

**Board of Okanogan County Commissioners
(BOCC)
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Summary: Fair Events: Increase of gate, ATM operator, New security firm, Compliments on the new arena & track, Contracts, Work Source Career Expo, Halleluiah Event, Sound system, **Admin & Fair Maintenance:** Work order - old arena and rebuild, Big crowd Sat. night, Detailing of hours worked by Maintenance, Big puddles that need to be addressed, Layout design of a permanent irrigation system, **Planning:** Public records requests, Comp. Plan, **Civil Prosecutor:** Twisp interlocal agreement, Public records requests, Sheriff's services to Brewster, **Executive Session:** Potential & ongoing litigation, **County Watch:** PC Informational meeting, **Auditor:** Fee Changes, Preliminary 2020 budget, Elections 101 training, 2019 general ballot, New fee revenue, Licensing appointee for the Methow, Fair Staff Hours, Disabled Access Committee, **Public Works:** Maintenance & Roads, Statler Bridge, Johnson Creek at Greenacres Rd, Public Works Bldg, Buffalo Lake Rd, CCT Road List, Conconully Sewer, Barkely & MVID Ditch, Barkely & MVID Ditch, Similkameen Trail, JD Misc, Comments on Buffalo Lake Rd, **BOCC Clerk:** Audit response letter, **Public Health Board:** Public Comment, Approved Vouchers, Payroll, Minutes, Consolidated contract amendment, Supplement budget, Annual Board Member Confidentially Agreement, Environmental, Treasurer report, County asked to previous \$145,000, **BOCC Clerk:** Misc Business, **Misc. Business**

BOCC: CB Staff: DG, AHu

Prior to session: Discussion of current status of Champerty Shores agreement for providing sewer and water to the development as an extension of the Osoyoos Eastlake sewer & water. Water and sewer is provided through the extension from the Oroville City system. Champerty currently not fulfilling agreement to proceed with hooking up to the sewer lines. What is the remedy? Shut off water? Need to discuss issue with Mayor of Oroville, look at franchise fee for the sewer system & management of system by Oroville, need to talk with attorney, Mick Howe.

BOCC: JD, CB, AH Staff: SC, AHu, DG JT

SC (Fair Events)

- **Increase of gate** at County Fair of about \$15,000. Friday night very busy, Sunday more people than usual. Entertainment was well liked. Most displays were up, poultry was down.
- **ATM operator** indicated much more business, comparable to Chelan County Fair for the first time.
- **New security firm** was less confrontational and worked out well.
- **Lots of compliments on the new arena and track.** Need a “sled” or something to bridge across the track and into the interior of the track. Traffic across the track compacted that area.
- A couple more **Contracts** to complete for services. Poultry judge contract. Move to approve – passed.
- CB asking about Free and Reduced rate at schools. Some schools have a very high % - in regards to a request for a reduced Agriplex & Annex rental fee. **Work Source use for Career Expo** for County Schools. AH – move to approve a 50% reduction of the fee for Career Expo. Passed.
- **Halleluiah Event** coming up. Use the same reduction as last year? No, need to refile for reduction each year.
- **Sound system** is already pulled from Arena booth and stored in Fair Office. Bill for that new system was \$6000 – remainder of donated funds will go the County for work done to install the system.

JP (Admin & Fair Maintenance)

- **Work order for taking down old arena and rebuild**, itemized and totaled out. AH – acknowledges installation of new permanent sprinklers around the track that help to water track.
- **Big crowd Sat. night** was a challenge.
- AH – asks for a **detailing of hours worked by maintenance** to cover the increased usage at the Fair grounds and Agriplex/Annex over the year.
- After the big rain Saturday night there were **big puddles that need to be addressed**. Suggestion is to recontour and regrade, add a possible drain to a dry well. AH – put out a list of needs to prioritize and budget if possible next year.
- SC – got busy, not totally current but “thinks” Fair events is working within the budget. AH wants to see revenue and see if they can look at more upgrades.
- Ah – only Washington Tractor will do a **Layout design of a permanent irrigation system** with no installation contract. County willing to pay for costs of design.

Ahu (Planning)

- Still working on **public records requests**
- Working on getting out the **Comp. Plan**.

DG (Civil Prosecutor)

- Finally got a signed copy of the **Twisp interlocal agreement** with County for building inspection services. Move to approve, passed.
- **Public records requests**
- Sheriff’s agreement to provide **Services to Brewster**.

9:35 Executive Session:

- **Potential and ongoing litigation** including JT & BOCC. A few items including Public Works. 30 minutes. Return at 10:10
- DG: Letter from JT to terminate a materials-testing contract. Contract allows a 10-day notice to terminate. Move to approve – passed.

GT (County Watch)

- Passed on the Gina McCoy and he (PC members) had an **Informational meeting** with about 20 people about the Comprehensive Plan and workings of the Planning Commission at Methow Community Bldg. Felt was =very productive. AH & CB express support for the effort.

CH (Auditor) General update.

- Brought in replacement for an employee – will be doing a lot of licensing duties
- **Fee Changes** have come from Legislature for licensing, has already gone into effect. Already a fee revenue increase.
- A lot of team effort in the office with personnel adjustments.
- Should have a **preliminary 2020 budget** out soon. Needed to ease many department concerns in preparing the preliminary draft budget. This is a very preliminary report.
- Next week will be **attending Elections 101 training** – finally.
- Working on the **2019 general ballot**. Will be larger, a lot of items. Will need to have 55 different styles to match various precinct requirements.
- **New fee revenue** will cover the cost of a new position. Seems like it is revenue neutral – probably will bring in added income in the long run.
- New possible **Licensing appointee for the Methow** is being recommended. Need a 30 day training in the County office, then CH hopes to go to the Methow office at least once a week to support. State is cooperating with the process.
- Spent 54 staff hours over 4 days working on **Fair Staff Hours**. No compensation for the County from the Fair. This information has been passed on to the Fair Advisory Board. Need to develop a plan.
 - o Need to work on a process for wrist bands, used as a check on cash and used to reconcile
 - o Complement to the group manning the gate. They were extremely easy to work with and competent.
 - o The admission of the various vendors, their participants and helpers need to be worked on. Some difficulty at the gates.
 - o Complement to the Treasurer's Office in preparation to make the various gate shifts and days deposits being easy to work with.
- Will be a little short staffed due to giving training.
- Getting some help with finding people for the **Disabled Access Committee**, thanks.

11:00 JT (Public Works)

- **Maintenance & Roads:** Lots of rain for grading. East side of the County was hit hard yesterday – hail & slush. Significant rain in the Methow this morning. Fixing edge washouts and pavement edges.
- **Statler Bridge:** Road closes 9/4 – 48” diversion pipe will be installed then work will begin, a couple of months. Schools and residents have been informed.
- **Johnson Creek at Greenacres Rd:** CCT Fisheries looking to replace current culvert with a 20’ box culvert. Will need a permit from Public Works.
- **Public Works Bldg:** Window replacement on the upper windows on the Eastside. Working with D & R Glass off the small works roster. Bldg is on the historical register so need to be careful.
- Petition to **Vacate platted roads in Methow:** Posted at the site, will be in the paper next week. Researching land value for fee.
- **Buffalo Lake Rd:** Speed limit, the current road was rebuilt by CCT for 35 mph, the County would like to have the road be at 50 mph, would need to redo some parts of the road to make good for a 50 mph. CCT is finishing up their project on the road. Public Works would make changes after they are done.

- **CCT Road List:** CCT is not able to make the changes to the list before their deadline. JT has rewritten letter to work with CCT.
- **Conconully Sewer:** Next year wanted to upgrade some holding tank systems. Liar's Cove sewer system is out of compliance after Dept. of Health inspection. There will need to be a big rebuild to bring into compliance. This cost will/could set back the holding tank replacements.
- **Barkely & MVID Ditch:** Still talking, nothing new.
- **Similkameen Trail:** Need to consider budget to maintain yearly
- **JD Misc.** – any contact with BLM? Upper Conconully lake resort?
 - o Also met with property owner in the north end over a guard rail issue.
 - o Also a passing zone on Conconully Road – JT – restriped an old bad job from a contractor, the contractor had altered the lines years ago.
- **“Lloyd” commenting on Buffalo Lake Rd:** Runs cattle on the road. He had cows hurt every year. Does not want road speed raised. Not against the Tribe but against US management. Tribe is not enforcing the speed, sees more cattle injured/killed. Disagrees with the new Sheriff continuing policies of the old Sheriff. Has been put in jail several times by Tribal Police. Has had money stolen and credit cards used. Lives on deeded land. Wants support from County, State, Federal government. Feels current Sheriff not very good. JD – Sheriff has full authority, BOCC has no jurisdiction over Sheriff's actions. “Lloyd” feels Mexico may be better than being on CCT land.

LJ (BOCC Clerk)

- CH – letter on 2018 Audit and general disposition letter for Chair to sign. **Audit response letter.**

Lunch

1:30 Public Health Board.

- **Public Comment:** AH - email received. Unable to call the DoH or leave a message with new phone system. Got a busy signal, unable to leave a message. Lauri Jones DoH Director – equally concerned, would like to know when the person tried to call. Dave H. – volume of calls is an issue. Will work on it and check into the email.
- **Approved Vouchers, Payroll, Minutes.**
- **Consolidated contract amendment.** – funds from the State Dept. of Health, approved
- **Supplement budget** - move funds into correct EDEN line – permission to advertise supplemental approved.
- **Annual Board Member Confidentially Agreement.** Yearly requirement – covers patient information, not a meeting issue. Might be in a one-on-one meeting with a Board member.
- **Community Health:**
 - o Working with Schools with new MMR requirements. Schools must comply – only religious exemption with doctor approval.
 - o Shows a laminated card showing food borne and reportable diseases.
 - o Have applied for a \$75,000 grant through ACH.
 - o No salmonella reported from Fair – yet.
 - o Oxford House in Okanogan – currently male only. Rehab – strict rules for occupancy. Helping felons to re-integrate, jobs, starting over.
- **Environmental:**
 - o Random body burials – people wanting to have right to bury someone on their own property.
 - o A lot of requests to get construction inspections done.
- **Treasurer report** is delayed due to staff shortage and Fair duties.

- DoH would like **County to budget back to previous \$145,000** contribution. This would return to past amount from last year.

3:05 BOCC Clerk: Misc Business.

- **JD – Does Title III spending** need to be spent by the end of the year? (Re: \$ to Emergency Mgmt). LJ – depends on working. Sometimes just need to be obligated, not necessarily spent. LJ will check on the wording.
- LJ: Nicole Rondeau call about a **2019 PR Video agreement** – demo shown.
 - o Request for information if the sales tax for affordable housing can be used on existing housing or only new?

3:30 Misc. Business

- Budget Supplemental: Elections Reserve \$6000. Approved.
- Move to approve membership of CB to Emergency & Trauma Care Council.
- Public Services Contract with Community Action – approved.
- Methow EMS District – pay voucher to AeroMethow for EMS services, adjourn to BOCC.
- Commissioner's proceedings approved
- Consent Agenda approved

3:55 Adjourn.