

**Okanogan County Board of Commissioners meeting
February 22nd, 2021 PM session**

Chair - Chris Branch (CB)

Vice-chair - Andy Hover (AH)

Board of Commissioners member -Jim DeTro (JD)

Clerk of the Board - Lanie Johns (LJ)

Planning Director - Pete Palmer (PP)

Asst. Planner - Angie Hubbard (AHu)

Summary

Veranda Beach permitting issues, including Ordinary High Water Mark (OHM) and complications; Hammond (developer) presentation including timeline ; Discussion of permit application process, documentation, and communication among departments; obscure county business involving an architect is discussed; Treasurer report, property tax refunds, auction of properties; Management of county resolutions; Hover mentions Methow Conservancy promotion of County acquiring property North of Winthrop for wildlife habitat; Positive political benefits discussed.

You Tube time stamps:

00:00 - PP introduces new planning dept employees.

1:50 - PP discusses Veranda Beach permitting issues. Gives background, talks about efforts to identify Ordinary High Water mark. Discusses current application for building permit and complications regarding that.

9:40 - Jim Hammond, real estate developer for Veranda Beach presents his point of view and discusses his concerns about the timeline of how the project is progressing.

1:03:54 - Mr. Hammond concludes his presentation. Casual conversation ensues.

1:05:00 - BOCC discusses the process of applying for a permit and how to document the steps that an applicant has to go through and how it is kept track of, and the issues around communication between departments.

1:16:45 - AH mentions some other county business: Public works has recommended an architect, AH will contact L & I, and a reference to a letter from DOE, but no details were revealed.

1:18:29 - LJ updates BOCC on treasurers report regarding property tax refunds and properties that are coming up for auction.

1:20:13 - AH asks LJ about how resolutions are managed.

1:24:22 - AH mentions a piece of property north of Winthrop that Methow Conservancy has asked County to look at for acquisition. Conversation turns to how County could get credit for making an effort to conserve land for wildlife habitat.

1:29:00 - LJ informs BOCC that the NEWC meeting has been re-scheduled to March 31st. AH will attend. JD will only attend if he can go in person.