

RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS**OKANOGAN COUNTY****SEPTEMBER 9, 2019**

The Okanogan County Board of Commissioners met in regular session at 123 5th Avenue North, Okanogan, Washington on September 9, 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

The pledge was said.

Review Commissioners Agenda and Consent Agenda

Commissioners discussed the fair that happened over the weekend. It appeared to be well attended. The gate receipts were up over previous years, but final count has not been verified. Pro West had reported the arena worked great and may plan to use it again in the future. The maintenance staff were stretched real thin, but overall it appears to have been a successful fair. Commissioner DeTro noted that Chelan County fair had only five steers showing in the market steer.

Commissioner Hover discussed a professional comment writer that the Farm Bureau discussed with him and asked Commissioner Branch if we should spend the money on that or send a letter to the department of interior. Numbers he heard from the previous comment period was \$15,000 - \$20,000 to do this, or \$12,000 to participate. His thing is that comments are great but we would get a lot more prudence by going straight to the interior. Commissioner Branch said there is a place to submit the comments, but he doesn't want to pay anyone to comment. Commissioner Hover stated, neither does he.

Commissioners discussed the Planning Director position. They would like the job summary to be placed on county letterhead, they set the salary at \$6500-\$7500 per month, but the board wants to know how much the individual ads cost so they can determine which have the most coverage for the value. Additional places for the ad placement was requested such as the Association of Washington Cities/Counties (AWC), Planning Association of Washington, and Seattle Times depending on the cost and value.

At 9:45 a.m. Teagan Christa Levine, member of the public, arrived to take notes on her computer.

Commissioner Hover asked if Commissioner Branch would be interested in attending the OCOG meetings. Commissioner Branch said yes, he was interested in attending more of these meetings anyway. Commissioner Hover would like to attend the FAC meetings more regular too.

Briefing Among Commissioners – Discuss Individual Weekly Meetings & Schedules

Gina McCoy, member of the public taking hand written notes.

Emily Sisson, member of the public video and audio recording for Okanogan Watch Group.

Initiating Governments – WRIA 49 RFP Proposal Review/Selection - Angie Hubbard

Jay Keane, Todd McDaniel, George Thornton, Craig Nelson and Angie Hubbard were present.

This gathering was set to go over the WRIA 49 proposals that have been received in order to choose the prospective proposal for the exempt well tracking and targeted basin assessments and NEB evaluation using EDT model. Ms. Hubbard explained one submittal was received by Aspect Consulting. (attached)

The group stated they reviewed the submittal. Mr. McDaniel discussed areas where an assumption was made of the targeted basin assessment and he wants to ensure the extra data is usable and not just extra data to be paid for without a use. Mr. George Thornton said good accurate data can be taken advantage of later down the road.

The group discussed the history of the initiating governments and whether there was a previous agreement between the entities for how everyone will play together. When a decision was made it was by the initiating governments with three votes who would make their recommendation to the district to do xyz then it would be the county commissioners' vote on whether to go with the recommendation.

Motion County Accepting Aspect Consulting Proposal

Commissioner Hover moved to accept the Aspect Consulting proposal as the county's respondent Okanogan County's RFP for well tracking grant. Motion was seconded, all were in favor, motion carried.

Motion Accept Aspect Consulting Proposal

Todd McDaniel moved to accept the Aspect Consulting proposal, George Thornton seconded, and Todd McDaniel said both would work. Motion carried.

The grant application does outline those requirements.

The contractor has now been selected by the initiating governments, is it up to the initiating governments to decide the cost.

Motion Agreement-Aspect Consulting

Commissioner Hover moved to accept the Aspect Consultant response recommendation of the initiating governments to accept Aspect Consulting to provide the services for the WRIA 49 Planning Grant. Motion was seconded, all were in favor, motion carried.

We will need to obtain, in writing, from DOE the scope of work and a notice to proceed in order to begin starting the process for contract negotiations. Commissioner Hover stated a lot of the work may be tied together. There are two separate grants and perhaps two separate agreements, said Ms. Hubbard.

The group discussed the schedule and next discussion time that would take place before the BOCC. Ms. Hubbard said that a call to Ecology would be made to request our documents to go to negotiations with. Ms. Hubbard stated she would provide the info received so the Board can move forward with some decisions by next week.

Commissioner Branch discussed coordination of the work product. Commissioners expressed their ideas not as things that must be done, but rather ideas to discuss. Commissioner Hover will write out what he believes is appropriate.

Update – Planning Department – Interim Director - Angie Hubbard

Ms. Hubbard received further direction on the coordination with various agencies regarding the Aspect Consulting.

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 August Services. Motion was seconded, all were in favor, motion carried.

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

Grizzly Comment Letter

Ms. Hubbard explained the comment period on the Grizzly reintroduction ends October 24, 2019. She welcomed any edits from the board. Commissioner Hover stated there are technical writers out there that can move everything forward. He asked if the board wished to move forward with obtaining one. Commissioner Branch stated any Grizzly Bear comments should come directly from the board. Commissioner Hover said he feels the same way.

FEMA Survey Letter

The Board discussed the letter to FEMA and how the surveys are conducted and what kinds of elevation reference points are provided by the surveyor that are used to determine where a property is located to the floodplain.

Sateekhwa Park-Proposed Tree Maintenance

Ms. Hubbard explained the Sateekhwa park group would like to do some tree maintenance and must ask the county because the park is on county owned property within the town of Winthrop. If the county is not doing maintenance and the city of Winthrop has an interest in it, we should look into the possibility of surplussing some property. Ms. Hubbard stated Nancy Farr and they were able to get the DNR to create the maintenance plan and someone else to do the work. The county would authorize the work on county property and town of Winthrop has signed off on it, so we just need the county's authorization for the arrangement. Does the county have a management and monetary obligation? Commissioner Branch spoke of another situation where all the trees were cut down and the town of Winthrop made the arrangements and would like to ensure the plan is Okayed by the town. Their towns Planning official reviewed it for their shorelines.

Commissioner Hover would like to see the motion from the town of Winthrop that they okayed the plan, and he's like to see some paperwork that states the county is not responsible for the L&I costs or ancillary costs of the project. Commissioner Branch wants to ensure the liability does not fall on the county if the volunteer of Washington Conservation Corp. doesn't follow the town of Winthrop's shoreline program.

Planning Department Monthly Report

Ms. Hubbard provided the Planning Department monthly report showing the various administrative and application tasks of the department.

Motion Interlocal Agreement Conservation District

Commissioner Hover moved to approve the Interlocal Agreement between Okanogan Conservation District and Okanogan County for Voluntary Stewardship Program implementation. Motion was seconded, all were in favor, motion carried.

Discussion – Homeless Housing Plan Addendum, Professional Services Contract

Lael Duncan

Ms. Duncan explained she met with the Housing Coalition on the proposal.

It became clear with the RFP deadline that the homeless housing plan would not be submitted in time to meet the Dept of Commerce deadline for the updated legislative requirements. She proposed that OCCAC draws the lines between the existing plan and local guidelines in terms of what the state wants to see in the plan. She has spoken to Commerce to find out what happens if not done on time.

The county would be out of the compliance and it is never good to be out of compliance with the state. Having attended the webinar, it would not be a hard thing to do. She submitted her proposal for \$25,000 stating that was high. She looked at part of what needs to be addressed and it isn't within her current work plan so it means extra hours for her and OCCAC to update the plan with the required guidelines. She said she would then have time for the RFP for a new and different plan that several members wished to do without being under the gun.

Commissioner Branch asked if the door was left open for anyone else who wished to provide the update. Ms. Duncan left a two week period open to the other to raise objections or comment on. The coalition had plenty of time to go over it. She firmly supports having a consultant who would manage the needs of the coalition and revised plan. She is concerned that so much time has gone by when she was told technical assistance was being provided back in June, so now two months have elapsed and so now it's going to be more of a pain, and it needs to get done. Commissioner Branch asked about the ramifications of not getting it done. Recording fees could be impacted, Commerce is like a network and word travels, and it's a negative path to go down.

Motion Homeless Housing Plan Professional Services

Commissioner Branch moved to approve OCCAC's local Homeless Housing plan update proposal. Motion was seconded, all were in favor, motion carried.

The Clerk of the Board noted that a budget supplemental would be necessary for the proposal as well as an amendment to OCCAC's Homeless Housing Professional Services Contract for the \$25,000. The Clerk of the Board will prepare these for consideration.

Review Meeting Minutes

Commissioners' reviewed their minutes.

The board adjourned at 3:50 p.m.