

**Board of Okanogan County Commissioners
(BOCC)
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Summary: Fair Events: Coverage for Fair gates, Septic Tank & portable potties at Fair, OBHC is renting Agriplex, Annex & kitchen, LTAC grant application for marketing, Capitol Improvement grant from LTAC, **Admin. & Fair Grounds Maintenance:** Replacement/repair of AC/Heat pumps at Agriplex, Water now running to south end, Replacement Toilets, domestic water line was broken, maintenance improvement, breaker box went out, **Planning & Admin:** VSP: DOE & WSDF&W have sent comments, Outreach for participants, VSP Committee replacement, WRIA 49 drilling a well, **Public Hearing for a Surplus Land sale, Public Works Admin, & SW:** Open Positions, SW Trustee Labor, Apple Maggot Status: Implementation is expected on Sept. 6, CCT SWAC Update, SW disposal Fees, Union negotiations, Preliminary 2019 budget, Supplement Budget, **Public Health Board Meeting:** RV, Mobile Home operation, landowner had received a complaint, **Public Works Supplemental Budget Open Hearing, Water Bank letter of intent, SMP not appealed, Authorization of lease agreement for Mahindra tractor, Admin Secretary:** List of contracts next week for various Fair activities, Glass for Probation Office window, Code publisher – costs will go up next year

9:00 AH, JD present. CB absent for vacation. SC & PH present.

SC (Fair Events)

- AH – **coverage for Fair gates?** SC – no, still haven't found coverage. Still looking for a sponsoring group. Contacted groups are not able to get volunteers this late in time. JD – Rotary? Talked to Matt Deeback at THS – he's out of town on a fishing trip. G Thornton: Alex Eppel THS might be a contact. JD – Good Samaritan riders? Keep looking.
- **Septic Tank & portable potties at Fair.** Septic tank needs usual pumping and rental of Porta-Potties. Makes sense to use same provider for both tasks. SC has several bids.

- **OBHC is renting Agriplex, Annex & kitchen.** OBHC wants to do a rally for opioid recovery program. BOCC has granted a fee waiver under Elderly and Infirm clause. Need to clear up details about does waiver extend to use of tables and more?
- Working on an **LTAC grant application for marketing** to pay for a RV & Campground sign up on Hwy 97. Discussion of size, design & colors with other issues.
- Needs to know what BOCC had in mind for **Capitol Improvement grant from LTAC.** AH – just focus on marketing for now. SC – possible “Splash Pad” area in south end at or near the RV/Camping for kids to play in. BOCC likes the idea and okays to looking into the idea. AH – go ahead and write and see what happens.
- #1 priority is to find people to man gates during Fair. Pays about \$5000 if any group interested in doing as a fundraiser. Need to contact BOCC or Stella Columbia, Fair Events Coordinator.

JP (Admin. & Fair Grounds Maintenance)

- Brought in bids last week for **replacement/repair of AC/Heat pumps at Agriplex.** The decision was delayed for AH. JD & CB had thought Cruze Elec. to have 2 new – could install this week. Replacing compressors only would box in as they are no longer being built and supported. So when they go out (maybe 2 years), so when they go out whole units would need to be replaced. If replace both whole systems now would cost about \$10,000 more but might avoid a big cost in the future. It would be about \$4500 for two replacement compressors. - \$17,000 for 2 new whole units. AH – issue is current budget pinch. \$4500 is possible but \$17,000 is much more difficult. \$17,000 could be worked into the budget over two years with planning. Decision is to replace the compressors and work on the budget over the next couple of years to have the money to replace the units in the future.
- **Water now running to south end,** domestic water all the way to the south fence. Irrigation is within 30 ft. of the south end and along the tree line. We can run hoses off the lines today. Hose bibs on the domestic only, potable water signs to avoid confusion.
- **Replacement Toilets** should be here and ready to install Thursday.
- After Fair are looking to clean dirt with a rock picker and **rework the track.** Some areas on track need fill dirt. North end and track infield have a lot of sand and needs compost, manure or sawdust to make it better. Have lots of sawdust but looking for manure. AH will look around. Can use current rock picker to get fill to even out areas. Might need to rent a more powerful tractor than the current rental.
- A **domestic water line was broken** during the Stampede, now repaired. People unload horses at Fair for a ride-in to Stampede. One of the trailers ran over the faucet and now repaired with a much more substantial post.
- AH very happy with **maintenance improvement.** Given history of various people there are a lot of waterlines, etc. underground that aren't mapped.
- 3" irrigation water line in the south end
- North end, a **breaker box went out,** a Zinco, will replace with a Square D after Fair; Zinco uses very expensive breakers, also problematic. Also need GFI for needed safety regs.

9:50 PH (Planning & Admin)

- **VSP: DOE & WSDF&W have sent comments.** Comment are a mixed bag. Augmenting of some language is wanted.
- **Outreach for participants** on VSP Committee was to various concerned constituencies. There are some comments on the adequacy of that effort, also lack of Tribal participation (Yakama & CCT). Will go over comments on Thursday evening meeting of VSP. Need response if any back by Aug. 24.
- Megan Kernan has resigned due to moving out of area for another job. There needs to be a **replacement**. Suggested names: G. Thornton or J. Vanderwal. BOCC would prefer BOCC at this time for a temporary replacement. PH will forward info to G. Thornton for review and possible input.
- Some asking about **WRIA 49 drilling a well** on a lot to increase value on a resale. PH comments that it is easy to permit at this time but would be more difficult later.

11:00 Public Hearing for a Surplus Land sale.

- Under RCW 36.34.020 it allows the sale of public lands or goods without public auction or bid if the value is under \$2500. County Assessor values total property at \$500, which is the minimum value allowed. Total acreage is about 1/3 acre.
- BR considers the sale of the small slivers as not affecting in any way the operation of the Ellisforde Landfill.
- 3 slivers were created in the past by surveying process on another purchase and people overlooked. Now adjoining landowner want to purchase to clarify ownership and ease of orchard operation.
- Resolution to sell off land @ \$500 – OK with some fine tuning of the language.
- G. Thornton offered potential or an erosion event that could in a worst case scenario affect the closed portion of the landfill cells near the site.

11:30 BR (Public Works Admin, & SW)

- **Open Positions:** All in process, M1 Operator – on call Temp., Area 2. SW Recycle/Transfer Station/Equipment Operator (2 Positions). SW General Labor.
- **SW Trustee Labor:** BR asks for OK to ask JP for use of trustees at Fair after completion of the Fair. BOCC is OK with that.
- **Apple Maggot Status: Implementation is expected on Sept. 6.** WSDA meeting at Public Works 8/28 @ 10 am. Some talk of a possible grace period for County operations. BR needs something on paper to ensure any potential of fine or infraction or other penalty.
- **CCT SWAC Update:** July 26 – Br and Landfill director went to the Tribal SWAC. Meeting went pretty well. CCT did not cover tipping fee issues but BR got to hear about the Tribal problems. Enforcement is biggest problem. Efforts to ID & actual cleanup. Possible CCT transfer station near Omak, now dead, will be a will be opened for review. Overall BR felt good about the meeting and will likely attend more in the future.
- **SW disposal Fees:** 4 CCT transfer stations on Reservation, 2 in Ferry County. CCT brings all to Okanogan landfill because of lower tipping fees. CCT runs truck without trailer and apparently doesn't compact the loads much. CCT costs would be reduced

if they used a trailer and backhoe to compact like the County. It would amount to a substantial savings to CCT.

- **Union negotiations** begin this month
- **Preliminary 2019 budget** is to the Treasurer. No comments at this time.
- They will be a need for a **Supplement Budget**. This afternoon.

2:05 **Public Health Board Meeting** (Note Taker was late due to another commitment.)

- Discussion in process. An owner of an **RV, Mobile Home operation discussing** letter from Dept. of Health requiring plans and action on excess usage on current septic system. There is a requirement to enlarge the septic system to accommodate current size of operation or to decrease size of operation. Owner has financial, small lot size and gradient difficulties making a simple solution difficult. Solutions and accommodations were discussed.
- Second **landowner had received a complaint**. RCW, laws and DoH regulations require a septic system when a pressurized water system is on the property. Current owner has only a non-permitted outhouse. Owner has very little financial ability to respond to the problem. County suggest some avenues to resolve very difficult situation.

3:30 Return to BOCC.

Public hearing **Public Works Supplemental Budget Open Hearing**

- PWorks has expended two payment last year. Has now received funds into another BARS code to compensate. Needs to transfer funds into the BARS code that expended the funds. Routine accounting is needed.

Pulled contract for professional services from Consent Agenda due to need for quorum caused by a need to abstain.

Action on a previously amended item with language added to resolution.

Water Bank letter of intent. BOCC not OK with signing pending further info or background on goals and intent. Water Banks allow owning and or holding on senior water rights then selling excess to other who are in need with the intent of more efficient utilization of a limited resource.

SMP was not appealed – “we got what we got”

Authorization of lease agreement for Mahindra tractor including insurance payment.

Resolution authorizing sale of small parcels around Ellisforde transfer station (See notes from earlier today).

Approval of Consent Agenda minus item 3 – contract for professional services.

LJ (**Admin Secretary**)

- There will be a **list of contracts next week for various Fair activities** needing approval
- **Glass for Probation Office window** – BOCC needs an explanation for \$2200 cost over previous – LJ will arrange.
- Letter from **Code publisher – costs will go up next year**. May need to adjust budget for next year.

3:55 Adjourn.