake Rd CCT project**, MP 2.4 – 5.9. – will get notice of work out, and have a speed limit adjustment after project end.
  - **6-year Transportation Improvement Plan** – Draft has been emailed for review of status, priority on added on Rodeo Trail, Oroville/Loomis Rd, Salmon Creek – comments? Let JT know. JD – Hubbard Rd: Riverside/Crumbacher area. Occasionally detours from State onto County or Private Rds. No notice or fiduciary on the part of State. Need cooperation and working with County.
  - **WATV Routes, draft map** – prelim is ready – are all changes in? (Paradise Hill, Rat Lake, Getz Rd, Malott & Malott Eastside, CCT [Appleway, Rodeo Trail?, Cameron Lake to tractor dealer, Fairgrounds access, put all Rodeo Trail on SEPA review list.
  - **CCT access at Brewster shop** – draft of revocable easement
  - **Conconully Sewer** – Repairs done; systems still has difficulties to be work on.
- BR (**Admin & Solid Waste**)
- **Open positions:** Interview this week on Eng. Tech/Asst., Mw Driver, Area 3 – later next week, Twisp Transfer – still open.
  - **Cash Flow** – Debit/Credit card readers have arrived – training session and trial run tomorrow. Audit – all good, occasional audits have shown all OK, finance has made a lot of changes, pretty functional. Changes have helped a lot. JT feels goo about balance with in-house and Auditor's office. 90 employees – 75 in Winter.
  - **Apple Maggot** – Draft comments for July 19 hearing, has emailed a draft to BOCC. Comment letter wants to be ready to present on 19<sup>th</sup>. Woody Debris – Green waste, what to do when Quarantine is in force. Haul all to West Side?- will look at that as an option. JD will check on a possible back haul to ease potential cost.
  - **Solid Waste Mgmt Plan** – Review of final draft, will send out letter to various cities, Douglas Co. is new so will work through details.
  - **Solid Waste disposal fees** – July 24 meeting and notice to cities
  - **Taber Land Purchase:** Site visit tomorrow, strip of land and review of request. Request letter from Taber will need to be sent.
  - **Landfill Scale installation** – expect delays for 1 week. Will need to redo underlying concrete. Will put out a PSA, expect a long delay and lines. Might wait Sept. when work done.
  - **Discussion of improving evaporation from leachate pit.** Have installed a PVC pipe with drip holes at the edge of the pone to run across black plastic liner – sun heats to about 150 degrees and speeds evap. Working vey well, s till will take a couple of years to get leachate level down.
  - Question about **landing float planes on Chopaka Lake** (Response from State F & W says OK).

## **Lunch.**

### **1:30 Board of Health Directors Mtg.**

- **Admin:** Minutes approved, have purchased vehicles as discussed last month, Financial Reports OK.
- **Public Info Officer:** Have combined with Chief Registrar – added new title – Social Media
- **Community Health:** Measles in Snohomish & Clark Co. – Students and traveled out of area and brought back., Some dead bats being investigated - little State interest. E. coli & campo-bactor around. Work on ACH details. Testing an online text system for opiod information. Text 899211 and put in “opiod”. May hire a temp to get the word out on the system. Grant money supporting the testing. 6 likely ODs Jan to March. More NarCon trainings, Sheriffs race has NarCon training as an issue.
- **Environmental Health** – Great cooperation from Border on looking into Chick poop complaint. They stopping and now testing loads. Work level is intense right now – waste water, garbage enforcement. Emergency preparedness – report sent in, waiting on feedback.

### **3:00 Public Hearing**

- **Supplemental for District Court, Jail & Maintenance** - \$105, 400. Funds from unclaimed property, large grant, marijuana – approved.

LJ – **Oroville EMS Levy Public Hearing** – resolution continuance of levy not to exceed \$.50 per \$1,000 valuation. Covers area of the Oroville SD. Approved.

**3:25 Vouchers & Payroll** Approved, Public Health vouchers – Oked

### **3:30 District Court Probation Remodel Request**

- Judge Short, Dorla Schrechengast and JP. Good news is that after study the cost is a lot less than thought.
  - o Roll down shade – bullet proof – security & lockable
  - o Bullet Proof glass.
  - o Building improvement – trial court improvement funds
  - o \$4400 total with installation – JP will do install.
  - o LJ – need 3 telephone bids, BOCC will make decision, probably a transfer of funds from contingency Reserve. OK from BOCC.

**3:45 Consent Agenda** approved.

**4: 00 Adjourn**