

RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS**OKANOGAN COUNTY****FEBRUARY 11, 2019**

The Okanogan County Board of Commissioners met for its regular session on February 11, 2019, with Chairman, Commissioner Jim DeTro; Vice Chair Commissioner Chris Branch; and Laleña Johns, Clerk of the Board, present.

Member, Commissioner Andy Hover, was out of the office today due to personal business.

Discussion–Authorization to Purchase Police Vehicle Undersheriff Aaron Culp

The commissioners asked Sheriff Hawley and Undersheriff Culp to discuss a request to purchase a used police vehicle from the state bid contract. Originally, the Sheriff intended on purchasing a 2016 used vehicle with 7500 miles on it, but it is no longer available. Undersheriff Culp said, what is available is a 2018 Dodge Durango DEMO with 500 miles on it that is fully equipped. It costs a bit more than the 2016 vehicle, but it's outfitted and only needs the striping, console and decals installed.

Sheriff Hawley stated he wished to buy two vehicles in 2019 with the used 2018 Dodge Durango being one of them and the other one being a new truck that will be ordered for receipt in September. Undersheriff Culp said Ford did not make a 2019 Explorer so we would have to order a 2020 Explorer, but with the back order we wouldn't receive until October or November and it would cost an additional \$4500 in price over what was budgeted. As it is now with the additional cost of the 2018 Durango, a supplemental may be needed in order to pay for the second vehicle.

Undersheriff Culp discussed another issue with running cars with over 100,000 miles on them. There is an increased safety concerns and higher repair costs. He would like to save the county money and begin purchasing vehicles before the vehicles reach 100,000, and with that in mind he hopes to save in risk and repair costs over a 4-6 month period.

Motion Sheriff Vehicle Purchase Authorization

Commissioner Branch moved to approve the Sheriff's order and purchase of a 2018 Dodge Durango DEMO police vehicle to be purchased now and additionally approved the order of the second vehicle to be received in September which will need a budget supplemental ahead of time. Motion was seconded, all were in favor, motion carried.

The Sheriff and Undersheriff thanked the board for its consideration with regards to purchasing the two vehicles this year.

Commissioner Branch discussed the benefits of the county having an Okanogan County Tourism Council membership.

Motion Okanogan County Tourism Council Dues

Commissioner Branch moved to pay OCTC dues invoice #01 dated January 25, 2019 in the amount of \$40 to Okanogan County Tourism Council (OCTC) because OCTC promotes our Okanogan County parks and recreation. Motion was seconded, all were in favor, motion carried.

Commissioner Branch stated he will attend the OCOG meeting tonight in Commissioner Hover's stead since it did not appear Commissioner Hover will be able to attend.

Legislative Update – Potts & Associates

Chief Communications Deputy Mike Worden

Potts & Associates gave their update. Olympia/Seattle received over 6-7 inches of snow and they have no snow plows! All Senate and House meetings were cancelled due to the snow storm happening right now. Potts provided summary of McCleary fix that didn't really fix. Two groups of bills to align the state with the feds. HB 5597 aerial application on forest lands, with some contention and doesn't seem to be moving along.

The provided additional detail about 1755. This allows an advisory committee to form.

Mr. Worden asked about SB1653 HB5272. Mr. Kennedy stated they will work with the senate version and they do have a senate bill report from which changes the tax from .01 to .02 and the bill itself looks like it is moving. The sponsor is Senator Hunt.

Briefing Among Commissioners—Discuss Individual Weekly Meetings & Schedules

Commissioners discussed their individual meeting schedules.

Update—Okanogan County PUD—GM Steve Taylor, Council Member Scott Vejraska

Mike Worden, Maurice Goodall

Mr. Vejraska introduced the new PUD General Manger Steve Taylor. Mr. Vejraska gave a PUD update. Settled everything with BPA and Co-op hook up scheduled sometime this year. Enloe Dam costs were reviewed and PUD came to the decision to not electrify due to estimated costs being around \$87 million without runoff costs being known. There was a 120 day stay which gives staff to discuss with other agencies and see what the next step is. The government shutdown makes it difficult to hear from those agencies. The PUD did partner with the county on the Similkameen trail along the area near the Dam. Commissioner Branch wanted to know what conversation with the other agencies would sound like and what kind of support from the county is needed. Mr. Vejraska replied that it depends.

Mr. Taylor said because of the closure it has delayed things, but gave time to understand the rules and handoff to DOE and will be a long process two years, because of license termination process taking a while with it finally being termed at the end of the year. Working closely to address dam safety under that license and will take some permits. They understand DOE will require inspections. Trying to address reasonably and take costs into consideration. The water level was lower on the river so they were able to see the face of the dam. The engineer has not completed the assessment. It is important to partner together to address culverts and areas of potential blow-out. They are going to give a report to the board if there is enough information from the agencies affected by the shutdown. Looking at the best economical venture for their customers. Make sure dam safety and 100 year old rock is maintained, working with the board on where that will go. They recognize the tribe's resolution to move forward with discussions with Chris and info updates to Cody Disautel and right now doing their outreach.

Mr. Vejraska stated the Tonasket substation is at capacity but there are some plans to put another in for back-up and PID committed \$5 million to create the redundancy. At some point power lines will need to be upgraded and are those way overdue. It is passed time and now are 3-5 years coordination with designing, engineering, and materials need long lead time and so it all starts to build-up.

Mr. Vejraska stated the PUD would like to keep the county informed going forward on the various projects it is organizing in addition to keeping the county updated on the Enloe Dam as well as the Similkameen Trail partnership.

The PUD and county commissioners thanked each other for the time and information then left the meetings.

Review Commissioners' Agenda and Consent Agenda

Discussion – Breeze Open Space 2018-1 – Planner Angie Hubbard

Larry Gilman Angie Hubbard

Commissioners heard Angie Hubbard's staff report. (attached) Ms. Jani Breeze had submitted an application for a transfer from Current Use Agriculture to Open Space tax classification farm and agriculture conservation on about 40 acres. The property is located off of Antoine Creek Road which borders Chelan County. Assessor Gilman stated this was a change in ownership and the owners wanted to put it back but needed time to put it back into production. The land borders Chelan County. At first they only applied for 40 acres of dry ground and 50 head of cattle on dry land. There was additional property equaling 120 acres with alfalfa planted. They must show income from the property as this is a tax shift. A tax agreement will be returned within 30 days and will need to be processed thereafter by the county.

Motion Resolution 21-2019 Adopting Breeze Open Space App. 2019-01

Commissioner Branch moved to approve resolution 21-2019 approving the Breeze Open Space transfer subject to the attached Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Conditions of Approval. Motion was seconded, all were in favor, motion carried.

Update – Planning & Development – Director Perry Huston

Gina McCoy, member of the public taking typed notes for Okanogan Watch Group

Capital Facilities Plan

Whistler Canyon Trail

Director Huston discussed the Whistler Canyon trail and Similkameen trail properties because those do need some maintenance, right of way, and project considerations. He suggested those project items be identified in the Capital Facilities Plan.

No funds have been budgeted for trail maintenance or bathrooms. Director Huston did place some reference into the Six Year Capital Facilities Plan and suggested additional language for the trails be drafted.

The Similkameen Trail Bridge was resurfaced about 10 years ago and inspections are due soon. The cost will be around \$25,000 for someone else to inspect. Engineer Thomson was thought to be certified to inspect bridges.

Additional costs would involve: Inspection of the culverts, conducting weed control, record the verbal permissions given by BLM for trail easements, build a bathroom facility.

Director Huston would like direction on whether to add these items to the Capital Improvement Plan. Commissioner Branch asked how the Parks and Recreation plan fit into this scenario and whether that would be something to move forward with too. Director Huston said he did try to rejuvenate the Parks and Recreation Board when it was the Fair Advisory Committee was formed. There was no discussion about forming a Parks and Rec District rather it was a discussion to look at and take on trail infrastructure project funding. If created, the Parks and Recreation Board, would ideally identify funding for trail maintenance and trail projects.

Is the board interested in considering reconstituting a Parks and Recreation Board to identify funding for the above noted projects? The Board would like to review those enabling documents Director Huston drafted some time ago.

Commissioner Branch asked if any of the Mt. Hull information from Forest Service had been received. They want to be able to access the DNR land and proposed a road between the DNR property and their property on a short segment. They might be interested in helping with costs of the restroom.

Director Huston will freshen up the resolution reconstituting the Parks and Rec Board. It could be an advisory group. It was contemplated as a county-wide function. Commissioner DeTro said it could be either a committee or a board.

The Capital Facilities Plan should include trail maintenance. He suggested that we should go look at them and identify what the plan would include.

WRIA 49 Watershed Plan Update

Identified options for a phone system. The cost is around \$500 and the grant will reimburse us for that. Commissioners were alright with the purchase of the phone system so there is a phone in option. Commissioner Branch would like folks to be able to call in as he understands their position. If the system is more than \$500 he will come back and ask for board permission for the additional expense.

The Planning Unit recommended the conservation district be hired on as the facilitator. He will continue the discussion if the board is comfortable with that. He wants to move with some speed so an agreement is in place for the next meeting.

Director Huston explained that Mr. George Thornton was elected chairperson for the Planning Unit. He is an alternate. The DOE technical people may do a presentation in March sometime. Director Huston is still arranging that. He provided three additional appointment letters for commissioners' signature. What do they do with the other irrigation districts as there were 11 identified and only four responded. It has been difficult getting ahold of someone. He has heard from Brewster, Okanogan, Whitestone, and Aeneas Lake irrigation districts. Commissioner Branch noted that irrigation districts are well represented and they do look out for each other. There was concern they didn't want to be left out and they can attend anyway. Commissioner Branch stated they are senior water right holders.

Motion Appointment Letters WRIA 49 Planning Unit

Commissioner Branch moved to appoint the following people to WRIA 49 Planning Unit Dick Lores, Dan McCarthy, and Scott Vejraska. Motion was seconded, all were in favor, motion carried.

Director Huston stated he will need a budget supplemental due to professional services line and will work with the Auditor to draft the request.

Still putting together the facts and figures for a public records request. It is much a larger request than originally thought.

Director Huston explained an Intergovernmental Agreement between the City of Omak and the Housing Authority of Okanogan County is ready for commissioner signature. Director Huston explained the Housing Authority owns a parcel of land adjacent to the City of Omak. The Housing Authority intends to build a residential complex on the property which is a permitted land use according to County Code. The property is located in the City of Omak's expansion area. The agreement was considered by both entities for the housing project. The housing development will eventually be annexed to the City of Omak so the city has conditionally approved the annexation; however they requested the County allow the City to assume lead agency status for the permit review and construction oversight of the project.

Director Huston explained upcoming public hearing regarding WATV's.

Motion Resolution 19-2019 IGA with the City of Omak and the Housing Authority

Commissioner Branch moved to approve resolution 19-2019 which adopts the Interlocal Agreement and authorizes the Chairman to sign. Motion was seconded, all were in favor, motion carried.

Discussion-Coverdale Forensic Science Grant-Coroner Rodriguez

Coroner Rodriguez explained he discussed his application for a Federal Coverdale Forensic Science grant. He explained the grant would fund another mortuary cooler but not another vehicle. The last cooler cost was about \$7,000. This grant will cover the cost of another cooler, but he doesn't have the amount budgeted in his 2019 budget. He stated he will make the purchase now, but may need a supplemental later since the line item is not budgeted for this year. The Grant will reimburse the cost.

Review Meeting Minutes

Commissioners reviewed their meeting minutes of January 28 and 29 and February 4 and 5, 2019.

The board adjourned at 5:00 p.m.