

RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS**OKANOGAN COUNTY****APRIL 1, 2019**

The Okanogan County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on April 1, 2019, with Chairman, Commissioner Jim DeTro; Vice Chairman, Commissioner Chris Branch; Member, Commissioner Andy Hover and Kelly Ross, Senior Clerk for Laleña Johns, Clerk of the Board present.

Review Commissioners' Agenda and Consent Agenda.

Commissioners reviewed their agenda and the items listed on the consent agenda.

Briefing Among Commissioners – Discuss Individual Weekly Meetings & Schedules.

Commissioners discussed their individual weekly meetings.

Commissioners Hover said he received an email from Auditor Hall stating that Assessor Gilman requested to fund the full time Appraiser 1 position and defund the Commercial Appraiser position. HR/Risk Manager Tanya Craig was asked to join the meeting.

Motion Staff Direction.

Commissioner Hover moved to direct HR staff to draft a resolution to fund a full time employee Appraiser 1 position and defund the commercial appraiser position. Motion seconded. All were in favor, motion carried.

Commissioner DeTro asked for any discussion. The commissioners requested Assessor Gilman and Auditor Hall to join the discussion.

Commissioner Hover inquired about the process for the appraiser positions. Ms. Hall explained the BARS codes within the Assessors' office budget. Commissioner Hover requested Mr. Gilman and Ms. Hall to discuss the process with HR. Commissioner Branch would like the history and the future intent of this position added to the resolution.

Mr. Gilman also would like to reclassify the chief appraiser position. The board requested to have a resolution drafted.

Ms. Hall informed the board she attended a webinar with Tyler Support and they are doing away with Eden, but will support it as long as they can. She would like permission to ask questions about a new system, because we can't wait until the last minute to change accounting systems. The board requested that she gather all the information that she can.

Discussion-Okanogan Land Trust

Jerry DeBacker and Director Huston were present.

Mr. DeBacker handed-out a map for a land trust easement. (attached) He explained the parcels are high quality ground and with irrigation. The land owner will retain three home sites in the easement along with the existing three. The home sites are to serve the farm. Mr. DeBacker stated he will need a letter of support for the application. The board requested he write the letter and send it to them for review. Mr. DeBacker said from now on he will only be a consultant, as he is taking a step back from the trust. He thanked the board.

Bid Award of County Legal Newspaper Contract.

Gary DeVon from the Gazette was present.

The board reviewed the bid specs and discussed the price per inch to circulation. One of the bids quoted the tax foreclose price by the parcel not by the inch. Mr. DeVon asked if the specs said by inch or parcel. Commissioner Hover read the tax foreclose specs "Tax foreclosure bid must be based on cost per parcel basis".

Commissioner Hover would like Chief Civil Deputy David Gecas to clarify the wording of the specs. Bid award was adjourned until 1:30 pm.

Bid Award of County Legal Newspaper Contract – Continued

Presen Gazette Tribune Editor Gary DeVon; Member of the public Emily Sisson, video & audio recording the meeting.

Commissioner Hover asked Mr. Gecas to define the wording "Tax foreclosure bid must be based on cost per parcel basis". Commissioner DeTro stated, the statute states we must award the contract the first meeting in April. Mr. Gecas said if all of the other ads are quoted by the inch then it is here or there.

Motion Bid Award of County Legal Newspaper Contract

Commissioner Hover moved to award the County Legal Newspaper Contract to the Oroville Gazette Tribune/Methow Newspaper and directed staff to draw up the contract. Motion was seconded, all were in favor, motion carried.

Update – Planning

Director Perry Huston, Dan Higbee and Angie Hubbard were present.

17A.400.130 Ordinance

Mr. Huston reported the water availability study areas opens the door to mediation so he had added wording 1-3. Do they wish to move ahead with the ordinance, adopting as interim land use controls an amendment to OCC 17A.400.130, water availability study areas.

Commissioner Brach would like to move forward, this is what the ordinance is for. Mr. Huston will move ahead and have a public hearing with a 10 day notice. It was decided to hold the hearing on the 29th of April at 1:30 pm.

Motion Staff Direction- Water Availability Study Areas

Commissioner Hover moved to direct staff to prepare an ordinance to adopt, as interim land use controls an amendment to OCC 17A.400.130 - Water Availability Study Areas, as presented and add the date and time of the hearing. Motion seconded. All were in favor, motion carried.

Mr. Huston stated he has received some feedback about a new marijuana farm on Engh road. The board discussed the marijuana ordinance as it pertains to different area in the county including land use areas and zoning. We have some large farms that we never hear about because of the location. Mr. Huston stated he found real value in this discussion.

Airport Safety Overlay – Tonasket - Ordinance

Sent over the draft ordinance for review for the April 15th meeting.

Voluntary Stewardship Program – Contract Amendment

The Conservation Commission approved additional funding in the amount of \$24100 and the formal amendment needs signed.

Motion Authorizing Chairman to Sign Amendment to Cont. No. K1820-VSP

Commissioner Brach moved to authorize the chairman to sign amendment #2 of the Washington State Conservation Commission VSP Contract No. K1820-VSP to add amount of \$24,100 for education & outreach. Motion seconded. All were in favor, motion carried.

WRIA 49 Watershed Plan Update

Okanogan Conservation District's budget is \$108,000 to have the plan done by October 2020. The Interlocal Agreement between Okanogan Conservation District and the Okanogan County Board of County Commissioner is ready to be signed. Mr. Huston has a few planning unit appointment letters that need approved and signed.

Motion Interlocal Agreement Authoring Chairman Watershed Plan Update-OCD

Commissioner Brach moved to approve the chair to sign the Interlocal Agreement between Okanogan Conservation District (OCD) and the Okanogan County Board of County Commissioners to facilitate the Planning Unit in preparing the watershed plan update. Motion seconded. All were in favor, motion carried.

Motion Appointment Letters to the WRIA #49 Watershed Planning Unit.

Commissioner Hover moved to appoint, Rob Inlow of Whitestone Irrigation District, Rodger Sawyer of Aeneas Irrigation District, Brad Armstrong of Okanogan Irrigation District to the WRIA #49 watershed planning unit. Motion seconded. All were in favor, motion carried.

Wolf de-Listing – Comment Letter

Mr. Huston presented a draft comment letter to U.S. Fish and Wildlife regarding the de-listing of the gray wolf. The board discussed the wording regarding the CCT wolf management plan.

Motion to Summit a Comment Letter.

Commissioner Hover moved to approve and amend the county's comment letter to USFW regarding the wolf management plan, as presented, and directed the letter be mailed to the state. Motion seconded. All were in favor, motion carried.

Comprehensive Plan - Update

The next regular meeting is April 22nd and is hoping to have the draft done. May 20th is a special meeting and June 24th is a regular meeting.

Public Hearing – Supplemental Appropriation – Jail Commissary - \$19,321.00

Commissioner DeTro opened up the hearing to staff no staff present, then opened up to public, seeing no public he closed public comment. He noted no one present to comment. He opened up the hearing to commissioners' discussion. Commissioner Hover stated commissary is its own fund and has no CE impact.

Motion Resolution 39-2019 Supplemental Appropriation Jail Commissary

Commissioner Hover moved to approve resolution 39-2019 a supplemental appropriation within the Jail Commissary Fund 109 in the amount of \$19,321.00. Motion was seconded, all were in favor, motion carried.

Motion Appointments to the Watershed Planning Unit.

Commissioner Hover moved to appoint, Clay Gebbers of Brewster Flat Irrigation District to the WRIA #49 Watershed Planning Unit. Motion seconded. All were in favor, motion carried.

Motion Ordinance 2019-05 Water Availability Study Areas-Interim Controls

Commissioner Hover moved to approve Ordinance 2019-5, adopting as interim land use controls an amendment to OCC 17A.400.130, water availability study areas. Motion seconded. All were in favor, motion carried.

Motion - Voucher Approval - Commissioners

Vouchers certified and audited by the Auditing Officer as required by RCW 42.24.080 and those expense reimbursement claims certified as required by RCW 42.24.090 have been recorded on a list, and made available to the Board. As of this date, the Board did vote, by unanimous vote, to approve the regular vouchers in the amount of \$157,865.02 and Payroll vouchers in the amount of \$1,027,276.14. Warrant numbers as cited on the attached blanket voucher list. Motion seconded and carried.

Motion Public Health Voucher

Commissioner Hover moved to approve the Public Health Vouchers including payroll in the amount of \$43,884.17 and regular vouchers in the amount of \$1,992.77. Warrant numbers as cited on the attached blanket voucher list. Motion was seconded, all were in favor, motion carried.

The board adjourned at 4:30 p.m.