

Board of Okanogan County Commissioners

9/20/16

Present:

Sheilah Kennedy (SK, BOCC)
Ray Campbell (RC, BOCC)
Jim DeTro (JD, BOCC)
Perry Huston (PH, Planning, Administration)
Debbie Hilts (DH, Human Resources)
Tanya Craig (TC, Human Resources, Risk Management)
Jim Potts - Lobbyist hired by County. See below.
Kathleen Descoteaux)KD
Zach Kennedy - Works for (or with) Jim Potts

Terms:

CJTC - Criminal Justice Training Commission
DMO - Destination Marketing Organization
RTPO - Regional Transportation Planning Organization
MTPO - (Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization?)

Content:

Staff updates, Risk Management, Human Resources: Training, benefits, overtime, staff changes; Financial Committee; Roads; OCTC problems; Comm Action grant; more than the usual jokes about “greenies;” BOCC’s paid lobbyists discuss legislative issues.

Note taker comments or information in italics.

9:06

JD calls meeting to order.

**Sheilah Kennedy appears to have a bad case of laryngitis and is quite difficult to hear. It is almost impossible to tell if the microphones at BOCC desks are on, but the mics are not being used by speakers seated at the front table, facing away from the audience. Some can be heard well, some cannot.*

Risk Management, Human Resources: Tanya Craig, Debbie Hilts

TC: Criminal Justice

Bill received, 30 day turnaround. Training went well on management/liability. Kudos for asking for a local review of ???ICTE. Attorney who wrote legal review was there. He made it known that if they needed a copy of his legal review to get ahold of that. Kudos for performing risk assessment especially the jail. I was under the impression that other counties did this, but not to the extent to which I do this. They were excited about being pro active. Will meet with Noah today. He could not attend because he was filling in on other duties. Liability ins renewal is done. I completed spreadsheet. Our premium went down over \$2,000. That was exciting. Will coordinate with Public Works so they can pay part, I will pay the rest. New policy effective on 12/01.

Signatures: Resolutions: I have been working on resolutions for signing authorities. It has been inconsistent. Give to dept managers, etc. written authorities for times athletes, etc. PH as code administrator wanted me to incorporate something (inaudible.)

SK - So we are asking for the appointed's so we have some control....

TC - Not the elected, but their supervisors, yes. (?) Have worked with those who sign other than elected officials. IE Joe, under Frank, has authority to sign in Frank's absence but we need this for other departments. Auditor would like to see that we have it.

SK - Will this replace the other resolutions we have done?

TC - No. They will be quick resolutions just to authorize what we do not have yet.

Contracts signed

DH - Contract - union contracts signed. I have those ready for signatures. With exception of Juvenile, courthouse, admin/judges - they will not be signing until gone through thoroughly, by next week.

Changes in legalities/lie detection

I went to civil service commission training for 2 days last week. learned interesting stuff in re hiring and the changes that have been made that are acceptable over the last 10-15 years, when it comes to certain questions asked during polygraphs. The millennials are taking over the world and have a different view. Things that were automatic disqualifiers cannot be anymore. I would like to talk with Joe about polygraphs and certain questions that will be asked, and how they must be changed. It was very interesting.

PH - even some questions like what are your salary expectations are becoming a little dicey. At one point,a lot of questions I routinely ask... about /13 of the questions I ask are becoming a little (?) concerning the recent lawsuit. (*not clear which lawsuit.*)

DH - I was sitting in on interviews and one of our elected officials asked a question - I told her she couldn't ask it, but she said "Guess again." I understood why she asked, but it can't be asked.

DH Eye -detection: New laser eye detection system that detects changes in your pupil if you lie.

JD - Is that why Hillary wears those dark glasses?

DH - Good one!

DH - DGDH - is a new public safety public safety system. Had trials in hallway at lunch . I looked. It works. 99.9% accuracy rate on a person who has told a lie. Should be used in conjunction with lie detector.

PH - It is working on sociopaths and psychopaths - those who can lie without the lie detector detecting them.

RC - Some people do not care if they lie, etc.

DH - Every time, this system was correct.

Training

*New training for law enforcement - very interesting. Trying to change the lawyer mentality. Recommended that anyone who hires law enforcement take this training. Producing a different type of law enforcement that is better accepted in the real world. A lot of kids come out of military and go into law enforcement. The CJTC - finding the military "warriors" keeping what is good but bidding up a new mentality. Working well.

TC - Are they still offering classes? Have cut back on the number of academies.

DG - Said numbers have incased exponentially, so hope it is happening.

PH - Used to require 2 years of college, had academy trainings, but with budget cuts the state and feds took up less and less. Not nature of the training that's an issue, but the lack of it. We went to 3-4 trainings a year.

TC - now requirement is 24 hours per year. My training was 40 hours per year. With budget cuts, etc. CJDP cut the number of academics.

SK - This has created our backlog.

TC - Used to have one training every month.

PH - Used to start an academy once a month.

TC - now 3-4 a year.

(And so on, in re cut back.)

DH - Finding trainers is a problem. You get a 30-yr stint for a certain trainer, then they have to rotate out. They were encouraging anyone who wants to be a trainer to come forward.

SK - I wonder if Noah or anyone has written a otter to let them know the impact.

TC - Noah has.

PH - 2 printed sticks (?) not only for training ops., but state and feds do not pick up stick. Not a priority with legislature.

SK - What percent they cover of required trainings per year keeps getting cut.

DH - A lot of lateral transferees from the other states. 4 last month. One came from Texas .Even though in law enforcement for 14 years, will be required to do more training.

PH - Wa state has never been great for reciprocity. At one time, criminal justice would not acknowledge state patrol training.

TC - Now they have improved.

DH - Same with any federal reserve officers coming in. They are having to go thru more training. 2 of our laterals came from prisons in AZ but will need to go through another training, even more than for Wa state laws, even tho they are already overqualified.

CJTC - Has this had an impact on them?

SK - Need some kind of request paper or something, many through Frank to bring the impact to our legislators' attention.

TC - Noah has been quite active on this issue...

PH - Some of trainers (?) have failed to recognize the role of training in some things like excessive force. My approach is that if in their defensive tactics, etc. they are absolutely 100% confident in skills, that is the officer who will wait. The ones that lack confidence get into problems. For some reason, doesn't get through to legislature.

RC - Makes sense. If you are uncertain, you will make mistakes.

SK - Until they pull gun out of holster, that is the point where the training begins.

PH - I drew from my holster 4 times, never had to pull the trigger.

Staff change in Planning

DH - On to other things. Ana Randall has accepted tech 3 in public works. Will be starting on Monday.

PH - Ben made a successful raid.

SK - (*Joke*) He is targeting your office.

VEBA, Premera

DJ - Rick Dickman from VEBA - will run numbers on insurance but called 5 minutes before meeting, so I do not have update. Have been told by TC and Deb ? A possibility of 20% increase. We got 9% last year. Have a large number of employees not happy with PEBB and would like to go back to Premera. Person who instigated whole change has since retired. Her reason behind pushing PEBB was for retirement purposes. It has not been good. Prescriptions, etc. are awful. What was covered is not covered now.

PH - Others also thought it was a good idea at the time. Those who use it have been a little cranky.

SK - Lets' equate this to private..... when we have to buy insurance on our own. It's a lot more. Altho we have to remember.....gestures toward Lanie's (now empty) desk, then stops talking.

TC - Debbie would work with Rick with VEBA to see if we could get a good rate with Premera or anyone else.

SK - Talk with Carlton about the 114 employees we have. Ask if there is a group program he can provide. He needs to work on this now so not in same crunch as last year.

DH - We have to give PEBB 50 days written notice - end of October. Trying to get as much info as possible. We'll see what Rich has to say.

Overtime

*Also, overtime in re our certain department in the county that uses time clock: They clock in 5-10 min early, can leave 5-10 min early . They are getting overtime pay for this. As it adds up, they are getting OT for 5 min here and there. In WAC, we have compensating time off in lieu of overtime pay.

SK - Back up - need to talk to the elected officials to see what their solution is. To me, this is a management issue simply.

DH - FLSA (Fair Labor Standards Act) - nearer 5 min would not result in overtime.

PH - We can issue an order...if I show up at 7:30 , it's just poor planning on my part. Need to tell people - if they skip their lunch break, they skip it. Can't charge. If they show up early for work , can't charge -

SK - Ben brought up yesterday their suggestion to work with the union, insurance - Inland empire?

DH - The more I think about it, it's not a good idea to mix and match appointed dept heads when it's clear they are not union people. Will get us in trouble in the future. Wanted to share this.

DH - I agree. it is only 3 people, with the way things are going with union and PW, not good.

SL - Other option....inaudible.

DH - That insurance isn't that great. With Obama care and AC reporting mandatory (?), no longer than 90 days on waiting period. Inland Empire is 120- days. We have to pay 4 months in advance before someone can get insurance. Inland Empire is the only one different. We are (asking?) to see. Our attorney will have to...they are aware. Rocky is working with them. Do not know if we can get verbiage in the new contract.

PH - Interlocal agreements will get switched out. Talked with Branch...we will get settled tonight. RCO sent (??) will put a cover memo on it. Already developed(impossible to follow)....for sheriffs's signature . Other than that , still waiting for estimate on roof for Tonasket EMS. trying to push forward on Wednesday. They have other ideas to bat around. Pretty much all I have.

PH anything for us?

SK - Not right NOW - I reserve the right to add.

PH - You know where we live, and where we work.

Community Action Grant

Community Action Grant: \$500,000 community block grant for housing rehab. Community Action is recipient. Got reward letter yesterday. Starts the ball rolling. A lot of things the recipient needs to get together. SEPA NEPA review - Director will need to sign off on. Whether exempt or not, will need to talk with Lael Duncan to find out scope. Do not think it is building houses, but rehab of existing buildings to prevent folks from going homeless. Have not had a similar grant for 5 years. Now they have a different housing manager. So I imagine things will go as well as before, which was very well. The some recipient provides all the required documentation. They are very experienced in this type of grant. Have confidence they have chosen program manger who is well qualified. This grant requires more monitoring because there are a lot more subcontractors involved. I need to be sure they are eligible contracts. Kathleen will come in stand talk about OCTC/ DMO progress. We are in the middle of getting materials together for the LTAC (Lodging Tax Advisory Committee) still, in the middle of getting info on the DMO. These things will help when you meet with LTAC next Tuesday and will help with the RFP (request for proposals.) Deadline is 15th of October.

I also have e-mail from Ben Rough. Are he and Verlene on agenda for tomorrow to go over the road map?

PH - Already told him yes yesterday.

LJ - I need to get e-mails so I know. One other thing. I am going to ask board to convene as the fire fighters and board of volunteer firefighters today during finance committee so we can address L&I claims in original ink. Also, the NADA (?) - I received a value for the truck that maintenance looked at in Public Works that could be transferred to maintenance.

(LJ?) Jeff Paul says this pickup would be considered rough. Need to see what other pickups bring - as long as fair value price for Pub Works, I think auditor would be ok..

SK - Disagree. I don't think we can disclose the values. I was researching to verify this. Have not verified yet. The NADA value was \$33,0025 which was significantly less than the replacement motor. It has 178,000 (plus) miles. Would like board to consider -we will need the pickup in order to do the auction. The shop across the river is pretty full, so will need to transfer new items to fairgrounds. It is a 1/2 ton Silverado half ton V-8, 4 WD.

Sk - We need to make a decision so Joe can move ahead.

JD - inaudible.

SK - With as many miles as they put on, may not make an impact. I move to approve and surplus the exiting rigs.

Motion carried. Passed.

SK Speaking of fair, have you looked at (inaudible.) Might need to have Vivian come in for fair staff. One RV park usually closes Oct 1.

SK - Other question - when do the staff.. one of the last things for staff..... re Ashley and Larry.

DH - Gives dates (in October.)

PH - Larry needs 2 weeks to put things in mothball.

SK - Larry needs to know that he has helpers. She will contact.

RC - We need a list of things that need to be done.

PH - I will hook up with Larry and we will get Goodall's input on paper.

TC - Also, Joe Campbell...

PH - Agrees.

SK - Shut water off, etc.

RC - We need more depth to this list. Larry should be able to understand a list and will.

JD - This is being worked on.

PH - We will make meticulous notes, come up with a map for winter shut down, blowing things out, etc.

SK - Maintenance on tractors and lawnmowers. So next year will be smooth.

Kathleen Descoteaux - OCTC

(Passes out OCTC marketing packet, which is "dense." Notetaker did not get copy.)

My intern was to get these together in the same order to deal with concerns.

Top doc is 2016 contract with OCTC. Concerns have to do with section 1, social services to be performed by contractor and section 4, records and reports, and at end of contract, OCTC scope of work . These are 3 we are most concerned with. (2016 program year - clarifies for BOCC.)

PH - Poses question if our concern is we have a potential brief, you might want to involve Albert (Lin) and have an executive session if contractor is concerned.

LJ - These concerns have already been discussed with contractor in e-mails and other ways.

PH - Just an observation.

KD - Earlier in year - I cannot find first request I made for info. We were asking specifically for - wanted to - find out what benchmark year was selected by OCTC because of requirement of contract. Also, a policy related to procedures....Section 1. Also, data for activity that shows how OCTC have encouraged visitors, etc.

Next step - first LTAC meeting of year, March 4, 2016. In second packet I have the pages for this meeting that concerns OCTC. I did not outline it well when I wrote this in. Discussed contract with LTAC. I asked for directions from LTAC - they (sent?) copy of contact to OCTC. Never heard again from them concerning that request. At no time this year have I spoken to president of OCTC. Have not gotten a response from her. Attached to minutes page, I attached each expenditure for contractors, who are Economic Alliance and Earth and Sky.

LJ - Let's not go into that. Only a few minutes left.

KD Third part - all the way through to marketing plan. My attempt to get those 3 questions answered. They have selected a benchmark ...it goes through the marketing_(?)___

Last sheet is most recent e-mail in which I requested tracking information. We were told the marketing plan had all the info we needed, and other info could not be given without the permission of (sub recipients.) We are having a every difficult time determining whether or not OCTC is living up to expectation of their contract. Cannot determine things about expenditures. Not seeing any plans to expand and improve in the future. It's a lot of information.

When we wrote the RFQ and update on contract, it was with the aim of addressing those concerns and possibility of ineligible expenditures in the future, so the county can see whether or not these are working.

SK - This would be in compliance with what we are supposed to be doing. They are coming in on Tuesday at 2:00.

KD -I apologize for this, but had to put it together quickly.

SK - Will be nice to have this info when we discuss with board. Thank you.

KD- Leaves at 10:00

Financial Committee Meeting: Carrie, Laurie Thomas, Leah McCormack

Leah passes out Finance comm meeting packet for today - gave note taker a copy!

Leah - Cash on hand and investment - 1st section. Balances for current expense this time of year is really good. Tribute-able to a lot of things. We should give ourselves a pat on the back.

Cty road is at 6-1, but will be expended out, it appears.

If anyone sees discrepancies or has questions, please ask, /Time to look.....

LJ Will crime victims be ok?

LM - They got money at end of month she wasn't expecting. They are in pretty good shape. Not good, but better. Questions about public health?

LT - Asks carry about amount for public health.

LM - 83. I don't know if this is time of year - might be time of year to ask - notoriously second half of year we are sometimes feeling shaky. Something to keep on radar.

LM - Anything else?

No.

LM Next item - total (by debt) expenditure.

Following pages are revenues as of Aug 31 this year and last year. There are some ...I highlighted some areas if someone else has something to talk about.....If you go to jail section, about the fifth line down,, the booking/boarding fees for revenue - budgeted at 200,000. As of Aug have received 54,500. Should go on radar for 2017. Also, down further budgeted at 950 and 508 received. Also, electronic monitoring - has always been confusing. Other means of revenue, budgeted at 32,000 and we are over 2 months past half year and only brought in 22,000(?)

SK - With jail being so low on revenues, will need to look at their expenditures.

LM - Correct. During budget session, we will have both together so can see it.

Next section - Under prosecuting att'y section, on p. 4. Support enforcement, federal. A little bit low. Hopefully will make the 180,000. Confirms it is a grant. If they do not spend, they cannot get it. But if you do not spend one year, it goes to next.

Carries says - its's given every year....they are rewarded, not revolving, but can double - check.

PH - Awarded, but must be wary if you do not spend. They can keep it like they did with Shorelines master program. Legislature takes it back. We lost \$\$ on SMP because of spending cycle. We lost about 6,000 plus dollars that legislature directed not be carried over to next year. If they get in trouble in Oly, they will sweep these funds if they are short during legislative session.

Carrie - a lot of state and fed grants have not been allowing a carry-over. I can check the awards letter.

LM - would that be the same, a couple down that says OSE support enforcement? Also a grant that is....

Carrie - Yes, there are two parts. A federal part and state part, and billed on one sheet. My belief is that this is the state portion of that grant.

LM - The other question - County prosecution process. Do not know if we will hit the 130. Don't know.

PH - When you have grants not coming in as expected, sometimes because you did not spend. Be careful not to buy this entirely. If using to supplement already budgeted staff time, you are still paying staff once a month even if they are not doing something directly related. Upper Salmon Recovery: also ...we bill out only 1/2 of that, but the employee is still being paid. So we project out - if using a supplemental grant when the staff isn't engaged in those items, it is actually a revenue loss and can't be recovered.

LM Summer sales tax revenue - will still show a positive line close to 2.6 million, but we will know more when the sheet comes in from state next week.

County Assistance - that comes in on a quarterly basis. Will be on at the state sheet - will be around \$75,000 or more. We could be close to the 170,000 figure, but I highlighted because it's low right now.

LM - Other one that stood out - p. 6 - city's criminal cost 75,000, but received (20,000?) Jail fees affects prosecution. Some discrepancy because this is broken down into 4 parts. We definitely need to look at this. If she is caught up (and she is) maybe we are budgeting too high in that area.

LJ - I believe there will be some increases due to salary adjustments as well. That will go back into general for her time.

LM - Discussion. Every little bit helps.

LM - Registered warrant interest. Only have one hospital on registered warrants right now, when we chartered 4 years ago. Good news and bad news. By not having that, the interest will go in a line that is...? In about a week I will be dumping about 7,000 interest...the line doesn't look good, but we are moving it somewhere else.

Any questions or other issues?

Carrie - Stone Garden grant? Although a grant, we still use it to balance our budget. All these line items are all about 30-50,000 off. Pretty big impact. OM - budget about 24,000(??? - *too hard to follow while typing and unable to look at handout.*) If they are still spending, this \$\$ for a salary.....

PH - My budget included VSP . Projected staff expenses, but the rest for this year will go into professional services if the group needs hired help. But I have no direction on this. If I put in 90,000 on VSP and an expense line, I may be all messed up because they do not necessarily correlate. To Carrie's point, it is "ghost" budgeting that doesn't relate to anything.

LM - Say they budgeted for this grant but do not get the grant

PH - it comes from Current Expense. If you are supplementing staff that is already on payroll, you are sideways.

LM- some positions need to be reviewed, but do not go away. Not happening. Department heads come to you for extra funds to keep employees.

PH - Agrees. Stone Garden grant - if significant cost is higher than what we received....

LT - Expenditures for sheriff - starts close to bottom of sheriff expenditure line for OT (overtime). That's where the Stone Garden grant begins. If you recall in previous years, we try to be careful not to have other debt balance their grant section. If they are estimating a certain amt of revenue..... we try to watch it. would be curious to see if the total that has been expended so far matches revenue we have received. Appears they do not have a person budget in that section, but they do have OT in that section.

PH - Department heads are elected - when they do have grants, have to properly code expenses to them. When it's a big debt with lots of lines, you don't pay attention to (tweeter?) copies,etc - not properly coded.

LT - That does happen in some departments.

LM - Drug Task force. Cash on hand sheet, it is at 575,000. I bring that up ever month.

LM - I brought the county overall county wide debt up. as of June 30 of this year. As you can see, just for the county it is almost 10 million Schools over 19 million hop over 22million, fire over 1.5 million for a total of _____. Maturity date of each bond when due and what fund pays for each.

SK - very helpful.

LM - questions....

SK - Kennedy - Eastlake Sewer is actually 36?

LM- correct. I fixed it.

CE reserve - is lagging \$20 in fund,,,,, now the auditors want it out of there.

Laurie - State auditors want us to address 503 fund hanging there with small balances. History - I don't recall what year we moved elections into current funds....was 503 fund. It was decided to move elections into current expense. I think because elections revenue are sporadic. They depend upon the year. This year, base of presidential, the revenue is way up. Next year will be levies and schools, etc - even year elections, the state does not pick up any part of this. This is history. What I'd like to propose - we'd have to change fund number, to keep the reelection reserve fund as a 100 number and use that to start building up reserve for election equipment,etc. Kind of gets lost in the shuffle with others that are putting \$\$ in there. Would be nice to have a fund dedicated for election. software very expensive. need to build up a reserve fund.

OM - cost of equipment was?

LT - Program Douglas Cty, Chelan, and about 5 counties have moved to, is called Verity. Will be the up and coming thing. The cost quoted to us was about 183,000 for that software. We do

not have that \$\$\$. If we do not start putting into reserves, we will never have the money. Our scanner failed this year, very expensive. Would like an election reserve fund, assign a number, and start transferring what we can afford each year into a reserve and eventually buy software.

LM - not one of the things we can put on the back shelf.

JD - If we had a good reserve, we could have replaced 2 scanners instead of one.

LT -Getting reserve fund would satisfy the auditors.

LM - They want to get rid of 503....etc. Not in annual report because of no activity. We put on because it is cash. Needs to be a resolution. Will figure out a 100 fund number.

SK - let's get this done.

LJ - Can either do a resolution or by adopting a budget resolution.

Carrie - Very clear that must be done by resolution. The auditor pointed out that we have not been doing it right.'

LN - DSHS passthrough fund also - has had a little over 3,000 forever. We tried to send it back, and CTED doesn't want it. Has just been sitting there. Auditor wants it dealt with.

LJ - Haven't those funds been invested?

LM - In residual investment goes into

LJ - more discussion, but Carrie/LM assure Lanie this is correct. They recommended to talk to ??? about how it should be handled.

SK - One resolution and address all of these at the same time?

Carrie - They didn't say we couldn't do that. They were just very clear that funds had to be created and disbanded by resolution.

LM - Also, sewer and water for PW. That's another one we have to take a look at.

Carrie - Another thing done for years and years - paying dues for DOE. Only activity..it's a 122 fund. Miscellaneous. If truly sewer and water, should be a 400 fund. Give two options - an inactive fund, see where money goes. If active fund, change through appropriate fund number. They are state-driven numbers in bar code manual.

LM almost 92,000 in this fund.

PH - I would be cautious about bunching things up on one resolution. The joy of a resolution is that you can explain why/what you are doing. Would suggest a resolution about how and why - and years down the road you will still know what was done and why.

Carrie- Point well taken. 4th one was solid waste reserve. Looks like 6 years ago, \$\$ was being put into fund for replacement of scale at sold waste. But the resolution doesn't say they can do that. You don't want to use funds for anything not in any resolution - they DO look at it.

JD - That's a perfect example of when you get people - not picking on P Wks per se - that are in finance dept. Instead of creating a new resolution - "let's dump it here".... then you can't get it out of that fund.

PH - And technically, it should't even be in that fund.

LM - that's the difference between private enterprise and other funding, where you cannot do that.

Carrie - would be cleaner if solid waste was just that....*(more that is too hard to follow.)* You can adjust the resolution because it's part of solid waste. They want it handled. Don't know if it will be in an exit thing. If we can clean up by end of year,...I think they will bring it up on the annual report.

PH - Did they bring up my one? Trail fund. It was a donation for the Similkameen, so haven't identified what to do with it. Idea was for trailhead improvement, but that unraveled. Shh.. I didn't say that.

SK - You said it. Laughter.

JD - Doesn't look like the Similkameen trail. We probably didn't cc Perry, but PUD wrote a letter to the trail association and demanded that they take the Similkameen off their website saying it's not an existing trail, etc. but it has been advertised to the world.

PH - never go toast the project boundary with the PUD. We stopped the project. Never went to Nighthawk, which was the agreement. Evidently the Trails Assoc. has been advertising, but it is technically trespass if you actually go there.

PH - One of the trail budgets has 54,00 or something like that.

Leah - 2017 Debt - Will be coming back at 1:30?

Heads up - the three of us are bringing laptops back. Will have several (rows) so will bring laptops so we can relate to screen.

LJ - will not bring it up on screen. Discussion about screen.

LT - Another reason to do on laptops is because the numbers change between now and adopting budget.

PH: Soon you lose track of pencil marks. To keep printing up updated pages, it coasts a lot of \$ \$...and kills trees.

SK - and killing trees create jobs. (Joke - all laugh)

RC - Until the greenies came along....

Further jokes about this.

Discussion and jokes about new projectors.

LT - last week - FBI now puts duct tape over webs on laptop. Laughter.

LM - will be back at 1:30.

JD - Do we have direction on those questions on the funds?

LM - Who will work on 305?

LT - \$3,008 dollars should be dealt with on the one fund.

JD - Just as a procession forward...

LT - Recommend moving into CE.

JD - If a resolution, let's do it.

LM - It has been in for over 20 years.

LT - over the 23 years I've been here.

PH - back then, that was big money.

JD - Let's do that.

LT - The other 122 fund will need to be addressed with PW. Exactly what to do with that.

JD - We can modify the resolution and state auditor can....LT confirms idea.

All leave. About 10:45.

LJ - Got with McKenna and asked if BOCC could be available tomorrow at 2PM. If not, 10:30 - 2:00 on Friday.

So starting with the roads??

LJ - I think so.

RC be sure to send that message to....Very low voices speaking together, cannot hear.

LJ - Mr. Kennedy (lobbyist) wants to come in at 11:30 instead of 1:00.

11:00 - Josh Thomson Update

JD - Got with Short, Kretz, etc. and are onboard with our report to RTPO. Have to contact Wyss and Condotta.

JT - that would be great.

MAINTENANCE AND ROAD CONSTRUCTION, JOSH THOMSON

Areas 1,2,5,4 - working on Moses Meadows road.

SK - Thank you! (*Where is this road?*)

Contractor will start next monday. Will set up small crusher, 2 pits right on road, will crushing into mini batch of gravel. Getting it dialed in. That's where majority of work is being done.

Beaver fences at Marianna Creek today, Lake Ck by Winthrop tomorrow. working with someone from east coast. Almost all of these blocked by beavers

There was a construction site accident at a project (didn't get name)

Moses gravel project starting next Monday.

Beaver Fence project - will be on Lake Ck tomorrow. Methow Beaver project - it's a demo, so there USFS and DNR will come to see how to build. Mike Callaghan from Massachusetts is coming to teach us. Doesn't want to come again.

JD - Video?

JT - A lot of pictures, notes.

Waste oil furnaces - we use a lot. Request from Jerry to replace one- about 20 years ago replaced combustion chamber 3 years ago, just did welding. This winter, it's not one that can be used. Really bad shape. 2 options 6250 for combustion chamber or the whole unit for 8,500. His opinion, to replace components, he recommends going with a new one. Will take 25 hours of work to replace comb changer but 8-10 hours to replace the whole unit. Requests to replace before winter sets it.

JD _ Thinks good. Agreement? Campbell - inaudible. finally says "I suppose."

SK - Is there another option? Besides replacing part or whole thing? Are there used ones?

JT - Not that he's found.

RC - Discussing with Sheilah, cannot be heard. Something about using waste oil.

SK - If something goes bad, can be a fire? I'd say the new one.

2016 - had approved one new sander. Got rid of 62 6-year trucks, etc. - Company mistakenly ordered two, so have an extra sander. Would like to sell. Have asked for a deal. They have not responded. We were planning on doing same thing in 2017, so we would have a need for it next year anyway. Right now buying from King Cty about 24,000 . We have an opportunity to buy one we would be using next year. It is pretty specifically designed to our needs. Not our issue...we did not order, but it is there.

BOCC - See what kind of a deal you can get.

SK - How many more 6 year dump trucks do we have/

JT - Thinks there are 4. A lot of them don't get used lot so they don't get broken down because inefficient to haul. With plow on front and sander on the back, not a real good fit for us. We had 6. In 2016 we started replacing. We had enough \$\$ to buy one 10 yarder with each 6 yarders we surplussed.

Shawn Davidson asked me yesterday if we had auctioneer elected yet? He has brought some of his equipment to the auction to help pay for it.

LJ - haven't selected anyone yet. Will be submitting a bid request, probably to you in paper next week.

JD - When we put bid request out, make sure there is no buyer fee.

LJ - Also, city of Okanogan wants to piggy back on our auction.

JT - That is who I was talking about. If you are in touch, that takes care of it.

LJ - Has instructed that any new items brought o fairgrounds must be tagged appropriately. Nothing without proper tags. Discussing tags with SK - tags must be clear.

JT - Association of county engineers. Biannual is in Spokane. Would like to go.

JD - Same time as WSAC?

JT - Just County leaders conference. I would like to go. Nov 16-18.

SK - other than lunch, they are two separate conferences.

JT - Will be back in Oly next week for 2nd week of bridge training.

JD - Did we finish chip sealing?

JT = Yes. on 8th or 9th. Didn't lose a single day to weather. turned out well.

SK - On the 2.7 we were putting into road construction? Where are we with that?

JT - Will not know all the numbers until the end of October rept. All the equip is a month behind. All equip used in Sept will be invoiced in Oct. My report at end of Oct will show full total.

SK - Do we still have time from Nov to Dec. to get rock...something about Ed. (Didn't say what project.)

SK - Sooner we can get that done...nods head.

JT - Will have everything but last 2 wks of equip next time.

SK - Jerry can give good estimate on that anyway, right?

JT - Yes.

JT - That's all I have.

RC - Totally involved with computer for a long time. Unresponsive.

JD - ok. Thanks.

LJ - BOCC made motion re PW truck maintenance. Will be going thru process to surplus it. Hearing next week. Once surplused, will do transfer revenue sharing.

JT - Truck from Area 6?

LJ - 2002 Silverado,etc. I don't have that vehicle info yet. If intended to be surpluses, it should be on list I'll be getting and I'll deal with that.

JT - Will be on list unless he was holding it off, not knowing.

LJ - Will just surplus along with other stuff.

JT - Will tell Jerry to get you all the info with description of everything.

SK - So you are canceled next week?

JT - Yes. In Oly.

LJ - He already canceled.

Legislative Issues - paid lobbyists update the commissioners

James W. Potts: *Previous Whitman County Commissioner. Also has been a lobbyist for Martin Hall. The county is currently on a 2-year contract with him as a consultant/lobbyist. Okanogan County has hired lobbyists for 10 of the years since 2001.*

Zach Kennedy - appears to be hired by (or with) Jim Potts.

JD - Mr. Potts, Mr. Kennedy, welcome. They go to front, shake hands all around .

Potts - tells Ray Campbell they will miss him.

Ray Campbell - "They were safer when I was on the inside."

Potts: Even though no new contact, thought we'd stop by to see what's up. You will have some issues, I think.

JD - Yes, we do.

Kennedy - How many pages do I need?

JD - Spoke with Dansel, Kretz, and Short last night. OCOG is wanting to change RCW language to stand alone RTPO (Rural Transportation Planning Organization.) They said they would rough a bill. It will say any county with a pop of less than 40,000 and 5,000 square miles can be a stand-alone RTPO. Island Cty went through process.

RC - They and some different situations.

JD - RTPO - WE were shoved out because the other 2 went to MTPO - Chelan and Wenatchee left us..

JD - WE want to be recognized because it puts us back into the mix for funding. Being an OCOG, the county needs to play a more intensive role, so it makes more sense.

SK - Is that request a population....

JD - Needs to be both. Our pop is 41,413 or something. They designed it for our population.

Potts - We had 3 counties we bumped up this year because of that.

JD - We crossed the landmark for coroner - now we have a coroner.

Mayor Moody and I had a meeting. She is a (co-chair?) in the Okanogan with me. She would contact Condotta and either Wyss or Hawkins.

Young - Does Joel have an (?) yet?

NO one knows.

Potts: Doubt he'd be better than Sheilah, but....

JD - Last night when I spoke with him, he said he has some candidates.

JD - I would imagine you know with all the activity with the situation in Stevens county with the wolves, there will be some activity there. I am the E Wa Rep to Wildland fire committee - have some ideas that will come down in this session - depending upon how the litigation goes on the ATV situations, there might be some changes there that the state..... (I think) ATV club has some ideas. Stevens Ferry County organization and here in Ok County have some ideas. The legislation left a lot of holes....they found out.

Potts - do you have an issue with the 4-wheelers? Road of 35 mph? And all those other rigs can run on faster roads.Lincoln county has to see....

JD - There is discussion on the dual postings. Ok Cty is a poster child because we have so many of the "green" organizations (uses hands for quotation marks on "green".) We are in litigation.

Kennedy - a smaller hearing room won't help.

JD - Those are some of the issues I know. They will come up at Quad County and will come up at EWCOG. Water issues, fish issues.

PILT - RC - keeps coming back around because of Foley founding PILT (???) Easy sweep to something to do with special interests. Funding conservation easements and acquisitions of agencies not giving funds to county. Would like to keep all these issues out of Ok County.

JD - Marijuana? We got our zoning here with CUP's.

JD - Altho Futurewise and MVCC and Cons NW - I think they appealed. RC - they are always a part of the

Potts - last time they passed legislation, found out a lot of things had to be fixed up.

RC - at WSAC meeting - Kind of regulate it and not worry about it.

JD - Seminar RC and I attended, they basically said it was a referendum, give it to voters. The counties who tried a moratorium were accosted by ACLU, etc. - will all counter you. The counties who tried to (?) were tested by all the organizations. We were led to believe it was going to be a better process than we thought, so we had to take things into hand. Cannabis board doing nothing. We had to police ourselves. In Doug Cty, gave an application for a company that had no address. Here, we had addresses that were non-existent.

It was such a laborious situation, we have been billing the Cannabis Board for planning staff work- they are not paying.

SK - we get 4 payments for a total of \$12,00 for the year.

Old - to cover your expenses?

Sk - we need to figure out city-cty share.

Potts - you have a lot of expenses.

JD - in public hearing, they keep quoting how much \$\$ we bring in. The point of delivery gets the \$\$, not us.

Kennedy - will try to get places cannabis is produced more \$\$. You only have a few retail stores.

JD - the \$\$ goes to distribution centers, not where it's grown.

Potts - I have 2 outlets within 6-7 blocks of where I live in Spokane.

JD - Were do you live?

Potts - Gives description in Spokane.

SK - Just heard from Comm Acton /affordable housing - we have a lot of younger people coming into county to work at marijuana farms, but it's not panning out well for them. Some are living in cars. That impacts other programs in county.

Potts - asks about her voice.

JD jokes about lots of speeches lately. (*Joke*)

Potts - Hope it's working.

SK - (Changes subject) - Another issue about the cops in academies. They maybe be able to help us with that.

JD - We are running into shortness with law enforcement, getting apps from very qualified guys out of state, but because Wa state law is not compatible, they have to be sent to academy. Affects guys like those getting out of military - they still have to go through all training. Even state patrol.

RC - Expensive for counties.

JD - If you talk with sheriff, I get a kid through academy for one year, and he goes to border patrol where pay is far higher.

Potts - when I was in Whitman Cty, as soon as spouse graduated from WSU, they were gone. Time after time.

Kennedy - I thought there was some kind of expedited program where they can go for 2 months.

JD - Would like to know about it. Any way to test out of training?

Young _ I can understand retraining on our standards, but shouldn't take much. In texas, everyone has a gun.

SK - Most everyone in Ok does too. Let's get to the contract. When are we going to see a contract? What is rate this year?

Potts -rate for you the same, because you have 2 year contract. Around \$700 is the 'bump.' Stevens and Whitman got it this year. Grant got it last year. Grant and Franklin are our two biggest Grant about 90,000. I should have had them bumped up awhile ago, I don't pay enough attention to population sometimes.

JD - Other than that, I'm sure there will be lots of activity.

Potts - I intend to be back in the saddle next year.

Bears

RC - Keep an eye on a movement they are trying slip through on grizzly bears. Dumping them up in the Cascades there. Reintroducing them there.

JD - There is law against it. They are trying to circumvent laws.

RC - that's something the state needs to keep an eye on .

Potts - Maybe when Jay Webber retires next year.... retiring in June.

RC - He had experience with bears.

Potts - shot a few where he lives.

SK - lives in Douglas county, right?
Yes. Lives up .. closer to Bridgeport.

SK - directly across from Timms' Ranch.

Potts - always wanted to go to his place but haven't. House almost burned down. Lost a lot of Indian artifacts there. He wasn't living there - had a double -wide .Built a new one.

RC - He actually came from the Methow, Libby Ck.

Martin Hall/Judges

Potts - He was commissioner when I was commissioner. He and I did a lot of work together on that Martin Hall.

SK - That's a good facility.

Potts - what are you doing?

JD - Looking at options of what to do on current facility and looking at what can be done to bring it up to more modern standards and a vote of the people

RC - Look to find someone to get a review of what needs to be done, then get engineers to find out what cost would be.

Potts - Would like to get you over there.

Rc - We were told we were the devils's own children.

Potts - oh, Yes. One of my best recollections. We had John Riley, We had trouble with judges all the way. Had a meeting John Riley - I could go in, and I was chairman of the board at the time. !2 judges in the jury box, we were in front giving the spiel. John said he didn't think they had ever seen that in our day. Prosecutor from Whitman was going to go in., but....

Sheilah and McCart ran into that in Oly on the wolf issue.

Potts - The juvie guy from ?? fought it.

Sk - I hearcounty ...

Potts - they now use videos.

JD - our judges refuse to do anything with video.

Potts (*sarcastically*) Nice when are up in the modern age. They can just request what they want.

JD - We have had several meetings to try and figure out a solution . This might be something we can do in this session.

JD - In our Criminal Justice thing that Tanya does, we can fund but not for felonies. All kind of drug user problems, homeless housing , Section 8 housing along with that comes crime (*Note: Although it was shown in special session last week that it was locals who are increasing the crime rate.*) Where do you go, what can you do? One of the things we found out, Culp told us that if you go in there and get caught stealing, shoplifting, and they have good surveillance systems - what the people don't realize - when they go back to that store, immediately they are trespassing, and when they enter the property they jump from misdemeanor to a felony. By virtue of how the law is structured and the ignorance of these, they walk through the door and they've got them. They are a felon and it plugs up the system. We caught a burglar in Okanogan and he was performing a burglary with the ankle bracelet.

RC - Another probe is the 911 system is now bulged up. With the fires we had, that was an crime itself escalating.

Potts - is that former commissioner, Bob Herst (sp?) still around? He would be close to 90.

JD - Thinks he died. Not sure it was Bob.

JD - Something to job down if we could bill for felonies like we do for misdemeanors, that would give us some revenue to work out some of this.

Potts - Some cash flow. That Martin Hall is about \$20 cheaper than Spokane facility.

JD _ Spokane got in a rhubarb awhile ago. Tried to pull away, but where under contract.

Potts- nods - yeah, it didn't work.

JD - What dos Spokane Valley do?

Kennedy - Spokane still trying to get out of Martin Hall. County, not city. Thinks city is contract with county. One reason they are trying to get out.

JD - Martin Hall - for Native Americans , they bill natives but here we hold them for free. The tribe blows us off. They ave a new facility that is nice but is not...

RC - I understand that if Martin Hall brings in Idaho kids....

Potts - for a long time, they brought in kids from Montana.

Kennedy- they were working on getting this going again.

Potts- had contact with some tribe.

JD - ours is not a treaty tribe.

JD - Dynamics - or tribe always butting heads with BIA over issues. They have discrepancies over timber harvest, roads, etc.

Potts - this year, 2017 is when all the bonds will be paid off with Martin Hall. That will really help that facility when that happens.

JD - That's the reason we stuck to our guns and looked at all options. No one had ever carried through with doing a cost-benefit analysis. Because we saw a problem with our facilities.

Fix it - if we put it before the people and they vote it down, what do we do? Judges said we were plotting against them, went on and on. They were dumbfounded when we made our announcement of fixing it.

Potts - most of the counties re Martin Hall had trouble with all of the judges. Chelan county - when we had counsellors working with first time offenders, all of the Spokane county commissioners weaned them to go to Martin Hall instead of their own.. (*Reverts to talk about how to pronounce recidivism.*) The kids had to go to school there.

JD - We have one here, and it is good. The people we have in Juvie are well qualified and do a good job. They have real good judges, so it was worth trying to salvage the situation if it was just a facility problem. The jail population in state of Washington is a problem wherever it is.

Potts - When I was young jail built in 1974. That was when all the counties were upgrading?

JD - Chelan county spent something like 270 million? That 's a lot of \$\$ with our population base. Our legislature in its infinite wisdom is coming up with unfunded mandates, etc. etc. (Reference to some "mess." What does fully funded mean?)

Potts - what would it take to fully fund the county?

SK - with all the unfunded mandates?

Potts - I was around when the car tag thing went through. They back filled for 100 million for a few years and then you were on your own. It was about 1999-2000, when I was still around as commissioner. Val Loveland of Tri Cities was the chair of the ways and means subcommittee. Came from cty govt and tried to keep it going, but it didn't take long. They funded a lot from car tabs. When state needed \$\$, they went there.

JD - if we get Mr. Greenjeans in, we'll have a state income tax.

RC - The unions there are in there trying to keep a bunch of their cronies in there and trying to keep state income tax on the horizons.

JD - Margaret Thatcher said problem with liberalism and socialism is that you are in trouble when you run out of other peoples money.

Potts- We are needing to leave. Lucky to have Zach. He had to sink or swim in Olympia.

SK - Thanks for all your work.

Zach - We are still here. Jokes about upcoming budget meetings.

(They go to front. All commiserate about their situations in legislature, etc.) Lanie was not here during this session, so it will probably not appear in minutes.)

12:10 - DeRro and Campbell leave. Lanie still not here. Sheilah leaves also. No one says anything about adjourning.

12:15 - Note taker leaves.