

RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS**OKANOGAN COUNTY****AUGUST 5, 2019**

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

Board recited the pledge.

Review Commissioners Meeting Minutes, Agenda and Consent Agenda Items

Commissioners reviewed their meeting minutes of July 29 and 30, 2019 and provided corrections.

Briefing Among Commissioners—Discusses Individual Weekly Meetings

Commissioner Hover discussed the county's fire ban resolution as he received an inquiry of commercial use of recreational camp fires in an area that serves an RV park. Commissioners reviewed the resolution noting the placement of the definitions were incorporated into the resolution not in the recitals.

Commissioner Branch discussed possibly being appointed to the Regional Emergency Medical Services Council. Wayne Walker, of Life Line, sits on the local Regional Emergency Medical Services Council.

Community Aviation Revitalization Board (CARB) Commissioner Hover said they look at grant funds for different state airports. Our airport is different because they don't have a port district. He is trying to figure out if some entity is going to apply for a pilot's lounge and who that would be if one was to apply. If he sits on it, could the county apply for it, would it be a conflict of interest? There is no real local pilots association with a real vested interest in the airport. The FS does the majority of uses, and he doesn't see them applying for pilot lounge. Commissioner Branch explained how the airport is different for other reasons since it is a state airport and asked Commissioner Hover to clarify the extent of the ownership. Commissioners Hover and DeTro explained that only the runway is owned by the state and the rest is private. Commissioner Branch noted that many municipal airports in the state are not owned by, or have a presence by a port district. All public airports in Okanogan County other than the Methow Intercity are owned by municipalities. Part of the issue with changes and improvements is who controls the facilities and adjacent land connected with the airport. He noted that his knowledge is a result of experience in Airport Layout planning efforts for both the Tonasket and Oroville airports, and as the representative for Oroville in both the Washington Airport Managers Association and Washington Small Airport Association. Oroville and Tonasket own their airport facilities.

A request for input on the analysis of proposed improvements to the Loup Loup Ski area was received. Commissioners would like to draft a letter of support for the project because it supports youth activities and outdoor recreation. Commissioners assigned the drafting of the letter to the Clerk of the Board.

Commissioners discussed Administrative Services responsibilities that previously the Planning Director was responsible for. Commissioners discussed current county staff ability to take on the function and role. Commissioner Branch stated it adds a lot of additional burden to the department to provide that level of service, and he felt that much of the planning department work was not getting done due to the dual role of the position. Commissioners realize the value in having a combined

position that would also be able to facilitate meetings that might also include facilitation of land use meetings.

Commissioner Branch stated his desire to provide another professional planning position within the department while filling the director position. He noted that the planning department is understaffed and lacks opportunity for professional development. He understands that funding is a challenge. He noted that we need to ensure that planning staff have access to professional development through training with the Planning Association of Washington. Commissioner Hover sees a big gap. One person should not hold innate knowledge that no one else can access. Commissioner Branch thought it would be important to understand current staff ability. He feels if Ms. Hubbard is appointed Director of Planning, that she would still need an additional support staff. Right now if we hire a planning director who will deal with administrative issues we compromise the effectiveness of the planning department.

Emily Sisson, member of the Public representing Okanogan Watch Group video and audio recording the meeting.

Update – Planning Department – Interim Director Angie Hubbard

Ms. Hubbard asked the board to convene as the Tonasket EMS District.

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 to Life Line for July Services. Motion was seconded, all were in favor, motion carried.

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

Ms. Hubbard provided her agenda and the commissioners discussed the items listed there.

Ms. Hubbard provided the Planning Department's monthly permit report. Commissioners reviewed the report and asked questions. Some of the information will need some clarification. Ms. Hubbard stated she would look into it and provide the necessary clarifications.

Ms. Hubbard is working on the RFQ for well tracking and baseline assessment and planned on getting those done this week once Craig Nelson reviews them. She intends to publish in various places and will additionally ensure initiating governments receives. Commissioner Hover asked if legal staff looks over notices. No, but a template will be used similar to previous notices such as this and the Initiating governments will look it over it and offer any edits or comments.

Ms. Hubbard discussed sound system for larger meetings where there is a speaker using a hand mic and someone via telephone conferencing system that cannot hear. A telephone conferencing system is needed. Ms. Hubbard will look into that.

Fill vacancies left by Nicole Kuchenbuch and Jon Wyss for WRIA 49 Planning Unit. Commissioners discussed what the position held represented. Commissioners discussed the hiring of a consultant to help with the work.

Ms. Hubbard explained Dept. of Ecology (DOE) has their policy interpretation updated in the final Net Ecological Benefit (NEB) guidance document.

Ms. Hubbard explained FEMA letter was received saying we have 30 days to comment on whether or

not we agree with the engineering methods used on the restudy of our tributaries for mapping. It was first started after the Carlton Complex fire. She said they are in line with FEMA practices. The other thing is the draft maps will be available this fall showing FEMA flood plain maps. The models they used are the ones FEMA typically allows. It was agreed that Engineer Thomson look at it.

Updated maps re delineating areas in Okanogan County will be issued sometime in the fall 2020 by FEMA.

The board adjourned at 12:00 p.m.