

**Board of Okanogan County Commissioners  
(BOCC)  
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Josh Thomson – JT (Public Works)  
Ben Rough – BR (Public Works)  
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Leah McCormick – LM (Treasurer)

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Joe Poulin – JP (Maintenance & Fair Grds)  
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**Summary: Admin & Fair Maintenance:** Nulton’s Irrigation, budget supports current work with maintenance, 3” water line to south, Pig Barn – need to patch asphalt, construction bond release, toilets,  
**Human Resources:** AT & T (15%) and a Verizon (18%) discount, **Fair Events:** Manning Fair gates, Horses in pens and using stalls, **Civil Attorney:** Pleading to set aside a Deed sale, Drone in investigations, Vote law interpreted, County road on reservation near Buffalo Lake, Prosecuting enforcement of nuisances, French Creek documents, Security at Courthouse, **Planning and Admin:** Ecology grant pre-application, **CB:** RR fees and operation, **Public Works:** Maintenance and Roads, Buffalo Lake RD CCT project, Buffalo Lake RD CCT project, Hwy 7 Tonasket Bridge South, WATV proposed routes, McClure radio site, Coordination with Yakama Nation fish projects, Road files scanning project, **Citizen Comment:** None, **Treasurer:** Fair Gates, **JD:** Wolf & wildlife, **Human Resources:** Colonial Life proposal on Supplemental Benefits, **Exec Session:** performance of a public employee, **Discussion of Consent Agenda, Adjourn**

9:00 AH & CB present. JD at meeting in Republic with new head of WSD of F&W. PH, JP, DH present at 9:10. DG @ 9:12.

**JP (Admin & Fair Maintenance)**

- Meeting with Mark Egerton (**Nulton’s Irrigation**) Wed., wants to run a water line and get irrigation to south end of the Fair Grounds – getting pretty dry.
- Discussion of making sure that **budget supports current work with maintenance**, being conscious of maintenance vs. Fair Board responsibility.
- Will extend **3” water line to south**, put a reel and irrigation gun – “pods”. Looking to permanent underground in the future and then will repurpose current irrigation materials.
- Dug up behind the **Pig Barn – need to patch asphalt** before fair – will do the work in house.
- PH – Restroom contractor wants his **construction bond released**. Need to check and make sure all items are taken care of relating to the construction. Need to get a project completion form with all signatures. AH – contractor needs to get all signatures and releases then County will OK completion so Bond can be released.

County only has an affidavit of prevailing wage. Need all bills paid, all subs paid, sales tax paid before can OK.

- JP waiting for **toilets** to arrive, when installed restroom is ready to go for fair.

#### DH (Human Resources)

- Needs an executive session sometime today. Regarding performance of a public employee.
- County employees can get an **AT & T (15%) and a Verizon (18%) discount** on their cell phone bills. DH will make sure forms and procedures are passed out and available. BOCC supports.
- CH has a meeting @ 10:00 am, JD will be gone until at least then. DH - will arrange and Exec Session for later in the afternoon.

#### SC (Fair Events)

- Search and Rescue is unable to **man the Fair gates** for the payment offered.
- AH - Little League parents interested?, Omak or Okanogan Booster Clubs? SC - need at least 5 people per shift to cover all gates. This is done as a money raiser for the organization that runs the gates. Current offer is at \$6400 for the duration of the Fair, need 3 shifts and be reliable. Head Start, a Federal Agency, can't do as they would have to pay their employees and can't make money at the rate they were offered (\$4000). Maybe ask if the \$6400 would be enough.
- Some person(s) put **horses in pens and using stalls**. They underpaid and left early before anyone was around, they also didn't clean up after themselves. They paid for 1 night, stayed 2. Not paying full rat of \$160, only \$40 was received. AH need to revise policy, ask for a deposit and cleaning fee. SC - people came in late, after hours and left early before people arrive to check (6:00 am). Need something to slow people down at the gates so Camp Host can Monitor.

#### DG (Civil Attorney)

- Have received a **pleading to set aside a Deed sale** and transfer on a Treasurer's tax sale. The pleaders contend they did receive adequate notice. This is the second such pleading. Apparently Treasurer sent the foreclosure notice to an address provided by lender, which was incorrect.
- Sheriff's Office wants to **use a drone in investigations**. They need to have certification from FAA. They submitted same form as other County's offices have used. FAA returned the application saying they needed certification that County was a sub-unit of the State citing appropriate RCW. DG - there is no specific RCW but cited other RCWs and application was approved. CB - has a County use policy ever been established? The Risk Pool advised they wanted one in place. Seems that the County is in a learning as you go mode.
- Auditor's Office wants a new **law interpreted**. Some feel that the law requires a new voting center. Auditor and DG interpret as applying to larger entities and not Okanogan County.
- **County road on reservation near Buffalo Lake**. CCT is upgrading and changing some locations in reconfiguring some curves. The County would need a new easement on the road. This requires a lot of paperwork. CCT also has maintenance

funds in the grant they want to use. This is an isolated stretch along the road of only a couple of miles. CCT considering taking over jurisdiction of the road as simplest way to move forward. County would need to go through vacation process if they even want to consider, maybe just an MOU to CCT to solve maintenance issue.

- **Prosecuting enforcement of nuisances:** working on basic procedures and looking fines as easier to work with and avoid criminal prosecution. Make a civil infraction, right now a bit confusing as statute allows either way – criminal or civil. Ratchet up fines, sanctions before criminal. PH – compliance is the goal, but what to do? Discussion of rare, worst case scenarios.
- DG has more **French Creek documents** – Executive Session when BOCC wants, next week.
- Still working on **Building inspection contracts**. Pateros is going over details, Twisp (DG feels) will take longer. At 60 days before Dec. 31 issue a termination of agreement notice. Hang up appears to be that extra meeting being discretionary for County official and County get compensated if they do. Also that County does not enforce building code violations.
- Still ongoing on **Security at Courthouse**. Asking Pacific Security why they would charge Okanogan County than Douglas. Responds that it is more difficult up here.
- CB – update on French Creek next week? DG – OK on Tuesday next week.

#### PH (Planning and Admin)

- Needs a **grant pre-application** approved by BOCC. Has sent a copy of the grant to the BOCC. Has not been submitted yet, or a grant from Ecology for WRIA 49 work. BOCC approves. This is for reimbursable expenses, which in other grants is paid monthly.

**CB – RR fees and operation:** Talked with Reman & Reload. RR has put a \$200 per car surcharge for maintenance. This affects advantage of heavy haul to Oroville. Points to considering whether using trucking over RR is feasible. Also rumors of Weyerhaeuser Chip restart – just rumors.

10:00

10:15 CB leaves for meeting, will return after lunch. No quorum until JD arrives, only AH present currently.

11:00 JT (**Public Works**) – BR attending another meeting.

- **Maintenance and Roads:** Shows list of OT hours – who, what project. Can email a similar list to BOCC if they want no later than Tuesday morning. Will be seal coating through Tuesday next week, ending up in the Methow. There was a lot more material from Methow Airport than expected. Material is used to provide bases for roads. Enough left over for at least another mile. Sinlahekin RD – culvert pipe is at \$75,000, \$50,000 for work and equipment. Need to order pipe now for late fall installation. Issues is the creek has been re-routed pushing more water to Blue Lake then to that outflow. Big spring runoff each year now. Windy Hill Rd – working on right now.

- **Buffalo Lake RD CCT project:** Need to get paperwork done from CCT. Maybe easier for CCT to take over whole road? Need to check with local residents. County would need to vacate road.
- **Peter Dan Rd slide repair:** in progress, emergency route to Mt. Tolman is available.
- **Hwy 7 Tonasket Bridge South:** paved last week, guardrail now. Done next Friday.
- **WATV proposed routes:** Paradise Hill – could connect to a possible USFS loop. USFS would need to OK that route, otherwise a dead end. Speed study on a route would cost about \$1000. ORV vs. WATV (side by side): but for road usage depends on what license bought from state.
- **McClure radio site:** A contractor claims they are not responsible for damage to road but will pay for fixing damage.
- **Coordination with Yakama Nation fish projects:** Upper Beaver Creek – no impact to County, maybe help roads out though. Levees – Mazama: Tribe will do more now that County done. Twisp – erosion taking land. Possible remove some part of the lower levee but will need an analysis and modeling to see if that would ease erosion problem. If helpful not opposed to Yakama work
- **Road files scanning project:** Stated, 2 weeks at a time, NW Vital Records. State requires paper copies be @ County seat.

JD arrives at 11:40

## 12:05 Lunch

1:30 Citizen Comment – none

JD @ 1:35

Leah McCormick (**Treasurer**)

- **Fair Gates** –finding a group to man gates during Fair operation. Current funds for the job are at \$6400, while only \$4000 budgeted. Fair Board will have to find the rest of the funds. Who’s responsible for finding coverage? Treasurer’s Office has done a lot in recent years but not wanting to have that level of responsibility. They are stretched thin and have a lot to do now. They took over a while ago due to a State Auditor’s report. Office would like to be out of day-to-day operation.
- Fair Advisory Committee needs to get a qualified treasurer to day day-to-day.
- Discussions with complications with using electronic tickets, extra fees, charges and Credit card fees.
- LM will check with Head Start about \$6400 for doing all gates and communicate with SC.

JD discusses report of meat boxes in back of USFS PU seen around Tiffany – speculates that may have something to do with wolves in the area. Also relates reports of apple baiting in the area.

DH (**Human Resources**)

- **Colonial Life representatives** – Maria Salas, Dale Witwore (sp) on Supplemental Employee Benefits.
- Largest voluntary benefit company in US. Also include communication of benefits to employees.
- They work a lot with the public sector.
- Colonial Life offering to operate sign up of medical and other supplemental benefits and coordinate with a variety of provider companies that County is currently using.
- Would offer a variety of extra services at no cost.
- BOCC, DH & TC will look into possibility.

2:30 **Exec Session:** BOCC, DH – **performance of a public employee.** Return at 2:50 – no decisions.

3:00 **Discussion of Consent Agenda.**

- Unease about signing letter to WSL & CB requesting non-renewal of marijuana licenses in County for those operators who have not fully provided listing of and/or payment of taxes for personal property. There is still time in 2018 to pay or provide listing.
- Approval of remainder of Consent Agenda minus letter to WSL & CB about marijuana license renewal.

3:26 AH leaves for commitment elsewhere

3:30 Adjourn.