

RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS**OKANOGAN COUNTY****AUGUST 12, 2019**

The Okanogan County Board of Commissioners met in regular session at 123 5th Avenue North, Okanogan, Washington on August 12, 2019, with Chairman, Commissioner Jim DeTro; Vice Chairman, Commissioner Chris Branch; Member, Commissioner Andy Hover, and Laleña Johns, Clerk of the Board, present.

Pledge of Allegiance

Commissioners said the pledge of allegiance.

Review Commissioners Agenda and Consent Agenda

Commissioners reviewed their agenda and meeting minutes. The Clerk of the Board noted that the Planning Update was actually supposed to be at 1:30 p.m. today not 11:00 like it was last week. The online agenda and postings were updated.

Briefing Among Commissioners – Discusses Individual Weekly Meetings

The Clerk of the Board discussed that staff made 15 copies of the county's April 6, 2010 adopted Watershed Plan that was published on DOE website. She also provided copies of the commissioners' proceedings showing the motion where the county adopted the plan. Commissioner DeTro explained that at a recent meeting with Senator Shelley Short at least one Planning Unit member asserts that Department of Ecology is running the planning unit boundaries some concerns he heard regarding the watershed plan for WRIA 49. They won't be satisfied unless they get the last word in. Commissioner Branch said that, in his observation that this idea that Ecology running the show is not true. The statute itself includes a number of requirements and Ecology should be keeping us informed as to what those requirements are, and where we might want to pay attention so that we don't fail in the planning process. The issue with the process dragging out has less to do with DOE and more to do with planning unit discussions.

Commissioner DeTro shared that our legislator(s) recommend that all the Commissioners attend the Planning Unit meeting rather than just Commissioner Branch since we have differing opinions on the subject. There was further discussion regarding this recommendation. Commissioner Branch emphasized the need for a future conversation with DOE on how they've considered our processes and how things are going with our water law solutions. Commissioner Branch also suggested a meeting with the Initiating Governments. It was agreed so he contacted the Initiating Government representatives, the Facilitator and the Chairman of the Unit reporting that 2:30 on Monday was a go.

Commissioner DeTro left at 11:30 a.m. to attend the Hort/Pest Control meeting at Magoos Restaurant in Omak.

Commissioners discussed the Building Official wage being increased to 100% of comparable counties and promotion of another.

Review Meeting Minutes

Commissioners reviewed their meeting minutes.

Member of the public Gina McCoy, taking notes on computer for Okanogan Watch Group.

Motion

Commissioner Hover moved to transfer \$10,000 from Current Expense to Fund 116 as was budgeted for. Motion was seconded, all were in favor, motion carried.

Update – Planning Department – Interim Director Angie Hubbard

Char Schumacher

Ms. Hubbard stated the first invoice from the Lake Management District has been received. The board will need to adjourn as the BOCC and convene as the Lake Osoyoos Management District.

Motion

Commissioner Hover moved to adjourn as the BOCC and convene as the Lake Osoyoos Management District. Motion was seconded, all were in favor, motion carried.

The invoice was submitted by the County Noxious Weed Dept. It is a similar set up as the Tonasket EMS District where the BARS line to pay the bill from is set up similarly as professional services. There is an agreement signed January 29, 2019 between the Noxious Weed Dept. and the district for the funds.

Motion Noxious Weed Invoice LMD#1

Commissioner Hover moved to approve the Lake Management District Invoice in the amount of \$23,804 for the noxious weed survey and noxious weed control of Lake Osoyoos. Motion was seconded, all were in favor, motion carried.

Ms. Schumacher explained the Upper Columbia Salmon Recovery Board budget had shortfall this year so they decided not to cut outreach and instead cut our portion down to \$5,000 from \$8,000. We have been billing around \$5500 to \$6000 annually for board support.

The interlocal agreement for Voluntary Stewardship Program was provided for review. The OCD board will sign first then return it for commissioner signature in September.

Commissioners discussed ensuring everyone is on the same page with regards to waterways. Commissioner discussed previous conversations with Dept. of Ecology Vanessa regarding our water policies. It is odd if DOE knew about that water why then wasn't it presented to the planning group. During the transition Ms. Hubbard learned about that water. Commissioners discussed the focus of what that meeting was about and who is responsible for what. Why, if we have a solid 200 acre feet of water, we could not identify mitigation?

September 12 would was discussed with the VSP group to see if that date would be doable since the regular meeting falls on the day the county fair starts and it was requested to be changed.

Filling the vacancies of Nichole Kuchenbuch and Jon Wyss. There haven't been any letters of interest submitted for those positions and the commissioners wanted to give time for receiving.

Interim Control regarding shrinking down the unincorporated areas for the neighborhood commercial zones around unincorporated towns. Ms. Hubbard disc used some issues that need to be addressed. She said around Chesaw it took into account thousands of acres that would never be used nor services provided to serve such a large area. There are hundred acre tracks.

Commissioner Hover noted Forest Service Director Jim Brown would like a letter regarding partnering with the county for a portion of the land coming with the Miller Pit purchase. He asked Ms. Hubbard to draft a response letter for approval today.

Public Hearing- Budget Supplemental Appropriation – District & Superior Court

Commissioner DeTro stated this was a public hearing for a supplemental appropriation. He opened up to staff seeing no staff to comment he closed staff and opened up to public, seeing no one to comment, he closed public comment and opened up to commissioners discussion.

Commissioner DeTro explained the increase in the judge's salary was a mandate from the state. The state requires the county to pay all of the District Court Judge Salaries, taxes and benefits.

Motion Resolution 103-2019 Budget Supplemental Appropriation CE DC & SC

Commissioner Hover moved to approve resolution 103-2019 a supplemental appropriation within Current Expense District and Superior Court budgets for judges state mandated salary increases. Motion was seconded, all were in favor, motion carried.

Motion 104-2019 Building Department Promotion Larry Surface

Commissioner Hover moved to approve resolution 104-2019 promoting Building Inspector II, Larry Surface to Senior Plans Examiner, effective August 21, 2019. Motion was seconded, all were in favor, motion carried.

Motion Addendum #2 Dan Higbee Employment Agreement

Commissioner Hover moved to approve the Employment Agreement Addendum #2 between Okanogan County and Dan Higbee allowing his salary at 100% of comparable counties due to Building Dept. operating under its own revenue and the Building official taking on more responsibility for handling the new building department enterprise fund. Motion was seconded, all were in favor, motion carried.

Motion Letter of Support to Forest Service Regarding Loup Loup Ski Hill Improvements

Commissioner Branch moved to approve a letter of support to the Methow Valley Ranger District in support of the Forest Service analysis of the proposed Loup Loup Ski hill improvements. Motion was seconded, all were in favor, motion carried.

Commissioners discussed various topics before exiting.

The board adjourned at 3:15 p.m.