

Board Of Okanogan County Commissioners  
Tuesday AM September 22, 2020

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Present; Jim Detro (JD) BOCC chair, District 3, Chris Branch (CB) District 1, Andy Hover (AH), District 2, Lanie Johns(LJ), Clerk of the Board

9:00 LJ – Naomie Peasley, Fairgrounds Staff will not be coming to report today.

9:08 Pete Palmer, Planning Director, reports busy week next week with public hearings re: Recreation plan, WRIA 49 plan, & Zoning map. At final draft to Review, then SEPA.

AH asks why the Comp Plan needs to go through the Planning Dept before Commissioners.

9:15 General discussion Governor's Office call re: current needs. AH suggests ranchers need to be contacted to get accurate number re; animal losses, buildings, etc from Fire

9:20 – upcoming hearing this PM, Andy won't be there.

Question re Prosecutors' Office Budget, needs supplement \$35,00. Need time to discuss

9:30 – 9:45 Commissioners watched/critiqued new video advertising Okanogan County

9:46 discussion over Shorelines Plan – mostly AH & CB

10:02 – Cari Hall, County Auditor, Tanya Craig, Risk Manager, and Maurice Gooddall, Emergency Services. Discussion regarding County employees helping with Emergency Services, how to bill, the need to communicate between departments, and coding for funding. FEMA vs COVID vs Emergency Services Budget.

10:41 Lauri Jones, Health Dept reporting that the State backed out of funding for testing school children. Would like to know if CARES \$\$\$ can be used. Short discussion as 10:45 hearing. This testing could help get children back to school. Will discuss later.

10:45 Public Hearing – Transfer of water on an existing line in Okanogan which has been around for 60 years. No public Comment. MSC to approve.

10:55 - Josh Thomsen & Kent K, Public Works; 2 bids received for Miller Pit. Discussion of cleanup for FEMA \$\$\$ curbside vs central landfill for fire victims.

Expected rain in near future, concern about flooding.

More report of current projects, deck restorations, and priorities and planning

11:43 Adjourned for lunch