

RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS**OKANOGAN COUNTY****APRIL 2, 2019**

The Okanogan County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on April 2, 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 were present.

George Thornton a member of the public, taking hand written notes for Okanogan Watch Group.

Commissioners' Staff Meeting

Chief Civil Deputy David Gecas, Planning Director Perry Huston, Building Director Dan Higbee, Maintenance Supervisor Joe Poulin and Fairgrounds Manager Stella Columbia were present.

Attorney Gecas updated the board on lawsuits he is handling. He explained documents that he is working on.

Ms. Columbia walked the grange though the grounds, they would like to also use Jones Hall. She would like them to use the commercial building instead at the same cost. Commissioner Hover stated we could add "we can move you to a different building at no extra cost," to the policy. He instructed Ms. Columbia to draft an amendment to the fee schedule, also change the hourly fee to half or full day. She has received eight applications for the part time office help, she will review them and then call for interviews. There is only one RV left in storage, the premium book is at the printers and she has all of the livestock tags. Ms. Columbia said another county email her about CBD oil products being sold at county fairs. Commissioner Hover said the commissioners will not allow the sale CBD oil products on the fairgrounds. This is a business decision, to avoid confects, it's not federally legal and the fair is for children.

Mr. Poulin stated the sewer project is completed and they just need to plant grass. The pipe was plugged and the tree has been removed. They also fixed the line so the storm line does not cross over the sewer line. Commissioner Hover instructed Mr. Poulin to draft a contract amendment, because this work was not in the original contract. The have started on the arena removal. He would like to purchase a weed spraying slip tank with booms for the back of the pickup, he will get quotes. Mr. Poulin inquired about a temp fairgrounds employee, the board suggested maybe he could have trustees help with the summer time work.

Mr. Huston stated Fire District 6 inquired about using a well for fire prevention up in the Methow. He checked the well log it is on county property and DOE said the well can be used for fire prevention.

Update Human Resources/Risk Management-Tanya Craig and/or Debi Hilts

Tanya Craig was present.

Ms. Craig stated she attend the risk pool conference and it went well. She email out the legislative update packet to all of the county offices.

She received the NCI contract and has added notes for review. NCI does need to provide proof of insurance.

Ms. Craig stated the paper shredding company was here last week and their truck had a big hydraulic leak. She said, Mr. Poulin called the company and they know about it. The truck left a lot of hydraulic

fluid on the parking lot and road clear down to the courthouse. She plans to send the company a bill for the supplies used and for the maintenance department time spent cleaning up the mess.

Treasurer McCormack and Auditor Hall informed the board that fund 197 does not have enough to cover the purchase of the sheriff vehicle. Commissioner Hover said have the Sheriff send her a request to move the funds into fund 197.

Update-Communications – Mike Worden

Mr. Worden and Sheriff Tony Hawley were present.

Mr. Worden is working on quotes and looking on the state contract to replace the three repeater sites. Commissioner Hover requested he voucher from the capital improvement fund first.

He has spent some time meeting with viruses county entities about ESSB 5272. The response has been somewhat good. Some of the entities are not sure why they would need more communications space.

Mr. Worden stated they have had staffing promotions with in and have hired two in dispatch and still have an open position.

Sheriff Hawley said he has made a change in the process for hiring so we have had more applicants.

The Sheriff's Offices has received a lot of good feed-back from Tonasket, the school is really happy with their presence.

Commissioner DeTro said the county is eligible for a Wild Life Specialist and the position will be paid by a grant.

Commissioner Hover would like to sit down with the Sheriff and talk about using trustees for summer time help at the fairgrounds and dump. Sheriff Hawley said we still have a work crew and they could help.

Update-Public Works - Admin Ben Rough

Mr. Rough presented his agenda.

Mr. Rough informed the board there was a fire at the dump last night, they got it out and are watching it.

Open Positions

They are interviewing next week for Area 1 Supervisor, Office Manager, summer temps and M2 Truck Driver open positions.

Road issues update

Chewillcan Valley area roads are still closed but are passable for residents.

SAO Office Rental

The State Auditors are interested in two office spaces and want to move in by May 1st. Mr. Rough said the offices need painted and they need to move some fixtures. He said they will need to put in their own internet because they cannot use the counties.

Citizens Comment Period

Teagan Levine, gave a presentation to the board about modernizing the downtown corridor of Tonasket. The goal is to have ADA accessible cross walks, new storm drainage and improve parking. She stated DOT will repave the highway in 2023. She plans to present this project to the

transportation committee next month.

Motion Approve Resolution 43-2019 Uncertified Appraisers Position

Commissioner Burch moved to approve resolution 43-2019 stating that un-certified residential appraisers in the Assessor's office start out as a Residential Appraiser 1. Motion was seconded, all were in favor, motion carried.

Motion Approve Resolution 44-2019 Authorization to Maintain Salary Step 2

Commissioner Burch moved to approve resolution 44-2019 resolution authorizing the transfer from one position to another and allowing the employee to stay at grade 14 step 2. Motion was seconded, all were in favor, motion carried.

Motion Approve Resolution 45-2019 Reclassification Chief Appraiser Position

Commissioner Burch moved to approve resolution 45-2019 authorizing reclassification of the Chief Appraiser position filled by Steve Nearants from Grade 26 step 5 to Grade 28 step 5. Motion was seconded, all were in favor, motion carried.

Motion Oroville Rural EMS District

Commissioner Branch moved to adjourn as the BOCC and reconvene as the Oroville Rural EMS District. Motion was seconded all were in favor, motion carried.

Commissioner Branch moved to approve the voucher certification and authorize the Oroville Rural EMS District vouchers for March services to be paid in the amount of \$9,680. Motion was seconded, all were in favor, motion carried.

Commissioner Branch moved to adjourn as the Oroville Rural EMS and reconvene as the Methow Valley EMS District. Motion was seconded all were in favor, motion carried.

Update – Superior Court Clerk's Office

Chief Deputy Clerk Susan Speiker was present.

Ms. Speiker reported employees said we have a nice and hard-working office. All of the employees are very happy with Rylan Springer's work, the whole courthouse smells nice when he cleans the floors.

Superior Court Clerk's office is using a machine in one of the title offices to print from the old microfilm reels. She said we need to convert the old 328 reels and it is over a hundred dollars each to convert. These are forever files and in the past the Auditors O&M funds have helped with the cost. Ms. Speiker stated she will follow up with the Auditor.

Approve Consent Agenda

Commissioner Branch moved to approve items 1-5 of the consent agenda. Motion was seconded, all were in favor, motion carried.

1. Commissioners' Proceedings March 18, 19, 25 & 26, 2019
2. Bid Award 2019 Gravel Crushing-Godbey Redi-Mix Concrete
3. Resolution 40-2019 Reclassification-Noxious Weed Assistant Manager
4. Resolution 41-2019 Reclassification Noxious Weed Field Supervisor
5. Resolution 42-2019 Reclassification Noxious Weed Field Technician

The board adjourned at 2:35 p.m.