

RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS**OKANOGAN COUNTY****AUGUST 6, 2019**

The Okanogan County Board of Commissioners met in regular session at 123 5th Avenue North Room 147, Okanogan, Washington on August 6, 2019, with Chairman, Commissioner Jim DeTro; Vice Chairman, Commissioner Chris Branch; Member, Commissioner Andy Hover, and Laleña Johns, Clerk of the Board, present.

Commissioners' Staff Meeting – Commissioners' Conference Room

FAC member Sam Buckert, Joe Poulin, Stella Columbia and Angela Hubbard were present.

Commissioner Hover showed a map of the fairgrounds arena to indicate where the electrical will run to the announcer's booth.

Ms. Columbia explained she spoke to Engineer Thomson about the engineering work for the billboard, he said he could help with it. There will be an empty side of the board that could be rented or used by the county. The Quick books program was discussed as a point of sale system for the fairgrounds as we need a better receipting system for sales. Ms. Columbia said the Quick books point of sale system add-on is not necessarily needed as it is geared more towards larger inventory. It would be nice if the system could take credit cards too. Mr. Buckert said he was working on getting the Washington High School Fall rodeo here, the state committee pays for the venue. Mr. Buckert said the vendor is wondering what the rental includes such as the Porta potties, trash cans and service, horse stalls, RV park camping, wood shavings for stalls, stall clean-out, use of tractor, use of groomer, etc.....If this rodeo goes well then the state finals might be scheduled. Mr. Buckert explained his concerns and the fact that youth have no arena to ride in and how the new arena could be used for community youth events or practice. Mr. Poulin explained we don't have a groomer or a good water truck. The group discussed all in one equipment that is a combined groomer and waterer. For the short term we'll have to figure out another option. Commissioners thought he should check into renting a water truck from ER&R. A long-term plan is needed to address the fairgrounds equipment needs. Commissioner Hover envisions the grounds being used every weekend. The group discussed what was included with the \$900 fee. Sponsors were discussed.

Commissioner Hover thought users could buy a monthly or yearly pass that could be hung in the car window for use at the arena or track.

Commissioners believe the wooden grandstands should not be listed for rent on the fee schedule.

Mr. Poulin updated the board on grounds maintenance. Ms. Columbia replied she was going to be in town over the stampede weekend. She noted a fan will be installed in the 4H building that will be purchased by the club.

The Clerk of the Board was informed two county owned parcels in Chesaw have musk thistle present and must be taken out. The Noxious Weed department can bill the county Maintenance Dept. around \$100-200 their staff to take care of it. Commissioners were in favor of Noxious Weed taking care of it and billing Maintenance. Commissioners asked for real property inventory owned by Okanogan County.

Ms. Hubbard explained Yakama Nations submitted public records requests for several records. She will work on the request and let the Clerk of the Board know if the Clerk's assistance is needed.

Update – Human Resources/Risk Management – Tanya Craig

Ms. Craig updated the board on an amendment to the ID policy. Resolution 100-2019 was created to memorialize the clarification.

Motion Resolution 100-2019 ID Policy Amendment

Commissioner Hover moved to approve resolution 100-2019 an amendment to the ID card policy. Motion was seconded all were in favor, motion carried.

Civil Service conference is coming up and the Civil Service Clerk should attend. There is budget for both to go September 9-11. Ms. Craig stated she isn't going to the Union training this year. Commissioners were in favor of both attending the Civil Service Training.

Commissioner Hover discussed High school rodeo association use of our equipment and what they must sign. A blank waiver is on file at the fairgrounds and those must be signed by the operator.

Present Christa Teagan Levine, member of the public.

Update – Communications/Dispatch – Mike Worden

Mike Worden, Aaron Culp

Mr. Worden provided an update stating his overtime budget is over due to staffing. He is over a little bit. The bottom line looks alright.

We have a draft DOT agreement for microwave maintenance and end of life replacement. The plan is to continue a 2007 agreement. It will be the foundation for future communication systems. We get use of the system and they get to maintain it the countywide system. Mr. Worden explained the different systems that must be compatible with the microwave system which is the foundation which the end user hardware sits on top of. We have our own upkeep responsibility in each site. There may be generator needs, additional building or tower needs. The back bone is there.

Mr. Worden explained the work the Sheriff signed off on. This draft is written to repair that and it will be addressed going forward. This draft is written to repair that and it will be addressed going forward. What was the work?

Mr. Worden explained around \$96,000 in 024 and 1324. A \$50,000 bill will be coming soon so he wants to ensure he can pay from Capital improvement. \$48,000 was budgeted there. He explained the meeting to take place with other jurisdictions on the distribution of calls and charges. If we weed out for one then weed out for others it raises the costs. They understand the county current expense will be helped through this process. One thing that is requested is a fire marshal, but commissioner DeTro explained that isn't going to happen. The money saved should go towards their benefit.

As we head towards more cooperation, access to Spillman becomes an issue. Mr. Worden explained a third-party vendor application becomes a problem. He explained a more appropriate application and user agreement tweaks that now include terms of use. The I-spy third party vendor relationship was discussed. The compensation piece is still being worked out. The agreement will be presented to the board at a later date. The social media groups gather from various state dispatch centers and public post their info and now they call us on certain things. In the absence of information they are creating the info and is uncomfortable when a third part is perhaps taking something out of context. For transparency, how can we publish certain things without putting everything out there?

This would give us the ability to have multiple channels and we can change how those are allocated. Commissioner Hover explained a fire earlier this year where a fire district was responding and EM was trying to send fire updates but there was some disconnect because they have to go through dispatch for that info. Commissioner wants to ensure EM can stream info. It is available in the plan. There has to be a two way street for the agencies and EM communication with law enforcement on community

safety. Better engine in command communicates that that to EM.

Update – Public Works – County Engineer, Josh Thomson

Engineer Thomson provided his agenda and discussed the items listed there.

Maintenance and Road Conditions

Main bulk of chip seal completed. Crowfoot lane is recognized now as a county road by the state DOT where as it wasn't before. It was through this process that they now recognize it as county.

There was some oil left over so it will be used for shop driveways.

2020 Budget and Priorities

Equipment purchases

ER&R we are coming up against paying for issues in the 2010 past. Equipment usage dropped off due to the financial condition of the county. Due to the lack of use now equipment coming up for replacement has no money. The plan is to put \$400,000 into ER&R to make it work. They also plan on cutting back to thirteen graders spread between the shops with one extra used in-between. The replacement funds for the two graders will help since those won't be replaced. Expected FEMA money will offset certain other costs. There are many capital expenditures around 3.5 million needed for public works alone. With road levy shifts the county public works won't be able to afford the needed replacements. Engineer Thomson explained budgeted purchases such as the Miller Pit in this year's 2019 budget. In working with planning staff to learn the time frame for the Pit CUP, it was thought there would be time to accomplish that this year. For 2020 budget, he put around 65 miles of chip seal. He discussed that Public Works 2020 budget is about a 3% increase over the 2019 budget. That is without any levy shifts.

Engineer Thomson will come up with a long term forecast on the bigger projects versus the amount of money generated and where that is coming from. He isn't making any more than current expense. The future of SRS is critical and amounts to around \$700,000 annually.

Edelweiss Force Main

Engineer Thomson said we did not get the PWTFM due to \$300 million in requests. We got a score of 75 which is a good score there just wasn't money available. If we reduced winter costs that might help. The OHA knows the loan was not awarded and they are still agreeable to have some of their reserve funds for the drain fields used for the force main.

Commissioners discussed how the county became responsible for sewer systems. Commissioner Hover his idea to sell county real property that is no longer needed by the county, and turning the sewer systems over to the communities the system serves who would then be responsible for its operations. Using the county's bonding capacity to establish a system for a community then after paying for it then turning the system over to the community. The agreements for sewer systems should be reviewed to determine how the county can turn it over.

Conconully Lakes Sewer System

Engineer Thomson explained the Conconully system and why it was required over individual systems. In Conconully, the tanks are the county's and were put in in 1990 and now need to be replaced along with the electrical wiring. There are twenty-five systems, and Engineer Thomson is budgeting 4 pump lift system upgrades in 2020.

Similkameen Trail Maintenance

Lodging taxes and Infrastructure funds can be used for trail upgrades. Commissioner Hover would like to have a specific discussion on these two funds to see what we can afford.

CCT Road list Request to include County Roads

Public Authority letter of Acknowledgment and list of roads was reviewed and discussed. (attached) The Tribe is asking to put all county roads fully acknowledging them as county roads, Engineer Thomson supports that. They were able to get funding because the roads were listed in the system. Commissioners support this. The Prosecutor did review the letter quickly and had a couple of concerns he still needs to research.

Public Services Building Funds for Windows

Engineer Thomson asked about funds to replace the windows in the Public Works building. Commissioners discussed where funds might be found. The health department is very concerned the funds previously budgeted is now going towards fiber. The maintenance is going to price out what one window would cost and just replace one at a time and also get an estimate from a vendor to replace all of them.

Tax Title Property Weed Abatement Responsibility

This was taken care of by the commissioners.

Statler Bridge Replacement Project

This project is moving along.

Fairgrounds Track and Conduit

GPS for track railing is needed. Commissioner Hover explained the measurements needed. Engineer Thomson explained the plan to come up with something by next Monday. The GPS point should be where the post goes. There will be some offset.

Elmway Levee USACE Project

They are still working on it but no word on status.

Commissioner Hover asked if the county is involved with the issue north of town just outside city limits. We have no responsibility or authority in it. Fund 116 is for the three we are responsible for explained Engineer Thomson. Levees get built by others then given to the county. A lot of counties have passed a flood district and levy and gives them funds to do things and the legal responsibility to deal with issues.

Barkley & MVID Ditch Project

No word yet from this project.

Consent Agenda

Engineer Thomson asked the board if they had questions about what is listed on their consent agenda that are public works related.

Citizens Comment Period - May call in 509-422-7100

No citizens attended and no citizen called in.

Commissioners discussed roads open to WATV in commissioner District #1. Commissioner Hover mentioned that Nichole Kuchenbuch contacted him about a venue for a group of folks interested in discussing Certified USDA hay growers affected by the tariff who may receive relief, according to Commissioner Hover.

Quarterly Update – Okanogan County Community Action

Lael Duncan, Member of the public Christa Teagan Levine taking notes.

Commissioners previously contacted Ms. Duncan about listening to a webinar regarding Substitute House Bill 1406 that would help prepare them for a future meeting with COG or parties with interest

instead of the OCCAC regular update. Commissioners listened to the webinar then discussed the bill to formulate comments to send to the legislature.

Ms. Duncan provided a copy of the Substitute House Bill 1406. The rule would allow communities to retain a portion of their state sales tax and bond for purchasing, rehabilitation, or construction of affordable housing under the RCW 71.24.385. The county would need to authorize a resolution of intent.

Ms. Duncan provided a worksheet showing the amount the county could collect, around \$49,000 annually, if the sales tax is implemented based upon the county's 2018 sales tax collections.

Commissioner Branch said a meeting with cities and housing authorities would help us understand their intent regarding affordable housing projects. He thought we ought to discuss this with COG to ask if those entities are responding and how they are responding, then come up with a plan to ensure the effectiveness of the bill.

Commissioners Proceedings of July 29 & 30, 2019

Commissioner Hover moved to approve the Board's proceedings of July 29 and July 30, 2019. Motion was seconded, all were in favor, motion carried.

Approve Consent Agenda

Commissioner Branch moved to approve the consent agenda items 1-6, excluding item #7. Motion was seconded, all were in favor, motion carried.

1. Approve – Outdoor Arts & Recreation – Special Occasion Liqueur License
2. Approve – Title VI Report July 1, 2017 thru June 30, 2018 and Assurances
3. Approve – Cattleguard Franchise Renewals – Peter Goldmark, CGF# N-240, N-241, N-242 110-73
4. Approve – City of Brewster Reimbursable Work – Chip Sealing
5. Award – CRP No. 9221-04 Statler Bridge Replacement – N&N Excavation LLC
6. Resolution 95-2019 – Granting Signing Authority to Network Analyst
7. Resolution 98-2019 – Authorizing a Budget Amendment with the Veterans Relief Fund 101

Public Hearing – Budget Supplemental Appropriation – MARC Fund - \$28,842.00

Commissioner DeTro opened up the hearing to staff, seeing no staff he closed to staff and opened up to public comment, hearing no public for comment he closed public comment and opened up to commissioner's discussion.

Motion Resolution 96-2019 Supplemental Appropriation MARC

Commissioner Hover moved to approve resolution 96-2019 a supplemental appropriation within the MARC fund in the amount of \$28,842. Motion was seconded, all were in favor, motion carried.

Public Hearing – Budget Supplemental Appropriation – Planning Department

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Motion Resolution 97-2019 Supplemental Appropriation Planning

Commissioner Hover moved to approve resolution 97-2019 a budget supplemental appropriation within the Current Expense Planning budget in the amount of \$125,316. Motion was seconded, all were in favor, motion carried.

Motion Oroville Rural EMS District

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

Commissioner Hover moved to approve the Voucher certification and authorize the Oroville Rural EMS District vouchers to be paid in the amount of \$9860. Motion was seconded, all were in favor, motion carried.

Commissioner Hover moved to adjourn as the Oroville Rural EMS District and Reconvene as the BOCC 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 \$109,538.72. 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 \$887.23. Warrant numbers as cited on the attached blanket voucher list. Motion was seconded, all were in favor, motion carried.

The board adjourned at 4:00 p.m.