

**RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS****OKANOGAN COUNTY****DECEMBER 23, 2019**

The Okanogan County Board of Commissioners met in regular session at 123 5th Avenue North, Okanogan, Washington on December 23, 2019, with Chairman, Commissioner Jim DeTro; Vice Chairman, Commissioner Chris Branch; Member, Commissioner Andy Hover and Kelly Ross, Senior Clerk for Laleña Johns, Clerk of the Board, present.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

The pledge was recited.

Isabelle Spohn, member of the public for Okanogan Watch Group, taking notes on her computer.

Commissioner Hover stated he met with the State Auditor's office last Friday and they explained why their rates have gone up enormously. They will provide an itemized bill with an allocation of time for various departments.

**Employee Evaluations – Dan Higbee – Building Department****Motion Executive Session RCW 42.30.110 (1)(g)**

Commissioner Hover moved to go into executive session at 9:08 am for 15 minutes to discuss and review the performance of a public employee and invited Dan Higbee. Motion was seconded, all were in favor, motion carried.

Executive session ended at 9:22 am no decisions were made.

**Review Commissioners' Agenda and Consent Agenda**

Commissioners discussed their agenda and consent agenda. No changes were offered.

**Employee Evaluations – Maurice Goodall – Emergency Management****Motion Executive Session RCW 42.30.110 (1)(g)**

Commissioner Branch moved to go into executive session at 10:00 am for 15 minutes to discuss and review the performance of a public employee and invited Maurice Goodall. Motion was seconded, all were in favor, motion carried.

Commissioners requested 10 more minutes

Executive session ended at 10:25 am no decisions were made.

**Briefing Among Commissioners - Discuss Individual Weekly Meetings and Schedules**

Commissioners discussed their individual weekly meetings & schedules.

**Motion, Dan Higbee – Building Department Employee Contract.**

Commissioner Branch moved to accept the employee contract with Dan Higbee, Building Department Official. Motion was seconded, all were in favor, motion carried.

**Public Hearing – Supplemental Appropriation - Current Expense Non-Departmental \$128,242**

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

**Motion, Resolution 168-2019 Budget Supplemental Appropriation - Current Expense Non-**

**Departmental**

Commissioner Hover moved to approve resolution 168-2019 a budget supplemental appropriation within Current Expense fund in the amount of \$128,242. Motion was seconded, all were in favor, motion carried.

**Discussion – Emergency Management Council – Recommendation**

Maurice Goodall was present.

Commissioner Branch explained the ordinance of 1984 that made the Emergency Management Council and the budget. The Emergency Services Council decided last year to pay the Manager a higher wage but the county did not increase his 2019 wage.

Mr. Goodall stated the agreement must match the statue. If there is changes within the agreement and budget this must be convened to the council. He bills the city's in June, funds received are 60% county and 40% cities for the budget. The carryover can be used for his wages. He is doing what he is directed from the council.

Commissioner DeTro said he would like to have David Gecas look at the statue, the contract and the by-laws to make sure we are doing thing correctly.

Commissioner Hover would like to have a discussion with Deb Poulin, Cari Hall and David Gecas to figure the best way to do the back pay.

The board decided to continue this discussion until next week and directed staff to schedule time Monday, December 23, 2019 and invite Deb Poulin, Cari Hall and David Gecas.

**Update – Planning Department – Interim Director Angie Hubbard**

Interim Planning Director Angela Hubbard provided her agenda and discussed the items listed.

*Tech Funding Amendment*

Still working on the tech funding for WIRA 49. ADT molding is not covered on the grant.

Just to let the board know, the Planning Commission regular meeting on January 27th conflicts with the water overlay hearing.

The board discussed different water issues.

**Executive Session RCW 42.30.110(1)(i) – David Gecas – Commissioners' Conference Room****Motion Executive Session RCW 42.30.110 (1)(i)**

Commissioner Branch moved to go into executive session at 2:00 pm for 15 minutes inviting David Gecas to discuss legal matters to which the county may be a part or become a party. Motion was seconded, all were in favor, motion carried.

Commissioners requested 10 more minutes.

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Executive session ended at 2:35 pm, no decisions were made.

**Approve Commissioners' Proceedings – December 16, 17 and 18, 2019**

Commissioner Branch moved to approve the December 16, 17 and 18. 2019 meeting proceedings. Motion was seconded, all were in favor, motion carried.

**Approve Consent Agenda**

Commissioner Branch moved to approve the consent agenda items 1-10 as presented. Motion was seconded, all were in favor, motion carried.

1. Facility Use Rental Contract – Okandogs, Fundraiser 1/18/2020 - Sarah Spence
2. Facility Use Rental Contract-Adrian Mariscal Wedding–8/22/202-Annex & Kitchen
3. Letter of Support Oroville Housing Authority-Sue Edick,
4. Cattleguard Franchise Renewals #24 -73 on OCR 4623 Fancher Rd and #127-73 on OCR 4925, Cape Labelle Rd - Platt
5. 2020 Agreement - Ellisforde Transfer Station Operation – Ellisforde Recycling & Landfill, INC-Pellegrini
6. Interagency Agreement No. K6386 ESCO Services – Washington State Department of Enterprise Services
7. Reappointment Letter - Water Conservancy Board - Charles Brushwood
8. Reappointment Letter - Water Conservancy Board - Mark Miller
9. Appointment Letter - At Large Water Conservancy Board - Mike Fort

Paula Mackrow a member of the public asked the Commissioners, what is the county going to do about Texas Creek determination? Commissioners Branch said there is an appeal period. We will have to wait for the 30-day period and then move forward. Commissioner Hover requested they speak to the prosecutor. Commissioners Hover stated there is a time frame that we all need to follow.

The board adjourned at 3:06 p.m.