

Okanogan County Board of Commissioners Meeting 9.6.16

Ray Campbell - RC (BOCC)
Jim DeTro - JD (BOCC)
Shielah Kennedy - SK (BOCC)
Lanie Johns - LJ (BOCC)
Tanya Craig - TC (Risk Management)
DH - Debbie Hilts
Maurice Goodall - MG (Emergency Manager)

Notes: Written agendas not posted on door today, not available at table. Note taker's notes in italics.

Staff Meeting (9:00)

War Memorial, Tonasket

DH - Had to call Randy to tell him we are waiting for a quote on War Memorial - \$3,000 - \$4,000. Can use big trucks with a strap to go on top, but think they will need to rent equipment, so we will have to pay for the rental. Possible that the lawn will be damaged and they will give fax details this AM as to cost. For lawn - can turn in agreement to the insured parties to pay for that damage.

SK - So they were insured?

DH - Yes.

SK - Did Randy think they could stabilize it enough so it doesn't tip?

TC - Yes - because of shape of memorial, straps can't go on top because it will break the concrete..other details. For 11:30 meeting today, I have the spread sheet ready. I couldn't go back before 2015. We can have dialogue. Other than that, continuing to work on the day.

Comparable Salaries for Employees - Data from private sector

DH - We discussed Valley Surveying for next year. Was able to pull county salaries through AWC -this was free, did not cost. You had mentioned getting salaries of employees info from local entities (*private sector*) If you can get those names to me...didn't know if you were interested in OBHC, hospitals, etc. or others - so I can get this info from private sector..

SK - Part of the goal is that instead of basing our salaries on other comparable counties, especially since the other counties haven't experienced disaster, etc, we should call the contractors and ask what they are paying (.....employees, truck drivers, etc.)

Ben did a study of some of them, and some of our salaries are not so far off. Compare school secretaries, any other jobs - who ever would want to share that info with us.

DH - Legal secretaries and so forth. At least it is worth a try (*to get them to share.*)

RC - Be sure to find out what kind of benefits there are, so everything can be comparable.

Retinal Lie Detecting

DH - I will be out to civil service conference in Wenatchee with one commissioner - I will be there Monday. Public safety has new lie detector, works on retinal lie detecting, so we will see how that works -

All joking around about "look me in the eye." RC - some people lick their lips (*when lying.*)

Public Work tech positions

DH - Have been in on Public Works tech positions. One on Friday, 3 more Wed. Ben and Josh will make decisions on the 6 candidates for Tech 3 as soon as possible. Only one is in-house, others are not.

Employee Manual - Significant Others, Domestic Partners

Our additional language in personnel manual in re significant others and domestic partners: We have an employee, quite a few, who have significant others. Not married, but are in relationship according to state of WA as a partner. Rocky agrees we should update the manual to a certain point, possibly sick leave and that's about it. LFMA is federal, vacation is an issue - but sick leave is the big issue. Bringing to your attention in re personnel manual. There is a 6 sentence structure that outlines what other costs and entities call a domestic partner or significant other. Domestic partner is level ewith same sec or someone over 62. (State of Wa.) Significant other - 6-step criteria, lots of people in county fall under these rules

RC - I don't doubt that there.

PH - Mostly sick leave, hospital, etc. Any thing else?

RC - So you have to be same sex to do this? (*Facial, body language.*)

DH - That's pretty much it. For instance, a situation where a significant other was severely injured and partner works here but the partner needs to be in hospital, etc. but also the other will be in wheelchair and the partner will need to help - so sick leave would be able to be used in that situation if we change the verbiage. Now manual just says "immediate family."

RC - If people are out in real world (not government) how does this work?

DH - From my investigations, it's like spit, depending upon the entity.

RC - What a sick society we have anymore. A liberal, sick society.

DH - Suggests "significant other" as the best term.

RC - Makes clearing out gesture with hands. Unintelligible.

AL - Only comment is that we should do what we are required to do by law.

DH - We are currently in compliance with law, and how we change personnel manual is up to us. It is our own personal policies in regards to benefits. Nothing to do with FMLA (federal) it would be our own personnel.

SK - So we are in compliance now, with our outdated policy.

DH - Yes.

SK - So Debbie has done a lot of work on this. I, for one have been working on this in my supposed "spare time." We came in last pay period under a lot of scrutiny. That specific individual brought this to light. We worked, part of that were elected officials. At first not a lot of support, but other examples. If the employee is still under 6 months probationary period, it is stated which benefits apply, which do not. In situations we were brought aware of, that could have been another factor in this case (*of the undisclosed employee.*) Debbie had a draft pulled together...personnel policy is to adopt by resolution. I didn't get a draft done before this pay period, failed.

DH - We have until the 9th.

SK - Did not get this done...a personnel policy for Rocky to review before the 9th. I need a little direction, so does staff.

Question - Since we are legal currently, will we keep it the way we have it now? Times are changing...I plan to have a draft done, so all of us can review - 2004 has been last update, I have been working on it since 2013. There are going to be changes. Do we want to address separately, keep it the way it is now, or ? etc.

RC - We need to follow Albert's advice to stay out from underneath....

AL - We should be very careful about the update, be sure it is reviewed properly.

SK Agreed. It will go to Rocky.

DH - Rocky has already reviewed and approved, but there are going to be a lot of other changes.

SK - Admin policy will not be included. For example, will we continue to allow cell phone...employees don't understand that cell phone is public record. A lot of them do not understand that. Especially, with a lot of things we see going on this year, there is some serious liability potential. We will discuss as commissioners what we want to provide or not provide. It will be in this personnel policy. WE will have it clear and separate.

DH - Once everything is done, it will go out to all county employees and they will need to sign signature page and go in their file.

SK - It will go to other elected officials to approve - we need to...

SK - There will be changes. "Just a few more...coming our way." Chuckles from several.

RC - inaudible.

SK - We had people hired before...we should not have a 2004 dated policy in our policy. This is not leadership.

DH - Legal suggestion - once the policy has been done, will be updated every two years.

(DeTro on his computer during just about this whole thing. Others all attending to session.)

About Nov. 1 - employee evals will be finished by end of December. People will know that we need to review these things either every year or every other 2 years.

PH - I always counsel lots of detail and lots of regulation is a good thing if you are willing to follow it.

SK - That's why all the elected and appointed...this is only part ...it's all going to be tied together.

PH - I appreciate that, I do.

Litigation

AL - A couple of matters. Last week, the ongoing litigation involving the Yakama tribe and now "Valley Citizens Council" and Conservation Northwest -

Corrected by DeTRo and Campbell - it is Futurewise ..

AL - Ok, Futurewise....

RC - They are all the same.

AL - Yeah, them. That agreement as to how handle the case was entered last week. Will not comment further.

Other issue - I need to review again the work we are doing on petition for review on ATV case. Will be filed at the beginning of the week. Will not comment on strategy.

Discussion of ATV's

SK - We just came back from a 2-day ATV trip in Idaho and stopped in a little town. They are catering directly to recreation tourism. Little quickie store - by the time everyone left there, probably everyone spent \$500 in the same stop, The owner of the store said bet. \$3-4000 (a year?) at this one pump for ATV's. If it were not for the recreation and tourism here, what everyone brings in, we would be dried up. We went out on the trails, the roads, and we met bicycles, pickups on paved streets. It's just a shame we are locked down here.

DT - It is outright discrimination.

SK - That individual is just shocked that we are not welcoming the industry with open arms.

AL - inaudible...something you want to welcome. Apart from what we are doing - seek clarification by a higher court because this applies to public interest. (*unclear.*) This is our job. I can certainly understand what the board has done to advocate for this to the benefit of the community.

DT - We can have every type of vehicle, but they are picking on one single entity. You can take any other vehicle except for that (ATV.). if we are going to progress to social system, liberalism, if we can have fairy festivals,etc. why can't we have ATV's? Simple as that.

AL - Again, Mr. McIntyre is working on final (document?) (*Does he mean Sandy Mackie?*)

SK - Would like to call sec session on legal matters to clarify a couple of things because Sandy was here last week.

DT - Did you get e-mails from judges (last Wed meeting was at 7:00 - unclear whether 7AM or 7PM. (To Tanya) you are the only one that got a (buff? unintelligible.)

TC - I responded to Culp that since there was such a timeline I didn't have a time to compare increase in drug activity and DUI to increase....(too fast to follow.) I told him I would have this prepared for next year.

County Fair Difficulties

SK - Fair updates.....Maurice? Is this why you are here?

MG - Yes.

SK - Came in last year - to AL: thanks for your review.

Contracts: There was confusion with air advisory committee on hotel for judges, so I spent most time yesterday back and forth to fairgrounds. We found resolution for hotels where we are not gifting. I explained to 4-5 advisory members I explained those parts are part of a contract, whether a judge is among ...I am going to charge you a certain amount - my mileage, food, hotel, etc. in one price. That goes into the contract. We are not saying that if you come, we will pay your hotel,etc. Will do an addendum so there is no gifting. Sounds like 42 contracts that need to be amended really quick. Need approval from the board shortly - to Lanie : They will go ahead and fill this in. Fair advisory committee hasn't reviewed any of the contract. Will fix this next year.

Budget: Fair Advisory committee were going to contact Lanie on the budget, since they are not sure where they are budget-wise. The staff down there.. it was late - so that's not the issue to be discussed. Larry called - the porch on west side of Agriplex into food court has rotted off. He was down there putting fence posts and braces, etc. The one corner adjacent to building 4/8, 4x6, etc - has pretty much rottens. Larry walked up there, and the whole thing shook. I told him to tape it off and i went home to see if someone can come in one day to build porch entry way, etc. I offered our cat loader to take roof off, etc. many calls made last night He ill meet Larry

around noon - to get us through fair to be safe. Does not have time to just take roof off and put in new steps. That's done, I think - mix-up with the shavings. There will be another expense there...being brought by North 40 - one truck turned away....there will be "short shavings" - I think that is being worked out. So there will be another expense. Everything is elevated there right now. She assured folks that things will go on.... I made an exec decision that instead of fair advisory going to Vivian at office - there will be one person, that a will be Tracey and she will go to the office to ease load on Vivian. We don't want to put folks on the defensive. There are other issues I won't talk about here. They would be misconstrued (*the only non-staff in attendance is note taker.*)

MG - Water issues - The wells will need to be dealt with. The waters ok for today. Water will be shut off. PW crew will get water again so we do not dew down wells for irrigation water. A valve was damaged. could not get to hog barn. Got that fixed. Was talking with Larry about a lot of issues.

Garbage: Discussed garbage because there is no plan as to how to get garbage to the dumpster. Spoke with Vivian, and after being chewed on - I about walked off. Told her I would discuss this AM - my solution we have one 30 years dumpster. Usually have 2. We can get another for \$1,000 - put both dumpsters on a south ends. The garage folks can deal with them on Thurs & Friday - RV folks can walk down to south gate and put garbage (in a bag) into dumpsters.

With Vivian - how will you pick up garbage? There was no plan. Lauren from jail will come with inmates from 5 AM for couple of hours. The fairground has to be cleaned up before someone goes to bed. She is opening up as to understanding as to how it is done. Can't have vehicles driving in and out

Bathrooms - Plan was to clean every 3 hours. I said no, every half hour. You will not keep up otherwise. They are minus on personnel. The people there cannot handle this. Not enough people hired. It will be a royal mess. I told her if she is overwhelmed right now, wait until Friday AM. Something is going not have to happen to get personnel. Larry - day guy, Arron needs to be swing guy. They cannot go from morning until night. They can't make it.

I can assist with direction - but we need personnel.

SK - Your suggestion?

MG - I don't know. You can hire someone, but....i don't know who many trustees are available, more so than when fair....some thing being a little wrong in re driving vehicles, etc. If this happens during fair you are asking for problems. If trustees can do some - can't be used over 8 hours - split them up. if there is someone to watch them, you can get it done.

How will we get trash from north end on down. If using dumpster, someone will need to crawl into dumpster. Trash must be in bags, not loose. Can't deal with trash all RV olds make. Vivian understands. I talked with garbage people this AM - they can do something.

Bathroom - no plan for cleaning bathrooms. No personnel.

SK - She talked about having the company coming in. Instead of coming every 3 hours. Can't she direct them to do more (?)

MG - She didn't talk about any company. 3 hours will not work. She was open to me when she realized who I was. I'm helping, not pushing, to prevent a mess.

SK and RC - let Maurice go....just let him go. What I experienced yesterday from Sunday night all day yesterday, same all day - trying to put out fires. Like I said, there is a lot escalating right now.

MG - I left at 9:30 last night dealing with ground wasp nests...they can't just spray. There were thousands...there are a lot of issues. Larry very open to me. I'm glad he called on water, because there was a backhoe that would have torn off water. Water is working right now. I told him to gather all hoses, hitting every (?) off except arena.

Discussed keeping things locked. Everything in shop will disappear. Last night, everything was open, light is on, no one around. I can discuss with them.

SK - commercial building lights open due to bathrooms.

MG - But a lot of other things open, need to discuss what can be done. If you don't mind, I can assist. Just trying to help out. Shavings have been taken care of. We got the bales. We are not sure how to pay, but may get them given to us.

Other - Your big screen and projector taken care of. Apologize for not getting back together yet. I will get with Larry and Vivian, but we need more people.

SK - To Lanie - do you have ideas? I talked about hotel rooms. 23 out of 39 that are needed. He asked how we would pay. The vendors pick up check after event, and that's when they can pay for rooms. My understanding was that contract included cost of rooms but apparently that wasn't the case, and they thought the rooms would be donated, so they put it all on Sam's ??? So I went over several scenarios with him as to how to pay hotels, the checks are already done and din down there, cannot amend, so those hotels probably won't be paid until the 14th.

SK - Those people will need to pay for their rooms, and we will pay them in 2 weeks.

MG - Need to look at how many rooms you really need. Not every contact will have to be mended.

LJ - They said 24 rooms were accounted for - some had reduced prices....

MG - If someone can narrow down how many rooms needed really. (Number one)

Sk - Can you look into that?

MG - Awkward.

PH - How many needed will depend upon how many need to get motel room.

TC - Supposed to be for those outside town....*everyone talking at once.*

MG - Most are entertainers. Entertainer contract.

PH - They don't get a room.

MG - Correct, but here was a verbal promise.

LJ - We only want to fix it, so pay for the room

MG - Motel people can leave the entertainer out of it. We go to hotel and pay.

L - Check should go to the hotel.

MG - There are probably rooms that can be gotten free.

L - If we can secure # of rooms - a resolution could be done to pay the hotels directly, not to amend the checks.

MG - You are right.

LJ - One resolution that would authorize payment for the rooms easier for hoteliers, wouldn't involve entertainers etc. The rooms would be paid for. Payment to hotels would not be processed until the 14th.

MG - Not a problem for the hotels.

LJ - But I would need the details.

MG - I can answer the info if you want.

LJ - Sam has a bunch of that info.

MG - I spoke with him a couple of times.

SK- (?) sent me a list, so ...Frank Rendon, Sheepherder - 2 rooms Monday - Saturday night, 200+ dollars. MG - He can stay at my house. That one can be erased.

Beef and rabbit judges paid through donations.

MG - horse judges - every year.

SK - Singer needs one room.

MG/Lanie - Question as to 2 rooms or 2 individuals on some of these.

SK - This is on the way to you. (speaking of e-mail, I think.)

SK - Do you know where I live? (I am moving.)

EXECUTIVE SESSION - 10 min. re legal matters - Perry H., Counsel, Risk manager.

Speaker is woman in place of Charlene Grooms, who is involved with legal issues.

Passes out a report to BOCC, none to audience.

Collections: District court folks wind up in superior /court . A lot of these folks want everything combined, but if they are already in collection, the collection agency can do this for them. This will be better for everyone so will ultimately be a good thing for folks in that process. Superior court interests per month: Over \$90,000. This is what is accrued. We have folks who can't afford to pay, so we are collecting more per month. On the back, you can see how we are getting these numbers - interest per month Where we are - not for lack of collecting, but we are unable to collect. I was shocked when I saw this, but this puts into perspective.

"Dynamic" has been in our office - I had never met someone from Allaince One, so I was delighted. (?)

Going paperless: We have gone paperless - a huge effort on our office. What this entails - It is internal paper less. It still goes through our process, so for criminal matters when pleadings come in from court, Karen scans erecting into LaserFish so the judges can see them same day. those pleadings go back to Zach, our criminal clerk, who puts into our system (another day) so these are available to look at. For the most part, it is working. Proof - we had a light calendar mid-month, and everything was in the first morning. Used to take days. We have cut down on filing. Now how it works, everything filed per day. Karen scans in. Zach does documentation and also record certification. He verifies what she has put in. On top left, a page number, physical count. They compare this number, 80 page with 80 pages. These pleadings now to back to another bin in the back. Karen triages by date, then puts title seer with date, criminal car, bundled together, and then all car types 1-9 are bundled together under 8.1. As of 8.1.16 , all filed by date. So all docs have been certified, held together, and at end of a year, that whole month will be rip (*ripe?*) for destruction. We are holding for one year. This is new, we are being cautious.

The "back stuff" we have and since the courthouse started: Had 2 workers who did the back scan non process and verifying. Once the stamp goes on, that person is assuring that this pleading is complete. We were able to get through some, but we have mountains. We are working with the tribe and Work Source. We have two PC's set up for these volunteers. Last volunteer lot ended since 2nd week of August.

Laserfish, State Archives: Another exciting thing going on in clerk's office is WA State archives. very exciting. We will have everything backed up locally but also at the state level. Not only will t be a 2nd backup , but they also have the capability to provide documents and the \$\$ going into this, will come back to us, which will (?) us to get clerks to do more. They can do anything non-certified. We will need to do certified. We are working with Randy and Steve (?) in Central services. Services that Laser Fish has to apply to us, so we can scan things into the state archives. We have to scan our own before we can send to state archives. We are hoping we will have this all complete in 2 months. Laser fish update - turned out to be a hiccup for us more than anticipated. That was, and is a big problem for us. In our standing process, when (?) go to Karen, she scans in with xerox machine, but in the process, the machine did not go "with." We are working on this. To have one whole day we are not able to scan or connect docs, it was huge. Last week

we played catch-up on the Laserfish update. Still in that process, since Xerox machine not where it should be.

Passport training - working on getting all staff trained in passports. Pretty extensive. 14 lessons - a full day training, plus, in time. We are also dealing with issue of the union because we cannot give overtime or comp time to just the folks that are not union. We are going to have the folks that need to get the training will go one by one to the back and hopefully find a quiet place for one person at a time for training. The passport training will take much longer than thought initially.

SK - Question on that. Is it required that they provide passport training? I got mine at PO. Or are we just offering this?

Woman - We receive a \$25 processing fee for it - supplies revenue. Right now, a run on passport. As far as I know, all clerks' offices do provide, but peel of service is different. We can't do photos, only the passport. Cost of that machine - we wouldn't break even. It is an additional service, do not believe we are required, but a benefit to us.

SK - If it ever becomes an impact, we have the ability to say....

Woman - Yes, we can.

JD - Do you do the credit card sized passport?

Woman - yes. We would love add'l funds for our backscanning process, but understand that is not something for this year.

SK - An "ask" when we do the budget.

Woman - we have come a long ways, we are really hopeful that with our collection agency - having them in the same court. At least 60% of our folks are in both. I have spoken with Darla, they are seeing (grey? great?) things for dynamics.

SK - and less impact to people.

Woman (Kathy?) - Yes. some drawbacks, but the folks who have to look at it....very confusing, they are getting things from us, district court, others - would be hard to know what to do if getting this in the mail. Most of them want everything combined into one...we can't do this,...but we can do some things. Working on it. Next year, hopefully even more stuff.

Thanks from all BOCC.

Kathy - we are quite overloaded today, (*gives some details, leaves.*)

10:35 - All BOCC looking at computers, Some whispering between Lanie and Kennedy. Talk about a block grant, supplies, maintenance (no mics, inaudible.) DeTro on cell phone, Campbell on computer. SK - "wondering if they should have added. This is interim, this is attached to resolution....inaudible. Dwindles off, cannot hear. Discussion regards contracts. Voices lowered further. ...From Carey, she said unexpected money, deposited yesterday, not in the budget ...so

apparently there was discussion between auditor's office and ???about the ufnds, and as a result a supplemental.....SK replies, inaudible. RC and JD on computers as conversation proceeds.

SK - Jury management position? (Too quiet to follow. LJ checks computer.)

10:45 - PUBLIC HEARING - SUPPLEMENTAL TO JUVENILE DEPT.

Staff - any comment? (No staff present.)

Public comment? No (no one present but note taker.)

SK - This is a request to actually spend the \$\$ received? Check from Room One, deposited according to Juvenile Dept, who checked, deposited August 10th, this will allow them to spend these funds according to contract with Room One? Approved by auditor and Treasurer.

SK - Resolution: 74-2016, \$12,550 to Juvenile Dept as presented.

2nd - RC

JD - Further discussion ? (None.) Approved.

Short discussion between DeTro and Lanie: she does not take minutes of Supplementals. Not many attend.

10:49 Public Hearing closed.

Approval of vouchers:

Vouchers in amt of \$60,400 for County Fair and Agirplex as pesented. Moved, Seconded, Approved.

10:55 - Detro on cell phone, Campbell on computer, Lanie typing, SK steps out.

11:05 - TC enters. Muffled conversation among TC, LJ, and SK.

11:10 - Ongoing conversation between TC and LJ - cannot hear. Something about a resolution. SK reading documents, RC on computer, JD on cell phone, comparing with computer, messaging.

11:15 - TC, LJ, and SK discussing a resolution quietly. RC on computer, JD on computer. Something about a position that would be funded relating to trial court, approved by Short, Krem (?), Rawson as discussed with superior Court, District Court judges) has to do with December 31. Discussion of what Judge Short wanted.

11:30 - Overcrowding at Jail

(Note: Notetaker was preparing to leave when what appeared to be most of the County criminal justice system walked in - judges, attorneys, sheriff's dept, jail, juvenile, court officials, others. Decided to stay to

see what was going on. On website agenda as posted, this was listed as discussion of inmates. Most of the speakers were sitting behind note taker, so speaker was not always identifiable. The conversation went rapidly, so difficult to keep up.)

TC - Commissioners wanted everyone together. How do we fix this? What do we do?
Projects figures on wall in re jail. Ran out of time on April and May. It is numbers of male, female booked, released, etc. Well over 200, our limit is 185.

SK - to back up, since we have a member from the public taking notes, so that can reflect accurate notes. *(Did not exactly follow the meaning of this.)*

TC - 185 is max.

SK - What do we do if we are over 185? How do we do additional?

They are on the floor, on mattresses. They would get everything others tet, but not a bunk.

SK - if we go over that, are we still in compliance?

(Jail?) Longest allowed on floor is 72 hours.

SK - is there any time we exceed the 72 hours?

(Jail?) Yes.

SK - So we/I can understand, I really don't know if this is budget issue we need to address: infrastructure, staffing? What we are trying to do is to get full picture.

(Jail?) Will affect budget , because we are feeding more, washing more clothes, more supplies.

SK - So when this happens, do we bring in additional staff?

(Jail?) No more staff to bring on. We do overtime. Our staffing - gives numbers.

SK - so on graveyard, there is lack - someone could plan something *(appears to be talking about something planned by inmates that is not good.)* at this point.

(Jail) - it could happen at any time - never good.

SK - That equates back to safety issues for our staff and for inmates as well? So where are we with that? We have not heard of any safety issues. If we have certain amt of staff, overtime - they will get tired. No disrespect for inmates or anyone else, but this can create an issue if someone wants to take advantage of situation

Jail - officer assaults are minimal. Biggest thing is inmate on inmate. Not knowing who you are housing, or whether you are housing individuals who are...

Sk What do we do if there is fighting among inmates?

(Jail?) Lock them down, bring them to court, etc.

SK - If already jammed into area - is there a solitary confinement?

(Jail?) If aggressor, we can lock them down - own separate cell.

RC - May I jump in? On that case there, do you have adequate solitary rooms?

(Jail) - No, not anymore.

RC - A huge increase across county of criminal activity. What is causing this? Is it how we address, or things that...criminal activity.... are there more laws and regs?

Jail - We are 87% felons. Since 2013 , increased from about 50% to 80%. Since couple of weeks before stampede, over 200.

RC - What has changed?

Jail - Drugs. Creating more property crime. Trafficking, sold property, increase in heroine. In 2011, 315 felons. We are on (?) for about 570.

SK - More because stealing or robbing or the drug. It all ties together - you steal, (? sell) stolen property for drugs?

RC - Increase in heroine in county?

Jail: Last few years.

RC - Ao you are reaching into society that is vulnerable to that. Has that society increased? Is there a problem with the people that are trafficking? What happens when we catch them? Severe enough penalty? Or putting back on street?

(?) Couple of years minimum. But someone new always out there ready to step up and deal. Heroine a lot cheaper than meth, so easier to distribute and get, etc.

SK - Have legislation laws chained to the point where there is increase from misdemeanors to felonies?

9?) No - heroine was not as big here as in other counties. We are dealing.....

Culp - Not new statewide nationwide, probably only Okanogan county - wide. We do not have as much (?) as Chelan and other counties. Another thing driving cases is burglaries - if they go back with intent to commit crime, it is burglary - use to be treated as trespass. With our 11 bookings, today - sex cases, burglaries, assault. Tendency to point to drugs, but it is everything altogether. quotes numbers of recent cases unheard of. Jail, prosecutor, cases load of public defenders, sup court supplementals.....affects the whole system. Unfortunately, no simple answer because none of us in this room have any control over any of it.

JD - Going to bring up a very unpopular point: Ok Cty has built homeless housing, section 8 housing. I know real legitimate trailer courts that used to house working class people. You drive

through, and it's now like the hobo jungle in Seattle. I asked a trailer court owner, who said it is Section 8. I have no trouble collecting the rent, because the check comes from the gov't like clock work .Whenever you bring all that free stuff into the county, it brings along with it.....Look up at Regency and Applesprings. Talk to the people there; their vandalism and theft have skyrocketed because of the people across the street. They steal for their drugs.

Do you see any of that? Am I completely skewed on my vision, or ??? I know you do not want to.

(Lawyer or judge?) - looking at criminal history, they are local people, not people coming in. Other counties have that type of thing also. If they do not leave after high school, they are getting into this. I do not see people coming from other counties. :People who do come from other counties are coming here to hang out in open areas from the law.

JD - Maybe I hear just the bad stories as BOCC. One of these guys who has a storage unit. Used to catch people coming in to get combinations and then sneak in at night and ?? those storage units. One of the (cops said?) I'm am waiting to get my Section 8 housing here in Ok County. Where I come from, the lines are shorter in OK cty, easier to apply. Does anyone else heard stories like this?

Rogers - I have seen some of this. Not sure what it is, more opportunity, or ?????

Culp - If I could - that will not solve our jail problem today. It's a sociology question we could debate all day today and tomorrow. One thing - look at our contract with Douglas County. Some sort of emergency clause in there, such as if we reach an increase we are sorry, but we cannot take more of your prisoners.

Noah (jail) - No. A termination clause, but contract says we do not have the right to refuse prisoners We are refusing them, but contract didn't have that in mind.

SK - If we are seeing such an influx of local population, maybe we need to in the future change that contract.

Culp- That's right.

SK, next - if fall above max capacity and someone gets arrested, are we turning them away? If we are full, are we able to bring them in, or are we saying we have no place for them.....

Law enforcement. - We are at booking no misdemeanor warrants or crimes, will take DUI and (??) and felonies. Say you are accused of theft and skip court - jail will not take you.

JD - According to Culp, you reiterated - if you go into Walmart and steal something...the second time it becomes a felony. So that escalates someone who is just a kleptomaniac, but they do not realize the extent the big box stores go to...they get trapped.

RC - So they get caught stealing...

Culp - if they were trespassing the first time, then goes to burglary. Like you get one bite. Still a crime, but gross misdemeanor not a felony. If you go back after that and commit a crime while trespassing, it's burglary.

(?) In Douglas County, have to give a year's notice.

Another person - One thing to consider re tax payers. May not fly if we are releasing folks from being checked into jail that would protect Ok Cty citizens.

Dist court speaker - only charges..Noah runs report. Post-Conviction district court only 8 district court (?) only post-conference (?). Pretrial currently 9, 4 of those have active warrants in other courts and boarder control ...out of 2 remaining, one was warranted 3 times....18 total District Court only.. Reflective of some of the things we are trying to do. Releasing anyone who is not a danger....only asking for bail where there is public safety risk, alcohol monitoring alone for public safety. If they are available to appear, there is a warrant....

SK - Seems we are watering downthe issue of a warrant. A warrant used to be a big deal. Seems like there is watering down...if arrests can't be made that should be made because we are full - part of the equation.... not to point a finger at Douglas County...maybe we are not doing our public justice if they are getting warrant after (??) kind of a joke. But you guys are the experts.

Domestic violence has to be arrested...no bail associated..judges make decision. Case by case scenario nature of the crime, etc.

SK - Trend of domestic violence people getting killed or hurt, along with mental health issues - seems like we are on a ticking time bomb. We have seen people killed because of mental health issues.

How many mental health people are in your jail and waiting to be analyzed or evaluated? Can someone put perspective on this?

Culp - Not as many as there were at one time.

(Man next to Culp) Eastern has gotten quicker to evaluate. Probably under 10. Another (? none?) at this time waiting for evaluation. Evaluations asre coming faster now.

SK - Had meeting with person last Wednesday who came to talk about regional health. I tried to address issue with him. You have valid info that needs to be a part of regional health care. We do not have crisis center, etc. Our jails and hospitals are being impacted.

Man next to Culp - I work with Eastern state hospital. We try to seek alternative routes than jail, but we are limited by statutes. Either Eastern state or stuck in our jails. District Court - tracks 3's (couldn't follow) In past 6 months, Eastern state more responsive, so has shortened time with Distr court waiting for evaluations. Drastic change in last 6 months. Used to wait for months, and then just dismissed. Has really improved past 6 months.

SK - One of our main components is OBHC. a lot of other counties do not have that.

Superior Ct, District Ct have been meeting on monthly issue at OBHC. When it was a big issue, had been talking about OBHC coming in to do evals, but Eastern improved their process so we did not implement. We were working on that issue for months collaboratively.

Culp - I really think the BOCC will need to explore the Doug county contract if no emergency provision. That's the only potential quick fix I see. I don't perceive...at once thought Sup Ct load was a blip. But we are 2/3 of way thru '16, and we will be a good 10% above last year.

SK - How are we addressing speedy trial requirements? Our jails are packed and our courts are jam packed. How are we...everyone has right for speedy trial....how do we comply with that and go ...move out to other places so we can share?

(Speaker:)have been getting offers out when we can . Less an issue of trial resources...we try to get offers out. No control over sentencing guidelines...we try to get offers out for ...problem is a lot of people do not want to plead. They have the right to talk with attorney - so delay is a part of the process. We get offers out, but that is all we can do. If they want to go to trial, they can go. They generally waive their right to a speedy trial.

SK - Maybe either don't want to go back out, but they are plugging up the system respectfully said. Once the person takes the plea bargain and goes to trial, and then sentenced, how many people at that point, if they are sentenced 100 days, how many of them are going to go because they have already spent 160 days?

(Speaker) A lot of them want to fight until they get to time served.

SK - so they are dictating to us how we run our system.

(Speaker) Some people allow their attorney to do the instigation. We rely on lab results - a few months for drugs. Basically one lab for whole eastern half of state. If on guns, sometimes will not take now. We can ask for a rush of a month earlier. Somethings they will not test until there is a trial date. This is Wa State crime lab, in Cheney. There is also another, doing drugs.

SK - ca we go outside the (???)

(Speaker) - We cannot afford. Thousands of dollars. A lot of cases do not rely on - becomes an issue when we get into a trial lawyer a bigger charge .Not pushing for trial if not ready to go. Not the way the system should work.....when we are ready, we are sent to trial but defense may ask for more time, etc. etc.

SK - what if we had another judge or deputy prosecutor, it would not make any difference because inmates are dictating?

(Speaker - prosecutor?) No - if we had another judge it would help greatly.

SK - At some point, when do we ask the State for more?

(Speaker) I think it's another judge, more defense, more prosecutors, everything. I am one, (??) another felony prosecutor, Loan cannot take more. We can only do so much in a day. If we had

another (?) and defense had another one. Victim interviews are big thing - I will not prosecute unless I interview victim. It is all tied together.

SK - I know this is unpopular and I will be.....With that scenario, is there a way to contract with great attorneys in this county (and yes, it's private business) Is there an opportunity?

(Speaker) No, but statutes do not support this. Law enforcement can do interviews, but I will interview my victim. We can't farm out these interviews to anyone else .

Culp - For defense side, any defense atty who starts case cannot have another attorney take over their case. I don't think so. Interim solution (?) maybe more bodies. Don't know if that's the answer. Would like to say it would help, but not sure it is the solution. When you talk about speedy trial and defendant's rights very complicated. Dynamics always changing. That's what makes all this so difficult. Very difficult. Criminal justice system - why so expensive and takes so long? I have no answer - very time consuming, a lot of different aspects.

SK - If everyone here had a magic wand...what is solution? Can you as departments come up with one or two recommendations? Asking for another judge? (Outside our decision abilities) but if part of the solution - other part of solution looking at Doug county contract.

Backing up - Frank Rogers, Judge Culp - it has caught up to us. Back in 90's jails were full. We are the odd ball. What has happened, it has caught up with our county now. We have been screwed by the Doug Cty contract. Look at every other court - jails are full. Judges, prosecutors are doing what they can. Building more jails - they just get filled.

JD - Doug county contract - Noah - what is average daily use that Doug County uses?

Noah Last year 25. This year, running higher. I can give a report. Cap is 45. They were at 46 this morning.

JD - What is actually # if we get rid of Doug county contract and they are only using 30 beds/day?

All BOCC agree that getting rid of Douglas would be a bandaid. Problem is ongoing. Will be back in trouble very soon.

PH - Observation - as the BOCC explores, looks for bottlenecks, you are shoving bottleneck somewhere else in pipeline - then the prosecutors may have problems. Doug Cty contract - we can say fine, we create beds,...where in certain expense can you pick up lost dollars? One of those exercises I suggest you lay out a roll of butcher paper ...follow the object. Where does the person go from patrol car to when booted out? What, where can we improve upon without screwing up something else? You are not alone Kittitas - last time I talked with them, they are already full after more beds. Seems universal. Maybe set up and get comprehensive look at where they go from point A to point B. Always a question - what else can be done? Maybe nothing.

RC - Any county in this state that doesn't have this problem? Any place they are not faced with this? No one knows.

AL - Grant county had some problem years ago. We had 7 prosecutors. Went up . Then huge uproar....all of a sudden the numbers went way down on prosecution, but then crime went up. Don't try to tie hands of prosecutor. Same time - (?) trouble on public defense side, need to speed up. Be very careful about all these considerations. Ultimately, if we let people out, the public gets harmed. All options need to be considered. Look at Doug County, but it's a band aid. A lot out of our control. How do you police human behavior.

SK - Being clear, we are not telling anyone what to do.

PH - As you explore, consider physical plan. If you put on extra judge, need a new courtroom, room for jurors and place of selection. Can improve staff, but housing of all operations need to be considered. If can't come up with infrastructure.....

RC - Need to consider revenue. Will we increase taxes, how does that mix in? Can't overburden them with taxes also. Would add to more crime.

SK - is the tribal jail full?

Noah - Don't think so. Contracting with Idaho because never opened juvenile side. The (?) had trouble with hearing system.

CULP - Tribal code does n't prosecute felonies - goes to federal court. Most felonies with tribal member, if on tribal land goes to federal court. If off reservation or non-tribal, will come to state court. Doesn't know % of native Americans...point is that they are not housing anyone accused of a felony in the tribal jail.

(Man behind note taker) - Most courts - there is a movement looking into alternative pretrial measures holding only those people who are a threat vs not a threat Yakima Cty got a grant..looking into these possibilities. The quicker the defense can meet with their client and law enforcement can talk, the quicker a solution..

Speedy trial - there are no issues here right now.

Note Taker had to leave at 12:30