

RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS**OKANOGAN COUNTY****AUGUST 26, 2019**

The Okanogan County Board of Commissioners met in regular session at 123 5th Avenue North, Okanogan, Washington on August 26, 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 sited the pledge.

Commissioner DeTro explained the Sales Tax Oversight Committee (STOC) recommendation to approve \$40,000 for Therapeutic Court Services that are provided to the indigent defense costs because the committee requested that there be more justification provided with the invoices to ensure the cost is an appropriate expense of the sales tax.

Ms. Craig said she pays a portion of the first Indigent Defense invoice from Therapeutic Court Fund 143 and then the rest of the invoice is paid out of Non Departmental Current Expense Public Defender line. There is no easy way to breakdown the types of cases. Ms. Craig stated there has been no contact with the STOC about what is expected in order to pay a portion of the cost from fund 143. We need a direct correlation between the cost and the type of case we are paying for out of the fund. Commissioner Hover suggested the invoice be paid later in the year so we ensure the backup documentation has sufficient Therapeutic Court cases prior to invoicing. Commissioner Branch asked if \$40,000 was paid to defender and only \$30,000 qualified, can the other \$10,000 be used for other services? Ms. Craig stated the cases dealing with Therapeutic Courts are great, and frequent and the \$40,000 wouldn't cover all the related costs of those cases. The Public Defender's office provides all their case load backup documentation to Ms. Craig. Commissioner Hover discussed how to separate and place a value on the different types of cases. He thought a meeting with the STOC would help clear things up. He would also like the STOC to discuss the Therapeutic Court fund budget with the board during budget work sessions.

Closed Session RCW 42.30.140(4)(b)

Commissioner Hover moved to go into closed session for 10 minutes at 10:05 a.m. inviting Tanya Craig to discuss strategies of collective bargaining, planning and the position to be taken by the governing body during negotiations. Motion was seconded, all were in favor, motion carried.

Closed session ended at 10:15 a.m. no decision was made.

Review Commissioners Agenda and Consent Agenda

Commissioners reviewed their agenda and consent agenda, noting that the agenda stated approval of the August 5-6 meeting minutes when those were already approved. The Clerk of the Board provided review copies of the August 12-13 for approval.

Briefing Among Commissioners—Discusses Individual Weekly Meetings

Commissioners discussed meetings they attended and meetings they plan on attending. Commissioner DeTro discussed a meeting he attended regarding wolves where the county Sheriff and state legislators were present.

Member of the public, Isabelle Spohn, from Okanogan Watch group taking typed notes on her computer.

Update – Planning Department – Interim Director Angie Hubbard

Ms. Hubbard explained a call was received regarding a five parcel marijuana operation to be located in a high density residential area subdivision in the Omak area off of Nichols Road. The properties were shown in red on a map. (attached) Ms. Hubbard explained, basically, this is the first operation of this kind and size that she has dealt with. It is tough to evaluate because it is in a high density residential area and most operations are in the middle of nowhere. She recommended that the land be considered high density but asked if the criteria was applied for Angie to come to the appropriate conclusion and Ms. Hubbard affirmed. Commissioners believe the area is high density. Is the Okanogan Irrigation district going to supply the water, asked Commissioner DeTro? Commissioner Branch agrees the residential area is high density residential. Commissioner Branch's concern is that the county is looking at locations where the board knows there is residential growth just outside of a city urban growth area....He sees this operation is in a denser area than those near Duck Lake road. Just because there are open spaces and larger parcels in between doesn't mean that is the only consideration. The developments there are about built out and are shown in the yellow shade, which could mean more residential development in that area in the future.

Ms. Hubbard explained a vault toilet is planned for a trailhead project Methow Trails is involved in. She discussed a need for an agreement between the county and the highway department. Commissioner Hover explained he is aware of the situation. The property is owned by the state and they use it for their salt sand shed. The US Forest Service applied for a grant to help develop the trailhead for snowmobiles up further and to also put in the vaulted toilet. The state cannot take funds to do the toilet because the toilet isn't located on federal land, but the county has an agreement with the state pass the grant funds through the county. The county would channel the grant funds to pay for the pre-built toilet and the agreement will allow that to happen. Ms. Hubbard said Engineer Josh Thomson is aware of the situation. Commissioner Hover said the county will receive the money for the toilet and then expend it on the cost of toilet. At this time, no budget has been set up for this yet, but there is no contract in place either.

WRIA 49 Planning Unit

Ms. Hubbard provided the HUC developed map which shows well logs and building permit data. (attached) This data is data collected within the last 18 years of the single family residences in the Lower Bonaparte Creek area. Commissioners asked about the data for the Tunk area, but it is not yet complete. Commissioners requested the OTED irrigation overlay also. He was asked if there were any related as it would meet the domestic water demand.

The WRIA meeting is going to be September 12.

The RFQ closes August 30 at the end of this week by 6:00 p.m.

Motion Appointment-Robert McDaniel WRIA Planning Unit

Commissioner Hover moved to appoint Robert McDaniel to the WRIA 49 Watershed Planning Unit to fill the vacant position. Commissioner Branch discussed his thoughts on the appointment. Motion was seconded, all were favor, motion carried.

Amended Motion Staff Direction Todd McDaniel Appointment Letter

Commissioner Hover moved to direct the Clerk of the Board to draft the letter of appointment to the WRIA 49 Watershed Planning Unit. The Clerk of the Board corrected that those letters have been drafter out of the planning office. Commissioner Hover amended his motion to direct the Interim Planning Director to draft the appointment letter to memorialize the appointment and submit for commissioners' approval. Motion was seconded, all were in favor, motion carried.

Commissioner Hover asked if there was a draft job description for the Planning Director Position that could be shared. Commissioner Branch said yes, one was drafted and will send that out for review.

Commissioners discussed the UBER tip of \$25.98 that was requested to be paid from county funds.

Motion Personnel Policy

Commissioner Branch moved to not deviate from the county personnel policy 9.8 on this matter. Motion was seconded, all were in favor, motion carried.

Motion Therapeutic Court Travel Vouchers

Commissioner Hover moved to not approve voucher #187029 in the amount of \$522.29. The department may redo the voucher without the tip and resubmit. Motion was 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 \$1,398,733.66. Warrant numbers as cited on the attached blanket voucher list. Motion seconded and carried.

Motion Public Health Voucher

Commissioner moved to approve the Public Health Vouchers including regular vouchers in the amount of \$10,573.47. Warrant numbers as cited on the attached blanket voucher list. Motion was seconded, all were in favor, motion carried.

Commissioners were updated on the following items from the Clerk of the Board.

The resolution extending temporary maintenance tech for the fairgrounds.
Fire District #10 Annexation Petition/Resolution
Capital Facilities Plan Draft

The Capital Facilities Plan update was discussed with Angie Hubbard. The Planning Commission already held their public hearing on the changes and amended language. Commissioner Branch said if the plan is not completed to its ideal language, it can be amended later.

Review Meeting Minutes

The board adjourned at 3:30 p.m.