

RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS

OKANOGAN COUNTY

APRIL 8, 2019

The Okanogan County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on April 8, 2019, with Chairman, Commissioner Jim DeTro; Vice Chairman, Commissioner Chris Branch; Member, Commissioner Andy Hover and Laleña Johns, Clerk of the Board, present.

Review Commissioners' Agenda and Consent Agenda

Commissioner Hover moved to waive the bond requirement for the legal newspaper in accordance with RCW 36.32.075 after stating the county had not required a bond in the past for legal newspaper contract award. Motion was seconded, all were in favor, motion carried.

Briefing Among Commissioners—Discuss Individual Weekly Meetings & Schedules

Legislative Update – Potts & Associates

Zach Kennedy provided the state legislative update. He stated the last few items to be considered and negotiated are budget items. There is no way to tell which will be pulled and which will be approved.

Counties were approved for some things but not the funding to go with it. Unfunded mandates were discussed by WSAC stated Mr. Kennedy and what priorities our legislators will react to. The counties are down to the point of scraping by and cutting things that have already been cut. We must figure out a way to educate our legislators because it's like talking to a wall. They aren't letting us play anymore.

Mr. Kennedy explained some holdouts and the need for every vote to get those passed. Commissioner Branch asked whether the holdouts were specific to a point or is it HB5993 altogether? Mr. Kennedy said, they don't agree on the funding package and where the money comes from.

Commissioner Branch asked about the REET bill. Mr. Kennedy replied the rebill is still unknown, as everything is positioned to be brought into the budget. Depends on the graduated REET Bill. They will be talking about it. They may pull everything together in the end as most negotiations will now be done behind closed doors on concessions. It is very important to Governor Inslee to look good right now since he is running for president.

Motion Appointment SWAC Recycling Position #5 Betsy Cushman

Commissioner Branch moved to appointment Betsy Cushman to the Solid Waste Advisory Committee representing recycling position #5 with the term ending November 1, 2020. Motion was seconded, all were in favor, motion carried.

Commissioners discussed, with Auditor Cari Hall, the budget amendments requested by the Assessor's office. Ms. Hall stated she would like to redo the form used to request budget supplementals and budget amendments with so that the information is better relayed. She stated as departments are more involved with their budgets and the form current form creates too much confusion for those handling them. It should be easier to use. Commissioner Hover asked her to revise the form in order to alleviate confusion.

Commissioners discussed the OBHC agreements as the term of the Therapeutic Courts agreement appears to expire this month. At this time we have not yet received a letter of intent from OBHC to indicate its intention to continue providing services. Commissioner Hover thought a conversation about the contracts be held with the Board of Directors of OBHC.

Emergency Manager Goodall informed the commissioners about a Fire Marshall request who would be involved with marijuana processor extractors who deal with explosive type equipment and other dangerous elements.

Update – Planning – Perry Huston

Director Perry Huston and Building Official Dan Higbee were present. Members of the public Lorah Super, Nancy Soriano, Emily Sisson were audio and video recording the meeting.

Director Huston noted a situation which we are still operating under the county code. The situation is SEPA and publishing final notice for what is not really a change of use. He wanted to avoid having part of one under a CUP and part under another so he allowed it as a permitted activity and SEPA has already been done. SEPA previous conditions were in place, specifically for the expansion of the marijuana operation

49 Watershed Planning Unit

Contract between Okanogan County and Okanogan Conservation District was approved last week. Director Huston believes this is on time.

Comprehensive Plan Update

Director Huston intent is at Planning Commission meeting to begin the line by line review of the comp plan. Scoping comments have been received. The EIS might be ready to publish by then. The Planning Commission has laid out a special schedule.

Critical Areas Ordinance

Already into our one year extension. How do the commissioners want to conduct that review? The question is before the commissioners wanted an advisory committee to work on it and some changes were made to it. Does the board want to put together another committee? How does the board wish to proceed? Commissioner Branch discussed his thoughts on how he envisioned the process.

Zone code needs to be reviewed for consistency and put some on a congruent path. The commissioners may be interested in looking ahead at county code chapter 17A.60. (attached) This is for density of dwellings. Commissioners reviewed the code section and Commissioner Hover asked what multi family dwelling meant and how many families that was. It is a max of five multi-family units per acre, according to our code.

Director Huston explained our predisposition has been to use minimum requirement district and have focused on other zones that have been set up to articulate more stringent code.

Director Huston handed out the section of code 17A.180 regarding high density of commercial development. He then discussed the previous direction and where it can be applied. There was sensitivity by previous board members about nonconforming lots. It doesn't work as an extensive sewer system would be required. We have the same zones scattered around without having any real similarities. Commissioner Branch thought having discussions and looking at the map all the time really helps. Director Huston stated this is a conversation the Planning Commission will have. Does the commissioners want to do something on the interim basis? Commissioner Hover discussed possibly rezoning areas with opportunity for duplexes or fourplexes. Director Huston discussed two approaches 1) flexibility in the zoning, right to ask, or 2) put more specificity denigrate flexibility, with the idea to identify where it can go on the property from the start. If the areas are laid out that way then zone it that way.

Commissioner Hover discussed his personal views on development and property rights where roads cut a swath into the hillside with switchbacks in order to access houses that are intended to be built. How can ambulance services be provided when the road is steep and winding and not created by certain standards. Is it a grading and clearing ordinance or is it a road standard ordinance?

Director Huston asked to pause the above discussion in order to discuss the jail m-tank project.

Jail M-Tank Ceiling Project

Director Huston and Undersheriff Aaron Culp discussed the Jail M-Tank project. Risk Manager Craig had previously expressed concern to the Director and believed there was budget allocated for the project. He said we do have a PSE but that will need to be freshened up as it is several years old. The Sheriff will publish an RFQ for PSE, preparation of the bid packets, respond to inquiries, pre bid tour, evaluate packets, prepare a recommendation to Board for award, and prepare the construction contract. Director Huston will guide the undersheriff through the bid process. Maintenance and Sheriff Personnel would monitor the project and provide county oversight. Director Huston assured the Board the bid process would go smoother this time.

The Clerk of the Board noted that \$120,000 was budgeted for in Capital Improvement fund 134. Commissioner Hover stated there was also fund 193 where Douglas County funds are secured for Jail upgrades. Director Huston recommended we take the project through the review process up to the point of signing the contract then the contractor takes over and Sheriff makes the payments. Undersheriff stated that would work best for him. The population in the jail supports the efforts. M-Tank is a smaller tank than the L-Tank that was previously done.

Commissioner Hover said he would like to discuss the dynamics of the jail in terms of population and use of trustees. Will the population projection remain or will it change?

Director Huston will draft a proposal for commissioners' review.

Commissioners continued to discuss the land use codes.

Commissioner Hover discussed his concern about school children having to pass by a marijuana growing business in order to get to their bus stop. Director Huston said the state law allows for some flavor. Commissioner Hover would like to know where all the bus stops are at, and asked for that information from the school districts.

Motion Tonasket EMS District

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

Commissioner Hover moved to approve the Voucher certification and authorize the Tonasket EMS District vouchers to be paid in the amount of \$21,700 for February services. Motion was seconded, all were in favor, motion carried.

Commissioner Hover moved to approve the Voucher certification and authorize the Tonasket EMS District vouchers to be paid in the amount of \$21,700 for March services. Motion was seconded, all were in favor, motion carried.

Commissioner Hover moved to adjourn as the Tonasket EMS and Reconvene as the BOCC Motion was seconded all were in favor, motion carried.

Director Huston discussed WATV routes and which ones the commissioners were interested in opening up to that use. He discussed roads with speed limits that may be reduced or considered. Commissioner DeTro said the striker amendment changed everything, HB1028. The RCW regarding speed limit changes was discussed.

Review Meeting Minutes

Commissioners reviewed their meeting minutes.

The board adjourned at 3:35 p.m.