

Board of Okanogan County Commissioners
8.30.16

Present:

Sheilah Kennedy - SK, BOCC
Ray Campbell - RC, BOCC
Jim DeTro (a little late) - JD, BOCC
Perry Houston - PH, Director of Planning and Development, County Admin.
Tanya Craig - TC, Risk Management
Albert LIn -AL, Deputy Prosecuting Atty (?????) Enters 9:17
Kathleen Descoteaux - KD - County staff

Content: —Risk management update, litigation schedule, Destination Marketing Organization (DMO) & LPAC, Reappraisals update, Buckhorn mine, Gold Diggers bankruptcy.

9:00 Staff meeting:

Notetaker arrives at 9:05 AM. Appear to be waiting for Jim DeTro. JD enters - Is Albert coming? No one sure.

9:09: Tanya Craig

4 claims I'm working on:

1) Fender bender - PW vehicle following trailer attached to vehicle. Trailer had no brake lights or turn signals. No damage to either trailer or PW vehicle.

2) Gold Digger - filed for bankruptcy - debts up to \$800 with county re county landfill. Just received paperwork to put claim in to be sure landfill gets paid.

3) Notice of no coverage on the (application???Inaudible.)

4) Training I will go to in September: (Seems to be related to jail.) I will come back same day. Sheilah - asks if any of the sergeants from jail wanted to go?

TC - They are still waiting for folks to come back from an academy, so bad time for them to attend this time.

Misc.

Public defender improvement grant mentioned briefly.

Perry H - Can you send latest small works roster? Lanie - on common drive under purchasing and contracting, a well as vendor list.

PH - I will call today

PH - "Heads up" - "From YOUR district." (Points to one of the Commissioners, cannot tell which one from where I sit. The issue, company, or individuals involved are never mentioned. Seems to be "sensitive.")

PH - Says: No use permit. Squirreling confusion over the status of this thing. Approved a conditional use permit. Approved with conditions, but have not met conditions. Everyone is confused, but they do have permit - have not met conditions. Sent Friday. An appeal process would go to Hearing Examiner. We have been notified there will be lawsuit between "them" - we are not a party to this - about an easement. That is the status as of now. Sent out another batch of e-mails this AM. Tribe - Has denied their permit and suggested an alternate site.

PH - Those are the high points we didn't cover yesterday. Double checked with Erlandsen re bathroom. RFQ has been published. I will check common drive.

Albert Lin : enters 9:17 - Re zoning lawsuit, he is working on stipulation with all parties in re how case will be handled. Yakimas, Futurewise, Methow Valley Citizens' Council, County. Once language decided, will work on schedule. Other than that, will not comment on anything that might be attorney-client or work product.

That is all I have to report. Questions?

SK - I do, but it can probably wait for another executive session. (AL leaves.)

Lanie - Update to board re ____ advisory committee. We have some policy created that will help shape direction we want the DMO to go. You can give us feedback when you see draft.

SK - Do you have all positions filled?

LJ - One applicant needed to have time to consider, but they decided not to join. Two had expressed interests - (a person from Twisp Works, and Amanda Jackson, Methow Alliance.)

RC - That's two reps right in Twisp, there.

LJ - For Dist 2. We have uhh...Is Steve a collector or receiver? (Collector) Amanda and Don are receivers. The deadline for application is Sept 6, Sept 30th - presentation. We will need someone appointed by them.

KD - (Kathleen) - will need time to review applications. Sept ? by the end of the day.

LJ - Should have someone appointed by then, , etc. So let us know which person you prefer, and we will do the appointment there, and ...

CG - We have draft copies of updated policy for the LTAC and for DMO (Destination Marketing Organization) . We found we were not receiving info from our DMO that is required by state. We want to lay out a policy of how we need to interact with the DMO. Would like more communication, more info --- have a part in extending tourism. Hoping that the redeveloped part of the pol-

icy and the new contract will encourage that relationship to be closer. Would like an easier avenue re statistics, improvements that need work. Not getting that kind of reporting from our DMO.

RC - October?

KD- This will clarify dates we need a report, etc. It is not different from what others get from their DMO.

LJ - Relationship between DMO and other activities of the counties

KD- Want to enhance communication with other VIP's and Chambers of Commerce. That model seems to work in other counties. We thought we'd give it a try: Identify DMO and DMO function. Then, develop a packet for interested DMO's....would request qualifications or proposals, and an application that describes what the county wants the DMO to be doing. We need to figure out what benchmark and what we expect DMO to do - number of visits to OK county, DMO would be expected to look at all data - ie maybe North county not increasing tourism so we need to function here. DMO should focus on areas needed to bring up tourism. A lot of volunteers are working - the DMO would be the connection that would help VIC (?) to implement ideas. Want to create a more collaborative environment. There is so much evidence that when the DMO becomes more involved and works with municipality promotion, it is more effective. Now DMO's are an umbrella but not always working together with others. Want to improve that.

RC - Good to focus in on that. We need to expand areas that need help. There are areas that are naturally already out there, with names known, etc. The areas that are lacking and need help need focus

KD- We want to find out if this new way makes entire county more effective. Working together with DMO and plan, the better served areas can help the underserved areas.

RC - appreciate it.

LJ - Something the LPAC should be very concerned about. This will get the kind of help for new ideas to get the millennials out here. Or those outdoor recreational women, etc - get it all organized.

RC - Thanks both CG and LJ for being the point people in understanding all this.

LJ - Important to collect \$\$ and put to good use that shows the \$\$ is working.

KD - In current situation, no verification about the improvements and whether or not they are effective. Have tried all year long to coordinate - want to have a situation that says this is what the county has agreed to. We have provided restrictions in re charges. Want to ensure the LPac \$\$ is being used correctly. We are really aiming for that.

LJ - Also aiming to ease into it. It has been work in progress for many years to get us to this point because we have been easing in. We could be dramatic, but easing into it has helped us to understand the scope of what we are trying to accomplish. We are digging into what the other DMO's are doing. We want to get it clear where we are headed.

SK - We know how we want to go...there could be some pushback because no one has had any pressure to account for things.

LJ - Complicated. Takes months to wrap your head around what can be done. Easing into it has helped us to understand it , and you to underhand so we can head into a good direction for the whole county.

SK - Also, will help make things clear for state auditor.

KD - The rules are fairly difficult

SK - When can we implement?

KD - Policy is year-round. but new policy - January?

SK - reads from a document - first day of September.....etc.
Since we are putting out for RFQ and RFP..show does this work?

LJ - Aiming for 2017 for the new process. We are not sure we will et there by 2017, but hope to.

If we have it all on a separate path from application, that would be good. We still have to talk about this to see how it will work out, to see the timeframe and how we can work it in. If we have our minds wrapped around what we want the application for DMO, we can put it together and get it out. The hard part is....we have a draft.....

Need a policy first, before we have an application. Wanted policy in place first, then build the application around that.

SK - So will not implement in early September, so ????

LJ - Will shoot for that. Will shoot for 2017 application that is reviewed, after other applications.

RC - to CG - Let me ask. Current app for current DMO - Will this be here by first Tuesday of Sept?

KD - Because we didn't make changes in current application, and it is same as everyone else's.....we are also looking at new app after new policy to get everything together..

LJ - We were thinking of 6th of Sept to see what came back for DMO's.

KD In terms of requested information and see what happens.

SK - Others who are interested in being DMO? Have they been notified?

KD - Not yet.

RC - Are there different interests?

LJ - If we publish what we want, there would be interest.

SK - What would it hurt to advertise soon ... would it give time for people to apply, and then move forward? All they would need to do it (minimal) and we could review....

LJ — If we got something published,.. submitted by Fri, publ Wed/Thus 7th or 8th Sept....would give them 3 weeks to put together

And when the LTAC (L-PAC?) meets, they would have them....Might be difficult for someone not involved with a business to get the info together - 3 weeks is short, but if they want it bad enough people would do it.

SK - What happens if committee reviews DMO's later - October something?

KD - Suggests later in October. According to our policy, use would be figured by Oct 14th? Then we would know how much is available from budget.

SK - If done by Oct 30th, there would be time.

SK - We could keep policy this year. If Sept timeline on annual basis makes more sense, we could change for subsequent years. Move to October for presentations of budgets, etc.....

LJ - Does -LTAC meet...

KD - Oct 14th they score app. Screen DMO app - do they score those?

LJ - would compare criteria with packets. Which meets criteria the best?

KD- Late October meeting would be before organizations to present?

LJ - Maybe can present same day they are doing??? We'll work out some time frames within that deadline of Oct 30th and see what we come up with . Would be great to have them on same (?)date.

KD - Normally score them on Oct 14th and see budget.

SK - Could they score DMO's also on that date?

LJ - yes - if we get all info in by Sept 30th and do presentations then. Turn in Scoring on Oct 14th. If we can get packet out to media by Friday? Very important.

S - Even if you extended that to Oct 14th and then meet together on Oct 28th?

KD - that would be better.

LJ - Shoot for everything being completed by the end of October. We'll have budget, all scored, BOCC would be deciding on LTAC applications.

All are in agreement and will work on details. KD leaves

9:50 - DeTro on cell phone, RC and SK studying computers. LJ typing.

DeTro discussing something on his cell phone, says to RC: 41% of Hillary's followers are not even real people. RC smiles, no comment, goes back to computer.

9:55 - SK and JD leave. SK returns soon.

SK - question to LJ re Xerox work center. SK, LJ leave.

9:58: Scott Furman, Assessor's Office enters. JD returns. LJ returns, quietly discussing issue with SK.

10:00

Update for his office:

Reappraisal, end of May. Our timeline goals - if we get it out on time, everything falls into order. Got reveals out May 27th (reappraisals. Upper Methow Valley, most of Methow Review District. Mailed May 27th. New values will affect 2017. They had 30 days to appeal. Finished last Friday - just a handful. Mailed out August 5th notice of property value change. We have a good handle on marijuana growers. Personal prop listing, real property values. Have a handful that didn't turn in personal property listings. Made 4 different levels of growth, based on sophistication. Some have hardly any infrastructure. Set up an estimate of value. Sent a notice of value to them. Have been in touch with Liquor canvass board in case they will help us if some of them are not paying.

90% are good to work with, just a few.....

RC - Are the ones that re pre-existing and legal? The ones that are not will need to come in for CUP. That puts them into arena - if you are going to cooperate, you will come user...you will need to work with Perry.

SF - All along, if you want to be treated as a business, need to do what a business does. We have put a lot of resources into this and will grown into it. We have one personal that all they did was to look at these things.

JD - IF there is someone who is noncompliant, can you brig it to Perry's attention?

RC - Could be on a level of fairness to them - not a hammer, elite them know where they are.

SF - That's what we are doing. It's just a matter of getting things listed, they usually go around when they understand.

SK - Do you know how much this has cost your dept?

SF - Not really in addition to anything. Just part of the job. Just as important as getting a new house one at the beginning, be up front and laid out from the beginning, no surprises later. Meet with these folks, talk with them, chase them down. That's what we did.

End of Aug - New construction. We picked up 40 (million in new construction.) Last year was 50 million, but partially as a result of Carlton complex. We have picked up about 40 million on the average. Mailed out last Friday, working through this process.. Got that done, now working on getting started in appraisal one 2 - Brewster, Coulee Dam, part of reservation. About 9,000 parcels. All of those are for 2018, so we are working a year ahead.

Hitting time lines, on schedule with (cashier?)

Buckhorn Mine:

SK - How is Oroville looking with Gold Diggers and Mine? (*Buckhorn mine*)

SF - The mine has extended its life a couple of years (initially 7.5 years - should have wrapped up this year, but we extended value - now, valued at about 40 million - as production tapers off, we have taken value off.) Maybe in 2018, they will shut down. They keep finding enough to keep going, so we continue to value them. Sort of a shame, but they will later have to take roads out; it needs to go back to its natural state according to their agreement...underground power, everything - all has to come out. There will be a day when we value it as plain ground.

DT - Too bad. They know it, we know, it..... the green slime has been able to ...it's a travesty.

SF - That's all I have.

SK - It's still operating.

Gold Diggers

JD: Chelan Fresh and Gebbers are.... (*in relation to Gold Diggers bankruptcy. According to Gold Diggers website, it is the last grower owned co-op in Okanogan County and the only co-op with an organic program.*)

SF - Yes, we will wait and see. There have been several offers, I have heard, We'll wait and see.

RC - It is still valued...somewhere it will continue.

SF - Yes. Agriculture is not going away; there could be some big insurance company or retirement fund come in and buy it. Sure there will be competition. Has heard that they (gestures toward Gebbers' direction, south) have made offers on it, etc. Anything else?

BOCC - No. have a good day.

Note taker leaves approximately 11:00

