

## Board of Okanogan County Commissioners Meeting Notes

6/23 & 6/24/20

**Jim DeTro: Absent for personal business. Present: Andy Hover- AH, Chris Branch- CB, Lanie Johns – clerk, Pete Palmer- PP – Planning Director, Tanya Craig – Risk Management, Chris Culp- Superior Court Judge**

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### Summaries for 6/23 and 6/24/2020

6/23/2020

**Comp Plan draft in final review with 4 Alternatives should be ready to go by Planning Commission July 27th meeting.** A legal review by attorney, rather than technical writer, will be done - either Mark Johnson or another attorney. Branch wants to include a review comparing draft with public comments, AH seems to question.

**Public comment asking 1) If county will be alerting the public that comments are still open** on Comp Plan, since very late & undated Farm Bureau comments were accepted for consideration by Planning Commission. BOCC promises to look into that, with Branch stating that in all fairness to everyone, we should stick to the legal comment period - but later states that the final public hearing may be the remedy for this irregularity. 2) **What is the status on BOCC proclamation regarding peaceful marches, armed citizens' etc.** now that Jim Detro is gone on personal leave? Will you address it or wait for him? BOCC prefers to wait for his signature but will reconsider if he is not present next week.

**Public Hearing, Ordinance 2020-3 (Tunk Valley moratorium (in re water availability))**

6 citizens testify, all favoring continuation of the moratorium on subdivision and time for more study on the issue. Hearing extended until **Monday, July 20 2PM**. Written comments may be due by Friday, July 17th 5PM so the staff report with mailed comments can be issued to Commissioners for reading before the hearing. Current state guidelines for limited attendance for upcoming hearing.

**Two intense conversations between Hover and Branch: 1) Is there equality and correctness with involvement and actions of Hover by interjecting comments into WRIA 49 Planning Unit proceedings, when Branch was the official BOCC representative? Likewise, was it correct that Branch involved himself in listening to a Planning Commission public meeting and offering information regarding the Comprehensive Planning process and timing? (Conversation wanders into the definition of "sustainability" and which commissioners receive personal comments from Farm Bureau advocates or citizens from another perspective) and the implications of that. These**

conversations evolve into a discussion of meaning of "**sustainability.**" 2) What is the **correct process for issuing the staff report** to BOCC before a public hearing with copies of e-mailed comments; who understands the process; and is it happening correctly?

**6/24/2020**

Bid accepted for ceiling baffles for assisting the court's transition into the Agriplex .

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### **9:00: Highlights of Commissioners' Staff Meeting**

#### **Pete Palmer**

PP - Good meeting with comp plan. Got through the documents. Angie and she are working hard next week. July 27th meeting, 4 alternatives by July 27th meeting. Then should be ready to go.

AH - Could we have a technical writer review it, and our attorney, review it? Has no one in mind.

CB - Necessity of a technical writer for a comp plan? For regulations, yes. If for grammar, you can do it. Just concerned about time and cost. I would put the time and money on the regulations. At one of the planning conferences, it was timing, etc.

AH - To have it formatted correctly. Certain documents have certain formats. I'll do it if you want. Ok - legal review, no technical writer.

CB - how would we approach having someone to do this?

AH - Go through law firms on our list for land use. Used old 2019-11 - risk pool's land use atty.

LJ - Mark, others.

PP - estimating a couple of weeks to file in one document and I will add this to my report and you can tell me where to go.

CB - in re prosecutors, who gets assigned work outside of what they do? I would think it includes reviewing the comments on previous version.

LJ - Just handed BOCC spreadsheet for the clerk for Access, Unlimited. Since project not completed in 2019, all of \$\$ not spent. So \$26,000 short. Not all spent last year, so need to move to this week. \$30,000 approved by county auditor by over \$6,000.

### **9:44 - Governor's order regarding meetings**

CB: Wants to go back to reviewing Governor's order and meetings in general. We have to be sure we are consistent. Conversation caught me by surprise - if we tell others we can't meet that way, it's a problem (speaking of Covid.)

AH -(interrupting) I never said that. What I said is that we have a certain # of chairs.

CB - Something we need to address. Essential business includes a lot.

AH (interrupting) - it's essential and ....daily business/?

I didn't read it that way. Let's take a look. Certain things fall under the law, and then you almost have to adjust. Most important - if you have a hearing - it's important and essential business and there are people that can't make that hearing under the rules we have now....the order itself says you don't do that...some people do to have the capability to address this business, so the order says you don't do routine business.

CB - (*Looking for the order.*)

AH - Enters. What did you find out? (CB and LJ still looking.)

RCW's: 42.30 - Conduct with state business

Prohibited from taking action unless those matters are necessary and routine matters. (Not relative to people coming to meeting, not relevant to taking action.)

### **Discussion regarding upcoming hearing on Tunk water issues:**

CB - Gov's directives extended to July 1. We have a public hearing, can take action, except it's necessary to be sure people are able to comment. Hearing coming up: public notice sent out, asked for comment (by Pete.) My idea: extend the hearing after July 1 and stay within the 60 day time frame. Next one after that is on land use issues in Methow, August 3.

AH - Might want Dave Gecas to come up here.

CB - We have another 60 days to adopt ordinance.

AH - Asks Lanie to pull up 2020-3 ordinance and print it out.

LJ - Sent publication to media for hearing today. Says verbal testimony, 3 min per speaker, comments over e-mail, etc.

AH - I'm good with that. Just want to read Ordinance.

CB - And Dave read the ordinance?

*(They get the confusion between the 2 ordinances hashed out.)*

CB - We didn't address "that one " though the same methodology.

AH - I'm good with your thoughts. Are there people who have asked about this and wanted to come?

CB - Absolutely. One even contacted in regards to others coming. They knew the dates, etc. Called me up and asked if they could come down. I told them I thought it was ok, but we reviewed the recent proclamations. I said I'd ask about extending the hearing. Wanted to be sure they didn't come down and not be admitted.

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**TANYA CRAIG (Risk Management)**

Talked about 7 vacancies in the jail for corrections officers. Right now, down to 2 openings. Filled some last week. Some are pending exams, etc.

BOCC = short discussion about how people had building projects like crazy in the Methow and other places.

CB: Racism, violence and defunding the police: I want to be sure we apply those to Okanogan county and not just the nation. The board needs to be aware of how much we put into social services already. There hasn't been an understanding of that. A lot of conjecture about what is going on in the nation. There have been invitations again for a meeting on Monday, and when those statements are made these things need to be clear.

Tanya - Bringing in the numbers should be important. It's not necessarily public knowledge.

CB - On our new website, such things will be available. Another question - In regards to the comp plan, either Mark Johnson or (???) Does it take the prosecutors to request or approve?

Tanya - Not necessary.

CB - They would compare comments on the Comp Plan. In all fairness to everyone, we should stick to the legal comment period. Regarding comments I received about the Farm Bureau submitting written comments after the due date - I didn't reply when asked, but it's a good question.

**Conversation between AH//CB re WRIA 49 process, philosophies of sustainability, etc.**

AH - a couple of weeks ago, you asked me - the interjection of some comments I made into the WRIA 49 process - not out of line, etc. but of concern. So.....I want to try and develop where we are at....you are watching a planning commission meeting and feeding info to them. Let's draw the line as to where we are as to feeding info to these different groups. Because we want to....the way we look at things. IE - I try to represent a broad group of people and thoughts about different things. Want to be sure the answers are out there, like we do. In that way, when it

comes to us, it's not 180 degrees away from what we are thinking. So that when it comes to us, it's not like "no, that's not how it feels."

CB - You asked a question. About the differences of how .....

AH - NO. relative to input of 3 BOCC into a process.

CB - My answer is that I see a big difference in those 2 products. In the plan that results, I'm having a problem seeing where we even have control over the results Also, a time problem. Also - convoluted. Law is far from perfect in that process, and if we don't get what we need out of that by the end date.....so identifying what everyone means gets confusing to people. Even trying to clarify, from your perspective, it makes it even harder. It puts me in a position too, like ...I am not a farmer, so I don't understand.

AH - I hope that doesn't come out of my mouth.

CB - It comes out because you are involved with the Farm Bureau more than I am. Farmers have to do with regs, etc.....In the past I have represented cities and towns. Have little to do with what I think.. It's a little difficult because the initiating gov'ts are clear that they need to move along and some of the other things are not as important. There will be a process where you can't stymie it. In the end game, some of this will have no relevance involved. That's why there is a difference between PC/Planning staff (responsible for writing professional guidance of that process....laws and results. Typically, the planner should be the one that understands.) These are huge differences. When I was there and everything is recorded in the chat box. NO conversations with certain exceptions. If someone comes to you and talks about comp plan - no process. you are perfectly able to have those conversations. But the Planning unit is made up of stakeholders. Speaks a voice like an organized voice. Then all the others are like, what does this mean? Assessment from the larger world - If you go to ....breaks up....far from perfect legislation that's going to affect the bottom line of stream restoration. If we get into a rule making session...

AH - Chris, we are not going to go to rulemaking. Are we on schedule right now?

CB - NO. Not necessarily.

AH - where is the scope of work?

CB - If you listen to aspect, we were getting behind

AH - but all those decisions were made.....

CB - something about framework...there is still an issue of not having those issues on there. That's of concern.

AH - They voted on it, that's the way it is. The voting process.

CB - As long as everyone holds true to the process....Again, people walk away from the process because they are disgusted. Ecology comes back and says you dropped your own operating procedure.

AH - Have never heard any group members say we should add more projects. So their interests to me seem to be fulfilled. They aren't saying this isn't enough, they are saying we need to add more projects. So, we have the stake holders who want to have more are not voicing their opinions.

CB - I am hearing from them when they talk - having all those projects in there are important to the entire...

AH - I agree. Like AVR (*Antoine Valley Ranch*), don't want it pushed because it's a private....they don't want to push the land owner by saying.....However, if you just look at the project itself, where it's located, it's necessary ..unless....(*Hard to follow*)

CB - Yes, they are all if's and's and but's.

AH - If that one goes through, it might have negated others. Best available science says that.

CB - As projects unfold, you change. So, if this happens and that doesn't happen, the things that happen through those processes change.

AH - But the only way to plan for that is to say, "If this doesn't happen, then we need to..."

CB - And so there is a statement that you don't even have to do them.

AH - I am saying there is concern on the other side of having too much water go downstream. If you are to put water in AVR, the water that you would then have down here is not going to help fish right here.

*(Note: The AVR proposal's aim is apparently to get more, cooler water at the immediate area where the creek enters the Okanogan in order to solve water temperature problem in the Okanogan River. Various cooler water sources are said to be not very suitable for spawning supply for steelhead refuge until the rest of the river cools down.)*

CB - I heard that when you were there.

AH - But if you buy that water with stream restoration \$\$, you can't use that water right there. A problem. We want the minimum amount of \$\$\$ used.....

CB - I know. I was right there. This isn't just my deal. It's the initiating Gov'ts deal. Since it's part of your district, maybe you need to work this through with the initiating Gov'ts , etc.

AH - And whatever comes about, it's my issue?

CB - Yes - it takes away from me advocating for something different from you. We spent time at a meeting. Frustrating to everyone involved.

AH - Wasn't my fault. The facilitator needs to facilitate.

CB - Yes. Someone has to draw a hard line about time - the Unit has to support that. You need to understand, I'm not the only one in that conversation. My belief and standard of operation.....

AH - The thing is that none of those...you say that I talk with the Farm Bureau more than I do. But the members...what I just said is that folks on the "other side" don't call me up. They seem to say things are going along fine.

CB - It has been there, right? Mostly (*the problem?*) was in this conversation.

AH - I said it about indoor/outdoor use. It's so many acre-feet and so the thing is that, ok, this is how I relate. Conservation easements - a lot of people are against them because it takes away from gov't money. But now we are talking about so many acres of alfalfa so not so many houses can be made. I take issue with that because it's a double standard. If the argument comes that I don't like conservation easements because it could be developed later and get a larger tax base, against I want to keep 60 acres of alfalfa , and so....(*hard to follow.*)

### **What is "sustainability?"**

CB - Another part of all that - happens to be part of a vision for Okanogan county. There is an inherent divide about the importance of farmland and its importance in our county. And then you have development, which gets into planning. You are looking at both kinds of things ...people are saying that it's important to protect farmland. A guy from Farm Bureau in (1984??) said if you want to protect farmland,... you (????) I asked how does a planner facilitate that? You start gathering tools. If it is a goal that agriculture is a mainstay of the economy, you already have it - in what way can you make that happen in a way that doesn't regulate that people have to keep farming? And if as a farmer you don't provide for your own retirement ...you go back to what is ....They didn't want to use the word "sustainable" because it represents environmentalists.

AH - Really?

CB - Yes. For a long time...for example, "urban growth areas" vs "city expansion areas"

AH - Sustainable means the same thing no matter where you go. But Urban Growth Areas is in the GMA. But sustainable agriculture to me means that I, or someone else - or their kids - can keep farming and making \$\$ on it.

CB - I talked about sustainable economy. I go back to the roots of a basic economy. How do you have an economy that is just.....building houses , etc - is of use to someone. But conservative resources.. how is that sustainable if I say I have to make sure this is developable for housing or affordable housing...

AH - What I think would be a good goal to sustainability - so we grow cattle, apples, cherries - you ask how much is actually purchased in the county and that amount is local at a good price. The need is local. The production ...like schools. Schools are required to purchase meat at a certain price. Ridiculous - it's why we're buying it from South America - etc.

CB - And we absolutely agree.

AH - That is sustainability. When you are producing products and not filling the local need, that is ridiculous.

CB - Exactly. Agree; I see that part of the economy happening in the Methow Valley. I can have this farm, I can live here....if there is pressure from folks with a lot of money, it's taking that away. So, what are the tools we have that can....

AH - The word I always use is "net density." If I have so many acres and so many lots, if I wanted to put in septic, water, I can develop 20 and leave the rest open, we would have the same amount for agriculture.

CB - Yes. cluster development. Gives options of keeping your land in farming. And still have a retirement.

AH - Yes. On that daily water meter, I was talking about keeping farmland viable ...I make \$\$ on alfalfa, my neighbor uses a small percentage of the water.

CB - Question - who has the greatest risk factor?

AH - So you have a 20% split. But you are netting more \$\$ . Talking alfalfa for pack horse, draft horses. Watching this guy... we need to keep water on land so we can keep farming. Takes a lot more than just water to keep farming. Like having another job, other things.

CB - I've known a couple of others - ranchers, loggers, fisherman, who said they did all those things...and raising hay. And then there is gravel.

**Time is 10: 56. - Bid opening at 11:00 (Notes not taken.)**

**Lunch**

**1: 30 Citizen Comment Period.**

**Isabelle Spohn:** Thanks for answering my question as well as you could about the Tunk Hearing and public attendance *(Had asked over e-mail or chat whether the hearing would be continued since people in Tunk were not clear on whether or not they could attend in person and many could not participate over zoom. )*

**Question: #1** The Planning Dept received comments from the Farm Bureau on the Comp Plan long after the comment period had expired (several months.) 2 documents, which were sent on to the Planning Commission for their consideration. They were not dated and were not stamped by the Planning Commission as to when they were received. Al Roberts (Chair) accepted those comments. **When will you announce to the rest of the public that comments on the Comp Plan are open again?**

CB: Haven't talked with Planning on that particular issue, don't know their reasoning in accepting it. They are making good progress on the Comp Plan at this point. I will look into it.

AH: Weren't there comments on Scoping? It's a little convoluted. (Discussion as to what the dates were, etc - no one remembers. Needs to be checked.)

CB - It's a little convoluted.

AH: Wouldn't they hold a public hearing for adoption? (Yes.)

IS: The reason I bring this up now is that during the session this morning, it was stated that the attorney who looks over the Planning Commission draft would also be comparing the Planning Commission's draft with the citizen comments.

AH - No. I did not say that.

CB - I did. I said that it would be a good idea if the attorney could also compare the citizen comments with what is in the draft.

Silence for a long time.

IS - The comments (2 documents) were months late, but were accepted by the Planning Department and passed on to the Planning Commission undated and not stamped with a date by the Planning Commission. The reasoning by Al Roberts at the Planning Commission meeting (I attended the meeting) was that any citizen can talk to their PC representatives at any time, so it should be ok if they submit this comment. However, as we all know a written comment which then becomes a part of the official record is much different from a verbal discussion with one individual (and which is not a part of the record.)

AH - Wouldn't they hold a public hearing for adoption?

IS: The way it worked last time was that the BOCC reads the PC draft and decides whether to adopt it and whether or not to hold further public hearings.

CB - Will look into it. The remedy could be the public hearing that will be held.

IS - One of the issues is that the comment that was submitted was in a totally different vein from almost all the other comments. It supported continuing with the current Comp Plan that we now have.

## **Question #2**

What is the status on the proclamation regarding peaceful marches, armed citizens' etc. now that Jim Detro is gone for a week. Will you address it or wait for him?

CB - My thoughts - wait until he gets back.

AH - Andy agrees. Not a law, etc. It's just us saying how we should act. If he's not back we'll take another look.

## **2:00 Chris Culp - Change-over to Agriplex for Superior Court**

Culp - How does getting more than 5 people together interact with the governor's order? The question is that you are balancing a person's constitutional right to a trial against the Governor's ..... I would think that going to the Agriplex would be a good idea. A meeting we are having there - we take over almost the whole building. Everyone wearing masks, everyone socially distancing. We have made many adaptations, public will be made aware in their jury summons. We can make them safe.

You are right about the conflict -I think the gov is onboard with this. The Governor is right across from the ???office and they are all in agreement. Give a shout to IT people, Naomi Peaslee, I appreciate their efforts to make this all work. Naomi has been great. That said, the Agriplex is not a long-term solution. We don't know how long this will last. There has always been a long-time shortage of (rooms?) All kinds of potential in USFS building.

AH - My thoughts have been trying to bring everything in, but when you stop and think about it, the you see a building that is that big, has storage in the back, vacant now, it starts making some sense to see what the long-term thoughts are on that.

Culp - Also wants to say our association has been very understanding of Covid, schedules have been modified. Everyone is back now. We are increasing the size. Calendars increasing back to normal, not 100% yet.

CB and Culp say it's surprising to see the Agriplex in a new light, working with Naomi. Looking forward to being judge on July 7th.

## **Tanya Craig -**

Not required to do temp checks for employees, but if they are the data needs to be kept in a certain way, so contact me or Shelley to assure compliance.

Due to pandemic, many more people working at home on laptops supplied by the county. There is a strong need to update the arrangements when employees are using county property.

Discussion of AH concerns that everyone does not have an internet connection.

Voice - Some things have to be open to the public.

AH - We are not on an equal playing field here.

### **3:00- Tunk Valley Ord.2020-3 Public Hearing**

Pete Palmer- Reads the legal notice.

CB- Some people were going to come, but I will make a motion to extend the hearing for them.

#### **Testimonies:**

**Victoria Velategui:** 826-1442/ Last night I had little sleep. Life was comfortable enough in 2006 - Dried enough in 2012, that I COULD NOT do green space. 2012 - worked on 500 gal storage tank. Could fill it. 2015 - stopped only the little fire in grass. Had to dig new well - 600 feet of copper wire, etc. pinches my retirement. When I heard 2008 report that said Tunk was out of water, I was happy but saddened. Commissioners failed me and the neighbors..... If you had acted on the 2008 study, it would have saved so (many problems?) How does one sell a home that has to be supported by 2 wells?..... Restore the ordinance until another study is done.....

**Deborah Lee - Tunk 425-280-4502 (?) debralee@gmail.**

We have 150 lots up here. Not sure how many wells. Some 5 acres share a well. Many having problems supporting 1 or 2 homes on the well. Exponential growth now. They all want to drill wells. It will take a toll on the valley. Folks up here with excessive use, watering twice a day, several lawns. There has to be some regulation here. If issues with water, we need to know who is using it. People are begging, borrowing, and stealing. Reach out if you need more info from homeowners ass'n board.

**Isabelle Spohn:** I support the adoption of Ordinance 2020-3 and continuing it in effect. Tunk Creek has been over appropriated during the summer low flow period, impairing agricultural and other senior water rights. Some rights have been abandoned due to the lack of available water. More use will worsen the situation and continue to impair senior water rights. Maintaining stock watering rights is important to the economy of the county with regards to tourism and food availability. Maintaining the flow of Tunk Creek for as long a season is possible is also important to the environment. Even 45 years ago, water scarcity in the Tunk Valley was recognized by the WDOE. Along with the fact that hydraulic continuity has been established, restriction of groundwater withdrawals as well as surface water withdrawals should be prohibited for 6 months of the year under the 1975 Instream Flow. Please continue studies of water availability while continuing Ordinance 2020-3 to keep the situation under control.

CB: Anyone else? (No answer.)

**Victoria** - I know there were more people from Twin Crk and upper valley. How will you extend the meeting so they are able to comment?

**Valerie Miller** - I am on Tunk and would like to give testimony. 509-826-5151. [VJSLUMAN@MSM.com](mailto:VJSLUMAN@MSM.com) (MSN?)

We have lived here for 10 years. As Deborah Lee said, we are sharing a well on Tunk and our ability to get a lawn of any kind, no vegetable garden, our water supply is so low. If we continue to allow people to drill and get more homes up here, we will have nothing. Will need to drill another well. Moved up here 10 years ago because beautiful and not many people. Now we are afraid we will have no water. People moving in from everywhere. Keep the moratorium on. Do not give out any more permits.

CB: Re the next hearing. ....

**Victoria** - what is the limit for e-mailing comments?

CB - When we extend, we will identify that.

CB - There is a governors' order extended to July 1 that doesn't allow people to come into the room. If we extend, it will be after July 1. If it doesn't happen, we'll need to figure it out.

**Dave Sweger** -750 Tunk Ck Rd. We have old water right that served 3 properties, in 2001 or 02, put in wells instead of surface pick-up. We wasted money. Not even enough underflow to keep the irrigation going, even for a small lawn. Gave up on it. Weather has changed, general groundwater situation in valley.

CB - We appreciate you testifying.

**Deborah Lee** - where should we e-mail testimony?

Lanie - gives address. [LJohns@co.okanogan.wa.us](mailto:LJohns@co.okanogan.wa.us)

Zoom on phone = \*6 on phone.

**Voice** - may I ask question: Am I correct in understanding that the 2008 study found our water situation was dire, and we did not act on it?

CB - I was in a watershed unit; if you are talking about USGS study - do not remember "dire," but it was the result of a planning member I am familiar with, had asked to have it evaluated.

**Voice:** So, it led to no action?

CB - No action was requested.

V. - Who needs to request the action?

CB - The action now is to further study the action.

V - So after the study, does the public need to know the study is complete and then request the action?

CB - Best I can say .....you can request an action, such as zoning change, etc. This action we thought would be WRIA 48 - the more I see it developing, I don't think it will do much for Tunk. Looking into Tunk will be somewhat dependent upon the Comp Plan and Zoning. We are looking carefully at Tunk and Methow basins.

**CB - (To AH) - I would make a motion to extend the hearing. Not seeing anyone else. (Moves to next agenda item.)**

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AH - Lanie, Dates priorate August 2nd?  
Every Monday in July at 2:00.

AH - Moves to keep the public comment open and extend the public hearing to **July 20 at 2:00 PM.**

CB - Hearing extended. Encourage you to submit e-mails if you have trouble with this kind of meeting.

AH - Hoping to be able to have people in here.

CB - Phase 3 at least, we might be able to have people in here. There is the potential that we could change this ordinance. Until then, call Planning office if you have questions.

**CB - Hearing closed. Will resume July 20, 2PM.**

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**Discussion Re Procedures: Staff reports from Planning commission before public hearings:**

AH - Pete your question - good. Public hearing generated ...anything that falls under Planing Dept purview.

Lanie - I don't put that in there. That was put in there by Perry.

AH - Would like all comments in one place and shipped to us. Instead of us going through e-mails back 6 weeks.

(People talking over each other.)

CB - We should have comments due before hearing, like if hearing is Tuesday, have comments due by previous Friday.

AH - If she could put them in a folder by e-mail, along with supporting documents.

CB - Typically the programs have been like that. That is the staff report. Works a lot better. We have time to look at comments.

AH - to Lanie - For this hearing take all comments prior to the day, up to 2PM on the 20th.

CB - Should be a common practice. If it comes after 5PM, it is not a part of the record.

Pete - can't be here. (?)

CB - the way the water availability study and interim ordinance worked, we looked and saw that it could only work for 6 months....etc.

AH - No, no. this is for any public hearing.

CB - We are addressing the process. The process before where we saw an error. The process has been established for a long time. That is the process, but we deviated once because this was ....

AH - I have never once, in 2 1/2 years....

CB - That's the end of it. So we move on.

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**Approving minutes.**

AH - moves to approve BOCC proceedings from June 15, 16, 17th to July 6th. (???)

**WHILE SIGNING DOCUMENTS: Heated conversation, AH/CB regarding the process of staff report for public hearing being issued to Commissioners in time for public comments to be read before the hearing**

3:56 - I hope we have time to consider the conversation once our emotions have died down - are we still wanting to understand the.....

AH - Yes.

AH - that conversation you ended quite abruptly.

CB - I apologize for that.

AH - In 3 years, I've only had a couple of times where I was sent an actual folder where I've had all those things in it. All I was asking for that since we have a new planning director, since we just went through this at a public hearing when written comments were coming in at the last

minutes. I wanted the same thing you wanted, to get the comments prior to the public hearing, to hear what people were saying.

CB - Sorry, I've seen what you are saying. Just going by something I've seen for several ears. Maybe past few years it went differently. But it has been that way for years. That's the way I am used to doing business. It goes without saying, but if that hasn't been happening - the water situation has been... but for quasi-judicial , it had been happening that way. It's crazy to not have it that way.

AH - Staff report was excellent.

CB - What aggravated you?

CB - I accept it as a standard thing. I am used to it being done that way. I was wrong in pushing that forward - it's an idea you had, but it's a standard I know. It was a standard for many years. I don't know how that went off-base. The way things have been unfolding, especially with water -

Ah - this was just an off-the-cuff comment that from what I've seen.

CB – It was wrong of me to promote the escalation....

AH - Willful violation of a misdemeanor? (??)

AH – Somehow we have to break down the communication barrier.

LJ - In the past when we were receiving comments and they were compiled - that was when Ben was the planner. In those very comprehensive reports.

AH - Chris knows what needs to be in there. I think I know what needs to be in there. Have had several instances when people ask if I got their comments.

CB - Same with me. Someone would have submitted the comment just before 5 on Friday- really bothered me when it didn't happen that way.

LJ - even though the packet was prepared beforehand, the letters were received later - you don't want to exclude the comments...

CB - I don't think we've done one quasi-judicial since you 've been here.

AH - Subdivision comments are quasi-judicial. I've been saying I can't comment on it etc..

CB - Let's get an answer on the Interim Regulation.

AH - If it were to affect everyone, it's not quasi -judicial - if it affects only a few people, it's quasi.

CB - (*broken up*) That's where it's defined.

LJ - I got an e-mail from Kevin Bowling. ??Fire Danger regulation - should be changed. Remove "that" part. Requesting burn ban as of July 1. DNR will be shutting down at same time. Campfires in designated areas. Fire Blight burns to be allowed.

AH -Have staff prepare resolution. Other things that are beneficial. So people understand that we already have a process. LJ - people know.

**Adjourns 4:01.**

Let's call in tomorrow. I will call in and grab those 3 quotes from my car for the sound baffles.

CB - Maybe I can answer question about quasi-judicial at that time.

**Wed, 6/24/2020 - 1:30**

**Bids for Ceiling Baffles in Agriplex for Superior Court Use**

Sonix bid accepted for ceiling baffles for assisting the court's transition into the Agriplex .

END