

Board of Okanogan County Commissioners
7/16/2018
PM Session

Present:

Chris Branch - CB (BOCC)
Andy Hover - AH (BOCC)
Jim DeTro - JD (BOCC)
Perry Huston - PH (Director of Planning and Development, Administrative Officer)
Angie Hubbard - (AHu) Planner 2, Planning Dept Staff
Char Schumacher - (CS) Senior Planner, Planning Dept Staff
Josh Thomson - (JT) County Engineer
Ana Lyons - (AL) Weed Board
(See below sections for speakers.)

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Summaries:

Lake (Osoyoos) Management District: BOCC discusses and makes decisions on use of pesticides for control of invasive species, boundaries of District, relationship with Canada, buffer area, voting of affected residents and upcoming ballot, assessment & fees, and more. Resolution passed relating to these items.

Hard Cider Platt (Oroville area): Details to be discussed again in next week's study session.

Whistler Canyon : Details of possible trailhead improvement & funding discussed.

WRIA 49 Watershed Planning Unit: Solicitation and selection process for membership discussed. Working list attached with interest groups and some existing members.

Tonasket EMS/Lifeline: Lifeline presents their financial situation for services in Tonasket and Oroville and financial difficulties in rural areas of US where there are increasing clients on medicare/medicaid who are in need of services but not patient transport. Research into the situation is needed and ongoing.

Comprehensive Plan, ongoing review: 17-minute discussion: Huston plans for Rural designation, EIS Alternatives, and impact of population projections upon EIS/Comp Plan discussed with BOCC.

OCC 10.10, Continued Public Hearing on WATV penalties: Changes made in response to public hearing: Penalties for riding offload in designated Critical Areas limited to \$1,000 ("sensitive" areas unaddressed) ; riding off-road: limited to \$500; riding on undesignated roads: limited to \$250. Signage/maps/lists reviewed. Resolution 2018-9 approved.

1:37: Continued Public Hearing, Lake Management District (Lake Osoyoos) (Both JD and AH had been delayed by previous meetings.)

PH: The public hearing was continued for further deliberation by the Board. In preparation of that, you have a draft of a resolution which would authorize putting the question to the residents within the boundaries of the district. You must consider the boundaries of the proposed district and the resolution. I have asked the proponents and Anna Lyons to speak to the 1,000 foot buffer. Comments have suggested that this buffer exists. We have had notices to the landowners who commented, who appeared later. I contacted them. They were at the hearing and wanted to receive their ballot to participate. This was a harmless procedural error. All interested received notice and the opportunity to attend hearing.

The question will be determined by a simple majority. But in one section it states a simple majority of the ballots cast, in a section dealing with conditions of the ballot. I would consider this to be the simple majority of the ballots cast, dependent upon this section

AH - When ballots come back, these are not state ballots within a primary or general election.

PH - it is a mail ballot from my office, described in the statutes. There are instructions re voting, signatures, etc. It must bear signature of landowner or purported land owner and there cannot be sooner than 20 days nor more than 30 days deadline. It is back to us, we count.

AH - Do election laws apply?

PH - As I read statute, it is outside the normal election. It is mailed to them, mailed or delivered back to us.

PH The statutes - assessment on value of land. There is a provision for waiting until valuation of land. We have discussed this waiting before, that perhaps it is relevant to say that everyone who owns a parcel would have a vote. For the sake of discussion, we have 28 landowners that own 2 parcels..(*Runs down the detailed list of parcel ownership.*) City of Oroville owns 11. If you leave them in, they would have a weighted vote. Boundaries of the district must be fixed by you.

DB - Have you checked or researched districts that are formed in this manner - have there been any challenges?

PH - I haven't called other districts. We have a representative from Deer Lake. Could not find any case law.

CB - The part where if you have several parcels, you get several votes, doesn't seem quite right.

PH - (*Talks about millage per thousand, which "we elected not to do." It covers how he thinks this has been determined to be acceptable*)

CB - In some ways it makes sense.

PH - We didn't talk about it much,(??) Those are the points I would bring out. would ask Ana and others to come up. Your task is to fix the boundaries of the district. If any parcels will not benefit, you would remove them from the ballot. Can we effectively treat the properties within that buffer.

Ana Lyons of the Weed Control Board and another gentleman (I believe representing the residents promoting the Lake Management District) come to the table.

AL : I called WDOE regarding clarification on buffer. It was a spot in place originally by the (??) office when we applied. We had significant pushback from Canada re insecticides in the lake. They thought they would be pushed to do that. So we said we could do without buffer area, approved by Ecology. After adding several lakes to the permit, it seems to have fallen off the radar of the permit. I called Ecology and they were adamant that unless we had input from Canada, they want to keep this in there. 21,000 got buffer is only for chemical treatment.

AH - By another option, would that be monetarily able to work out? Would it be as effective as chemical treatment, and would it be financially feasible?

AL - Will not be as successful as application of chemicals. It would remove milfoil at that time.

Gentleman - There is a barrier you can put down, better placed in areas where you do not get the waves. So there is area where that could be used.

JD - To what extent does Ecology have jurisdiction?

AI - Just an ask. It was a courtesy to the Canadians.

JD - Would be nice if they would be nice to us and quit mechanical harvest.

Gentleman - Canadian letter never mentions the buffer zone. It came about from 2011 when they were doing treatment at Veranda Beach and the major of (????) quoted an Act that said one side of borden could not do anything that would affect the other country's health or safety.

JD to Gentleman : What is your preference?

Gentleman - If we follow conditions in the one letter and that's it, it's the best lake-wide treatment for cutting back on milfoil. I talked with a lot of Canadians on their side who wished they could treat with herbicides too. Their treatment has to be done very year, and not effective. Their funding source is for that.

AG - In your perspective, understanding that people in the south may not want to pay a fee & may come back and say we are not getting the service - in your opinion, can we provide a level of service to the people in the buffer zone that effectively does remove unsafe aquatic weeds and keep them from coming down lake?

AL - I believe there are processes like a bottom barrier, weed roller, divers - there are other options but they are more costly than herbicides. I believe it wouldn't hurt at all, based upon existing programs, past applications, etc to go to BC and WDOE and get them all back to the table. Explain this is what has been done, we have had no accidents, fish kills, etc as a result. Do you want to remove the buffer area and also address the stuff from BC that is floating down before it gets to the border?

(There is no response to her comment.)

PH - Goes over the resolution, the authorized ballot. There are certain things you have to find to lawfully form the District.

NO visible response from Commissioners.

PH - presents his resolution:

1. Boundaries
2. You must direct staff to put out the ballot.
3. I propose \$160,00 (*total*), collected annually from each parcel owner within the district for a period of 5 years with a total collection of \$240,000.
4. BOCC does not propose to issue revenue bonds to be paid by the special assessments collected within the district (PH says he assumes this is what BOCC wants, they affirm.)
5. BOCC shall contract with a qualified entity to administer a program of controlling milfoil and other invasive species using practices authorized by law and using Best Available Science to identify means to avoid adverse impacts to fish and wildlife.
6. BOCC is not (issuing?) a bond to cover the costs of forming the district but will reimburse the costs incurred by the county from first year collections.

AH - So the planning rep can be reimbursed after that first year?

PH Yes. Next would just the juvenile tax - basically starting very small.

AH (?) Is the plan to start the aquatic treatments one year after District is formed, or have payment and then reimbursement?

PH - Assessment is collected with property tax.

AL - What I would typically do is say..... I am just going to throw some numbers out. Say we are scheduled to get 50, 000, I would anticipate maybe 30 coming in April, 20 in November. So our spring program would be \$25,000 . That would go quite far. Then the following..next spring would be a better treatment (the following spring.)

JD - Questions? *None*.

This is the discussion leading to public.....

PH corrects: This is the hearing. You have closed public testimony.

AH - I was not present last Tuesday.

JD - we continued so you could hear what we did.

AH- Was the general feeling to go forward?

All - yes.

PH - The decision to issue ballots is by resolution. You are authorizing the issuance of the ballot. You will then adopt an ordinance.

AH - Do we need to amend resolution to include the Lake management Plan?

CB - Question I have - if we are authorizing the ballot by ordinance, do we form the district?
(All seem to agree. Unclear)

AH - I would say that because we have a Lake Management Plan, that would (?) our decision to form the Lake Management District.

CB - If we do that, do not have to amend....*(can't hear.)*

CB - I have no problem, but have not even read the Lake Management Plan.

AL - It was written by Ecology.

PH - You can adopt the plan by reference. I have a copy I can give to you. In the total big picture...are we going to add to it?

CB - I would like to read the plan.

PH - I will direct to you.

AH - But your thought is that this resolution does what we need to do?

AH - Was there any thought of amending any of this?

CB We never talked about amending it. 1,000 ft buffer?

AH - I would exclude them if they do not receive a service.

CB - The flow of the water tends to be southerly, except if there is wind and if it is blowing treatment to the North. We should make sure that there are Best Management Practices to not spray when windy.

AL - Previous issue which brought up contention was a application that was done many years ago where there was a real drift to the north. What we have been using since 2008 is actually an injection into the water, so there is no aerial drift.

CB - Let me move to approve the Resolution 275-2018.

Moved, seconded, no discussion. All vote in favor.

Congratulations and appreciation all around.

JD - This Lake Management District can be many things.

Several simultaneous conversations.

HARD CIDER PLAT (Oroville vicinity)

PH - We are introducing to you. You must fix the time and place. You will consider it. We are following code more diligently than before. This is served by city water system, city sewer; this will be put into place pursuant to another subdivision by the same owner. It went to Hearing Examiner who considered the plat itself and proposed a Development Agreement (DA.) The landowner talked about deferring collection of \$\$ until the lots sell. The DA includes this & has been signed by city of Oroville.

If you wish to disagree with ..or not follow the recommendation, you need to set a public hearing. If you want to go ahead, set hearing for next Monday. Char has materials.

Char Schumacher - I will make multiple copies. She passes out a large map to AH and leaves.

CB - Narrower lots.

PH - Creating 8 lots, leaving residential property of 35 alone. Zoning is Residential Suburban which allows lots as small as 12,500 ft.

CB - *Asks about frontage variance, etc.*

PH - They are vested in previous (*zoning*) regulation.

CB - To the north, there was a shorelines variance within a wetland area.

AH - Did HE (*Hearing Examiner*) approve this?

PH - HE recommended approval. DA would allow...would be same agreement. Allow deferral of fees to after 1 lot sold?

PH - Complicated and rapid talk about agreement. Different from Veranda Beach, in which they don't pay until....

AH - This is regarding the sewer.

CB - about \$6,000 per lot.

PH - Assume they are square with city on the water service?

AH - I would like the connection fees paid out after a certain subset of the 8 lots is sold.

CB - You are looking at - say they sold 4 of them.....That's a negotiating situation.

PH - We had a preliminary discussion a long time ago re connection fees. They crafted DA upon their understanding of our discussion. If you want to consider something different, I will set for public hearing.

CB - Only issue I have is that it has been difficult on Lake Osoyoos to get (???) Put it this way the easier we make it to pay the bill, the more apt we are to be paid. It just seems..what do we have to lose? If we approve, they cannot build on it. If they sell one and don't pay for it, they cannot go to the next.

PH - They did put a (????) They have to pay all connection fees all at once. *(Multiple voices.)*

CB - This sort of situation, we have been avoiding for along time. We have talked about while subdivision being approved and having this same situation apply. You sell a lot, you pay a fee. It helps to pay the system off.

PH - the best case is connection for all lots. In Veranda Beach, etc, they didn't even pay the building permit... until many years down the road when someone builds. This is better, but not perfect for what we've been doing.

AH - You do not know how soon it will progress. As long as there is something that says you are this far a long, we get paid.

CB — I am talking about people who already have a house and have to pay.

PH - May be time to rekindle. I will reschedule for next study session so we can look at it. Char will be sure you have all documents. Will put on agenda for next week.

Whistler Canyon

PH - Whistler Canyon folks met with me on Friday. They are in the process of coming up with a specific site plan of everything they want to do at the trailhead and try to acquire funding. Also, ideas of ongoing things like a restroom, etc. I do not have a specific date re when I will receive it. They were excited about the discussion of seeing improvements they want. We've had agreements in place in the past, some years now. . We have templates of those. I will keep you posted.

CB - Possible we could have an agreement from the city to do some of the maintenance, especially servicing the restroom?

PH - Yes, under banner of tourist promotion. Also they wanted to keep a better account to quantify the amount of work. They will be back to you with additional information.

WRIA 49 Membership, etc.

I crafted the notice we have in terms of soliciting applications. When we get to the point that we are discussing membership, you will see the proposal I have created puts it to the various organizations to select their own people. To streamline the process and take the work off you, I thought it appropriate that the organization will select whom they are going to send. This represents the positions you would need to vet and for which you would make appointments.

Membership List:

PH projects list he has made of proposed organizations with representation.

CB - scrolls down the list. Perry has made various additions, has listed organizations & made list of interests, Number at this time is 33 interest groups. Okanogan Highlands Alliance is on list as environmental.

Mentions Environmental interests, uses, and Jere Gillespie as an example of someone who has volunteered to continue. Other enviro organizations are mentioned.

PH comments it's not a matter of being qualified, but who is most qualified. You (BOCC) would determine this. If it follows the usual path, you will not have to sort through hundreds of applications.

AH - How many times are we going to solicit for these positions? How many times do you ask if no one answers? Do we want a minimum threshold?

PH - What I envision, in addition to public notice, is a letter soliciting people from the different organizations. Create an application from existing board for these folks. Will give them the opportunity to self- declare what their area of interest is, where they would fit in.

AH - My question remains. From personal experience with LTAC, we had an application out for months and months to get someone on the board.

PH - I recommend you go with what we can get.

CB - If no one applies, you go find someone. Some people do not see the paper or understand what we are doing.

AH - If you can't get 3 property owners to do this, do you have to have a property owner? Are we trying to fill all the positions, or are we putting this out there and if you have no landowners..... I think you are right, you go out and try to solicit at least one of the 3? To get enough to cover.

CB - Another thing on the listing for the groups, we have environmental organizations, and a volunteer that has been in one of the organizations that is listed. Is it possible there are a couple or 3 organizations we want to pay attention to? One of them is CELP. One reason too is that they are the ones who challenged the exempt wells. I went to one of their meetings in re mitigations. One of the Yakamas' interests is there, and they are affiliated with them. That might satisfy Yakama interest through CELP. That is a thought. And you want to have the conversation with them right upfront. They may be able to help craft something that works. They may have experience with water banking.

2:30 PH - I will suggestion we pick his discussion up later and move on with our agenda.

Tonasket EMS/LifeLine

AH - Adjourns as BOCC, reconvenes as Tonasket EMS.

PH - Passes out paperwork for approval. We convened this..... it's tied up with EMS and levy. In terms of Tonasket EMA, you are in levy for several years to come. Do not have a lot of opportunity to increase revenue. Under banner of Oroville, how we keep the wheels on the court expenses to revenue, operations is the only way to do it. Fairly simple for you,

Mr Walker - Appears to be representative of LifeLine. He introduces:

- 1) Paul Blakeney - has to do with finances
- 2) Jeff Lange - CEO (Apparently of LifeLine)

Walker: As we looked through Oroville projections, we looked at Tonasket as well. Then we decided better to bring to commissioners and Tonasket EMS sooner rather than later. These are projection outlooks for Tonasket as well as Oroville. You already received Oroville's. Sorry for not giving this ahead of time so you could read it.

Blakeney First sheet is projection on Ton EMS and next is Oroville. Actual financial results on first page. 2016 for Tonasket only 5 months long. P. 2 - our team has worked together on projections for 2019 - 21 based on some assumptions I will not review, but includes wages increases, revenue growth, etc.

AH - I see projected loss, 2020- 21. If that loss used on simply the levy amount, or does it take into account the amount you charge customer? You are making the contract (?) , then you make the revenue...

Blakeney - It is based on all current operations, assuming no changes.

Lange - All sources of revenue are in the projections.

Blakeney - this is through 2021 for Tonasket and Oroville.

Walker - Important just to recap historically . Most of you are aware we were approached by city of Oroville. Discussion occurred. EMT's resigned, so we had to take over. Same thing happened in Tonasket. We do a lot of financial diving, looked at all data available at the time. Made projections based on what was known to us at the time. Most of our assumptions were right on the money.

They were correct/incorrect on:

1. Total number of calls for service is correct and today, Pair miss - prevue parties, medicare, medicaid. Based this on the assumptions for historical data for Omak-Okanogan. We found that in both Oroville and Tonasket, a much higher percent in medical and medicaid. We missed that one No good data on actual patient transports. Really important to understand call for service and transport. If someone can't get back into bed, it is a call for service. There is no

mechanism to bill for this. Historically correct that 70-80 year olds do not have the funds to pay anyway. 3. We couldn't control (?) this one - if anyone had this foresight I would have liked to have known. Minimum wage increase is killing us. If we could rewind the clock to 2016, we would be doing ok, not great. The other thing that couldn't be projected is that L&I rate - medical services moved to the top. Big increase there and also 17-18. I did an overall view, it was about a 34 percent increase over the 2 years. Outside our control, nothing to do with us. Just the increase across the board in the state. This is how our assumptions went wrong, and we are here today.

We are not looking to make a lot of \$\$ but cannot afford to lose the project numbers you see here. We thought it better to bring this to light beforehand, and solve in one fell swoop.

AH - in my own research, I found that on the state website, all of Okanogan county is covered by EMS districts.

Walker: Not true.

AH - I need to understand the map. I am trying to understand the boundaries of districts. I have talked with others who have created utilities created by....

Walker - are you talking about EMS levy districts?

AH - No. Wa State boundary maps are of geographic coverage. Response areas are different. When you apply for license, the state holds those areas and you apply for a license. In some of the hinterlands, those are sometimes deemed as "no mans' land," with no one assigned.

AH Does the Methow Valley EMS district follow the boundaries set up in the licensing?

Walker- Yes, but those boundaries are different from the levy boundaries. It is based on which ever agency they want to leverage against....as an example, they could level based on fire district, school dist, or city boundaries. My assumption is School Dist - Liberty Bell - and that they also have one for Twisp and Winthrop.

AH - So in Tonasket, what is the levy boundary?

Walker - School Dist boundary. But trauma response boundaries may have different boundaries; but we are still obligated to go there.

AH - Certain people in areas pay for a response and pay a levy amount. Everyone outside those districts pays the same amount, butSo this lowers the payment for everyone ?)

Walker: Yes. Same train of thought. Visitors passing through the area are getting the service at less than the property owner.

PH - To be sure you know what you are listening for, we are not asking for action today. We are trying to adjust the model...So what I assume Walker is willing to do is to introduce the concepts of how the model can be adjusted...maybe an introduction of these concepts.

AH - Could you get a ...everything within your service area - you get a license for these hard boundaries for service?

Walker - Yes.

AH - Could you get the gross amount of the..... let'[s call it break even. Can you get a gross amp of \$\$ it would take to break even in 20121 or so?

Walker - *Nods*. Employees are largest cost by far. We can use the to come up with cost.

Lange - about \$200,000 for the two.

AH - Can you give us a map with the license areas?

Lange- Yes. Will pull off the state map.

Walker - Are you going per capita, or do you embed a real even number?

AH - Break even. If you charge all people within the area, you may be able to break even.

Lange - you have resources sitting around not doing anything. We are talking about whether we can do something with these resources? Hinges on the lack of call volume in addition to points already brought up. When we stared up at Oroville, there was discussion as to whether or not we could make it...It looked feasible. We were not looking to make a lot of \$, just enough to re-capitalize and keep it going for 10-20 years.

CB - And there was a sense of urgency to which you responded.

Lange - But from 2016-17, a big drop in call volume for patient transport (*which is what they can charge for.*)

CB - Geographics is anther factor - you may not go far for a service for which you cannot charge.

Walker - The whole north end is a huge geographical area, and there are population densities, Tonasket and Oroville; but when you talk about Molson, Chesaw, Nighthawk, etc. there is a certain amount we can do , but a bit of a risk when talking about a this large a geographic area. In Omak and Okanogan, the calls are fewer, in a concentrated area. Almost the opposite in these Northern areas. We have a lot of calls from outside of town. Sometimes 40-60 miles, 2 - 2 1/2 hours. As PH said, we are not looking for answers right now. We just want to start the dialogue about how we get it back on track, whether we can, e tc. We have ideas of some types of consolidation. Maybe it means there is not 24 hour coverage, maybe there are crews that capture 70 percent of call volume and we do the others from a more centralized area. We have looked at other projections of location, etc. I would also point out that in our analysis, there is no magic bullet. Not just a single thing will fix it. The one magic bullet is if someone wants to write the check to cover it. It will be a multi-step approach to work within our means and challenges. Again, the north end of county is high spot of medicaid, medicare. If we can get the HCA to pay what they should, it changes the picture. A big part.

Lange - Other part is lack of transit calls, 17-18 per month. If 4 or 5 are medicare, not bad ...more like 10 out of 17 are medicare. It helps, but you are still...

CB - A lot of people do not realize that the central valley was not covered years ago. It was fire Dept, etc. Another thing is regulations have increased.

Walker - not getting any easier. Does not matter what industry you are in. I say this to anyone who will listen: State, federal governments are not looking hard enough at EMS. We are on a non-sustainable model. We cannot cut back on staff. There is only one team there right now. We are staffed to the bar minimum. My point is that you can't raise your most expensive resource by 40-45 % on a fixed reimbursement model. Medicare doesn't care what it costs here. Our own state system apparently doesn't care how much it costs because they vote in a huge minimum wage, and medicaid is only reimbursing 168 dollars (?), which was set in (1920's?) Volunteerism is falling off too.

CB - Understands there are huge challenges.

Walker - We want to be able to provide this service, are willing to work with county in any way, We want to honor commitments, but as you can see by the projections, we can't continue to see those losses. Can't absorb them.

CB - (Unintelligible.)

JD - Hospital district is the same.

Lange - Multiple things that need to be done. Lobbying for higher reimbursement under Medicaid, the way we run levies, so forth. Combining operations? Cover 70% of volume far North and.... still does create a long-term profit and loss statement.

JD - *Cites a dangerous situation I can't understand.*

Lange - 10,000 people per day are on medicare as part of baby boom (*going onto medicare.*) No one talks about reimbursements. The health care system is being bankrupt. Make the reimbursements high enough so that they are sustainable. Let everyone see what it is really costing. The reason it's \$300 to see the doctor, is that we are subsidizing Medicaid.

Walker - We will augment Tonasket and Oroville - there are times when Oroville, Nighthawk, are called and their rig goes to Bonaparte. We will move one of our rigs up there to a central situation until their crew gets back. if it's way out, we'll send a paramedic up there, especially when the helicopters can't fly. Last year, snowmobile accident in Aeneas, and I got there about same time as helicopter...we didn't know if it could get there.

37% increase on Industrial EMS service. Ambulance service is at the top of the line. Back and knee injuries. We have a good record on this.

PH - Suggestion: I go ahead and ask for specific suggestions as to how the operation may be modified for efficiency and bring it back to you.

CB - At some point, may be worthwhile to propose levy increases to talk about it early and communicate with the constituents rather than waiting until the hammer drops; have conversations as to what this means.

JD - Good point.

CB - Community discussion on ambulance service, up and down the valley.

Walker nods.

CB - Rumors that go around can be pretty fantastic,. We need to discuss them ahead of time.

AH - Requests map of licensing areas. Walker will get off state site and -email to boccc.

CB - I learned from working in Oroville, licensing comes from anyone who wants to permit.

Walker - Part is what the State will allow re licensing. Tonasket and Oroville are going under Omak's license, etc. We are doing research in this arena.

3:12 : Comprehensive Plan, Continued Review

AH - before going into our (OCC) 10.10 public hearing, were you able to find out what a traffic violation would be for operation of a motorized vehicle on a non-open road?

PH They are all class 1 civil infractions. \$250. So you are bumping it and doubling it again. I sent out a draft suggestion.

WRIA 49: Membership of Planning Unit, etc. (See attached county working list of membership possibilities.)

How do BOCC want to proceed?

PH - This person was interested in serving again (*Jere Gillespie?*) In eye of the beholder, who is an enviro group and who is not? He reads list of possible enviro groups.

Brief discussion of what an environmental group actually is.

PH - I came up with a group that at least theoretically can compete (???)

CB - That's a pretty general advertisement to put out here. Let's wait and see what we get. I'm fine with the list. I would add specifically...(????) They may chose to participate, or they may wait and participate from outside. I wouldn't count on more than half the towns, based upon previous experience.

PH - The organization - I tried to find out organizations that are still active in some way in the area. Theoretically, we have good shot at them sending someone.

Cb - On the one that focuses on property rights....I think they were replaced by Farm Bureau.

AH agrees.

PH the person who served in that role is no longer with us.

CB Property rights - we can come right out of the chute. We have our own policies here.....

PH - I will begin creating the letter to the organizations, asking for a member and an alternate. Will come up with an application to put on line for those who are interested

CB - Should we do that public action first, and later do a more intensive outreach? I am not sure we will get a huge response.

AH - We should see if the papers will do a small article

CB - suggests a press release.

AH - Many people do not look at public notices.

PH - We'll advertise in public notices as well as sending press release. The organizations have their own communication networks. I will proceed along those directions.

3:21 - Comprehensive Plan - Continued Review

PH - Maps are loaded. Still working on draft. You remember last week we chatted about the Rural designation. How this will all come together.

1. Do alternatives. Based on population projections. 1,2,3 = low, medium, high. Alternatives - only if they impact the policies in the comp plan.

2. Rural designation - in the perfect world, you designate all the resource land and whatever is left is Rural. Not practical in Okanogan county. Scattered all over the place. Rural designation under this scenario will have more areas than any projections will justify. For instance: If you are dealing with high population projections, in-migration will account for that. If you are dealing with in-migration, part of analysis will be what is driving everyone here. Retirement, job, recreation, etc How will that resonate through the designation?. Higher densities around urban centers? Along transportation grid? In previous iterations, we had Subsets of the rural designation to high, medium, low. Past boards elected not to be that prescriptive. More general, tied to water, transportation - does not talk about population demands you anticipate. That is a more directive type of language in the Com Plan than currently exists.

Do you want me to do this as we line up Alternatives?

CB - Talking about responding to projections in rural designation?

PH - lot size, etc

CB - Seems to me we should look at this. Where we are doesn't dictate it, but has effect on services.

PH - Low population - lots (?) to 2500 people . One approach would be to narrow the line???? higher densities will be where best serviced. But tying to population, it is more descriptive or prescriptive language. In the end when you review zone code and you have a bunch of 1 acre zoning way out here, you are not consistent with zoning.

CB - That roadway you have delineated (*Perry had drawn a piece of a roadway on the pad, calling it a "ryne?"*) it makes a difference whether it is a state highway or county road. Some real thought needs to be whether you want to build densities in rural areas along the highway systems. It turns into a reduced capacity -

PH - If you put all population on state route, you have increased all the traffic coming in and out so that arguably you are denigrating the transportation route.

CB - On population consideration, I would feel more comfortable if we had a good handle with the cities as to what their growth may be. It all applies. We haven't done that, and a lot of the population we are talking about have the potential of being contained in the urban growth areas. In some of the towns, that was such a critical issue that it didn't make any sense to talk about population growth unless you coordinated it with the county.

PH - As you know, you can't tie (.. ... ?) Part is availability, part is desirability, some is market, etc. But the book says we have to deal with it.

CB - When you talk about demands, when you talk about desirability, I can understand that folks want their Shangri-la out in the boonies; but the cost, thinking about EMS, etc., we need to take that into account as to whether we want to.....

PH - Do you want me to be more prescriptive in the Rural designation?

CB - How do you feel, being the planner, and you are looking at it and you are saying what really makes sense in terms of a growth plan... I think we need to tie into the cost of services. If you are going to throw it to the wind and not talk about it, we are not really having a discussion about it. Unfortunately, it takes time.

PH- We can decide where to get down to the nitty-gritty. If we are more prescriptive..... if we keep it broad and general according to Comp Plan..... and hone in with the zone code, we are kicking the can down the road...will still need to go back.

AH - Was just scrolling through population projections. Back in 2,000, projections - we are on the low growth rate. But then, the conversation jumped to that it doesn't mean we need a bunch of one-acre lots if we are looking at low growth. But here was never any tie to how many actual lots are contained in the area. For the Methow, for water, we have done the bailout analysis. So I can tell you how many new lots could be established in Methow Valley. We haven't tied number of lots to...

PH We will do that in the Environmental Impact Statement. How many lots exist on the ground, could exist on ground...this is where the magic comes in. Try to figure out why there are parcels formed 40 years ago and are still there, Undeveloped. Why? We should do some level of analysis .Those sorts of things go into the EIS, which will inform the Alternatives.

Do you want me to put a finer edge on it?

AH - Yes, so we can see what you are thinking about.

PH - Ok , that's what we will do.

PH - Do you need a break? (*No responses.*) I will ask for a couple of minutes on a personal note.

(PH leaves. DeTro leaves a little later.)

3:38 - While waiting for PH to return: BUSINESS ITEMS

CB - Lanie has another business item.

LJ - Housing authority. Anita Duncan resigning. Unexpired term ending in 2020. (Cannot hear.)

AH - This would just be appointment for finishing out current term - right? Yes. (Looking at paperwork.) 2 years, basically. I move to approve Kelly Scalp to this position. Moved, passed.

3:41 - PH returns.

3:42 - LJ - Resolution re treasurers position - to hire a foreclosure deputy.

CB - Moves to approve. Seconded. Discussion -

AH - I talked to treasurer. the CFO said to look at the PILT payments. I wont sure if she was talking about deal or state, etc. so all this resolution is doing is authorizing another position.

Motion Carried.

LJ - 4:44 - An error in something (can't hear) a correction is made on last page. CB looking at paperwork. RE proposed elected official salary list. BOCC sharing the paperwork. AH moves to approve. LJ - does not need a motion, just a signature.

3:46 - PH leaves again.

3:46 CB to AHu - Are you going to put something on the screen? (*Note - see below. The Comp Plan discussion with A Hu on maps is never resumed, with no explanation. People come and go.)*

A Hu - *thinks Perry has left to get something for this.*

CB -to AH - How did the meeting go? (*Talking about meeting on Virginia Ridge timber sale.*)

AH - some individuals are really trying to drive the bus. DNR's net profit, when this came about was going to be net 1/2 million dollars. Were going to put it back into landscape restoration, but now you are (?) in to this money, and they don't think they will be making it.

The fire component seems to be getting worked out. Now there is an artistic component. That is looking at the whole thing which means there can be a mosaic. It could be following a ridge line, or whatever. So there was: representative of Okanogan county; Forest - Rick Coleman; Conservation Northwest, MVCC, AFLC?, Director for Public School Trust then Sun Mtn. Lodge, Methow Conservancy. We went to a prescription burn, went to USFS unit north on Wolf Ck Ridge, that USFS had done, then an area...I had to come back...they went up to Rendezvous to get a bird's eye look. Talk about which roads were washed out. Hillary Franz, Director of Public Lands was there.

CB - Is someone facilitating?

AH - No. DNR personnel, pretty much question and answer.

Silence. All are looking at computers, papers, other.

CB - - Question to AH. too quiet to hear.

4:52 - Everyone sitting there. Angie Hubbard still sitting with computer ready. Now some are looking at their own computers.

CB - Did you look at that material from the conference? Did you have a chance to look at it?

JD - Oh, the Conference in Spokane?

A Hubbard - Still waiting to project something.

4:56 - Silence. Angie Hu waiting. Others looking at computers, phones, or fingernails. Lanie typing. No one speaking.

4:55 - A Hu leaves

CB - Asks Perry about mine proposal near Mazama.

PH - There was a letter than was sort of about coordination.

CB - Wants to know about something that would show we are on the record supporting the withdrawal. I saw something that said AH was the only one on the record as supporting the withdrawal.

AH is surprised: Asks, Was that as a private individual?

CB - I don't know. I told some folks we were all supporting it, but I didn't know if we did that on the record. I remember you asking.

AH - I guess we have 5 minutes. I hear the sheriff came in today

.JD - Muffled question to Lanie.

AH - I was in talks with US and WDFW - I asked them to set up an after-action meeting . They agreed. That I think is being facilitated by WDFW.

JD - Shows others the card of someone who “liked it.”

AH - He called me and asked for your cell phone number. I didn’t know it. It would be nice to have the other 2 commissioners’ cell phone numbers in case someone wants it.

CB - office # goes to my own cell.

AH - it is nice.

JD - thinks he should do this

AH - if you go into the office, you just have to switch it over.

JD - That was an interesting discussion this morning.

AH - I was called at 7 AM in regards to all this.

JD - If I was a fish and wildlife guy, I would have taken the guy to the county line and told him never to come back. He did threaten. (This was something about federally endangered species incident.)

AH - We never want this to happen again. I told them it is really really hard for (????)

4:01 - JD - we have a continued public hearing on 10.10 now.

4:01 - Continued Public Hearing, OCC 10.10 - WATV Penalties

PH - Josh Thomson here to consider amendments in re off-road vehicles. Here is the actual code section, here is the ordinance. ... we are also prepared to put it on the screen.

Proposed amendments - suggested revisions to OCC 10.10

10.10.70 - Any motor vehicle on a road so designated by old or not private preopr wit the perm of the owner or on public land where such operation is allowed

Penalty 10.10.080 - tiered approach.

*Operating on a nondesignated roadway: fine not to exceed \$250.00

*Off road: fine not to exceed \$500.

*In an identified critical area - not to exceed \$1000.

PH - Confusion as to critical area vs sensitive area was intentional. In listening to discussion, I detected a desire not to have the net thrown out too wide. I eliminated “sensitive” and put in only in “an identified critical area. “

CB - Potentially a lot of confusion sticking between sensitive and critical. Given that they are not capitalized, it is what we adopt . maybe should say critical areas “as identified in Comp Plan.” I have heard people call things critical and I don’t know what definition they were using.

PH - We can get the specific citation. Can get the specifics.

JT - The way we talked about designating these areas is on the road open to WATV’s. List below was going to identify number of (?) that crossed. If that is about everything identified in critical areas, that will become a huge list.

PH - This is restricted to....

AH -What Josh is saying..... if we have road that is (bordered?) with wetlands and the road went through them, as the list went along, it would say mile post 1.1 to 1.2, 1.7 to 1.9, etc. it will be a very long list.

CB - I understand what you are saying , but if you put what you have in this ordinance, what basis did you choose this from? We have to have something to refer to...why did we call that a critical area? Just as simple to go into court and say I don’t know about hives critical areas

AH - Do we have a map currently that could show what is in critical areas....*(all talking over each other.)*

PH - If I am tracking the concern, this language is more restrictive. I wanted the first one to include areas that might not be in the CAO - it is not restricted.

CB - Are you going to the point is pretty simple. You have to have something tying in what the critical area is. Identified is a key thing. It’s just his point...where do we get the information. If we put this up here, we have the backing of the CAO. As to whether the list gets too long, if it just says 1.1 - 1.3 ,etc. that’s all we need. Do you see it.....

JT - I have seen some of the critical areas in GIS...I agree that the CAO should inform it so that if there are several tiny spots, it doesn’t even make a mile. You should justWithout the reference it can..... *(lost thread.)*

AH - We just look at the CAO map and make rational decisions. They can go to court.

CB - Critical area is defined...as on the county website.

PH - If you are inclined to adopt this.....

AH - Moves to approve creating an amendment to 10.10 stating Critical Areas as defined in Okanogan County’s Critical Areas Ordinance.

AH - Your recommended motion is to amend 10.10 by substitution (with your draft that you have circulated) - Perry says this.

AH question - I just parsed a motion amending the text of the document, which was the one that you have in your hand. The proposed substitution. (*Confusion reigns as to how to do this.*)

PH - Suggests something else as to what to amend, what to approve, whether to have entirely new draft to adopt.

AH - My motion should be not to amend by substitution - correct?

PH - We can identify all the specific changes I made, one by one.

AH -Couldn't I move to incorporate all the amendments into a final document?

PH - You could do that.

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CB - The ordinance is an amending ordinance. The amending ordinance could be adopted with the changes.

PH - Almost. The way I designed it is that you would finalize your code section and this amendment would... What you are doing is finalizing.....(*Could not follow, not sure if others did.*) So we could make Cmr. Hover's last amendment work..

AH - Would move to adopt all of the staff's changes to.....

JD - Seconds. (*Not apparent whether they know what they did.*)

CB - It has gone through the grinder, it will come out.....

PH - Projects a doctored draft to make the language more consistent with what is in the code. County engineer spotted something. (*Scrolls down on projected screen to a date , changed from August to July. It adopts what is now the amended OCC 10.10.*)

CB - Remember comments on ORV's? That will be used in district 3 mapping. Some roads we closed to WATV's and left open to ORV's?

JD - I think that was in error. AH/CB - it's a completely different issue.

PH - You can adopt it today or later.

JD - Will do a little further review. *Confusion, overlapping conversations.*

AH - Moves to adopt Ordinance 10.10.

LJ: Correction: Resolution 2018-9.

Revised motion carried unanimously.(*Not clear to note taker what has come of the reference to a little further review*)

JD - Closed public hearing.

4:30 - JD leaving. JT leaving. A Hu leaving. Note taker leaves, assuming BOCC meeting is adjourned.