

RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS

OKANOGAN COUNTY

JULY 15, 2019

The Okanogan County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on July 15, 2019, with Chairman, Commissioner Jim DeTro; Vice Chairman, Commissioner Chris Branch; Member, Commissioner Andy Hover, and Laleña Johns, Clerk of the Board, present.

Perry Huston notified the Board that the Hearing Examiner denied the grading and clearing situation.

Commissioner DeTro explained the Department of Public Health shut down the Livestock Market restaurant due to a dry well that is used for gray water. As a result a pressurized system is required by Public Health before the business can be reopened. The system was apparently not malfunctioning, so it is unclear why exactly it was closed.

Pledge of Allegiance

The pledge of allegiance was conducted.

Review Commissioners Agenda and Consent Agenda

Commissioner Hover explained he met with Building Official Higbee about whether a departmental truck with over 200,000 miles should get new tires or whether the department should look into purchasing a replacement vehicle since the tires would likely outlast the vehicle.

Briefing Among Commissioners—Discusses Individual Weekly Meetings

Commissioners discussed their individual past and future weekly meetings.

Discussion – Emergency Medical Service District – Dave Mullins

Perry Huston was present.

Mr. Dave Mullins, member of the public, provided the board with some 2018 Okanogan County Assessment and Tax data as well as the City of Oroville's recent ballot proposition resolution. (attached) He also provided a letter he said would be published in the newspaper. (attached)

Mr. Mullins said he believed there was a better way to provide the ambulance services through volunteer EMT's, as was done before the Oroville EMT's resigned in 2014. He thought the district could run on \$150,000 per year, with volunteers. Director Huston explained why that would not work, and why it didn't work previously. Commissioner Branch said the volunteer worker model still needs a paid administrator, which would drive up the cost. The problem, observed by the City on several occasions, was that the ambulance sat when the volunteers didn't show up on a call.

Commissioner Hover said when we look at increased costs of minimum wage and strict training requirements, it adds up to more than \$200,000 per year.

Mr. Mullins discussed various other options for ambulance services in the Oroville Rural area that he thought would provide a higher level of service. Use of the Fire District's volunteer Fire Fighters was one way he thought costs could be reduced.

Mr. Mullins reiterated the commissioners should consider other models for delivery of EMS services within the City of Oroville and Oroville Rural EMS. Director Huston will work with Mr. Mullins on possible models for future consideration by the Commission.

Assessor Gilman was reached by telephone for the current valuation of the Oroville Rural EMS District. He said Current Valuation is certified in December if the levy passes.

Discussion – Twisp River Project – Methow Forest Ranger Chris Furr

Director Perry Huston and member of the public Teagan Christa Levine was present.

Ranger Furr explained the Twisp River project is to begin in September and he wanted to ask if the board had any questions or concerns about the project to discuss. He stated he is in communication with the Forest Health collaborative on the project.

Ranger Furr said the Forest Health collaborative talked about utilizing money to help with the survey of boundaries on forest service projects. Commissioner Branch explained an application to DNR for boundaries was about \$400,000. Commissioner Hover asked about the length of time to complete the project and commented on the amount of analysis on the categorical exclusion. It is a more difficult process with ESA listed species and consultations. The ESA could be complicated here even if we have the Categorical Exclusion category as there are a lot of listed species in this forest which can complicate things.

Ranger Furr said some other pre NEPA discussions with DNR are needed to discuss who might be interested in river control when it benefits the public.

Commissioners asked about the Smoke Jumper base status. Ranger Furr said there are some things that are staked out, it looked like the plan is to move forward. They seem to be going with the simplified version of the plan. Commissioner Hover would like Ranger Furr to keep the Commission apprised of the situation. Ranger Furr said other entities in the community are providing info on the status of the project as well. Commissioner DeTro discussed efforts he knows about to provide additional funding to the project.

Commissioner Hover discussed the Forest Service closing off several miles of road. He wants to ensure if there is a fire in the area that the road can be reopened quickly. Ranger Furr said there are also plans to scope that out as well as trail accesses. Commissioner DeTro explained the Board met with the new Tonasket Ranger recently. He said when the Forest Service had their own engineering department all three and four digit Forest Service roads were originally built to county specs. He is adamantly against the idea of closing all the roads only to then reopen certain ones up.

The 30 Mile project was discussed. Ranger Furr said the project schedule was pushed out till next year. The noise and access to the memorial were both concerns as they are on the way to the 30 mile campground. The memorial brings up a lot of emotional responses from people.

Commissioner Branch did not return after lunch due to personal reasons.

Public Hearing – Ordinance 2019-10 Interim Zone Code Map -Planning Dept.

Angie Hubbard, members of the public Lorah Super and Teagan Christa Levine were present.

Member of the county watch group, Katie Haven, unofficially video and audio recorded the meeting.

The county's official audio recorder was turned on.

Commissioner Hover opened up the hearing and announced there was no quorum established at the time of the hearing. The chairman was reached on the phone and he arrived shortly thereafter.

A quorum was established. Commissioner DeTro opened up the hearing to staff.

Director Huston explained the public hearing was to consider ordinance 2019-10 which adopted interim control amendments to the official zone map of Okanogan County.

Today's public comment will help determine if the ordinance should be left in place or not. The Board is required to do something within 6 months with the interim controls.

The proposed ordinance proposed to convert 1-acre zoning to 5- acre zoning in portions of the lower Methow Valley. Director Huston discussed the lower Methow reach minimum lot sizes and the effect of the decision was shown on the submitted data sheet. (attached) Director Huston discussed the data shown.

The information showed results with interim controls and results without interim controls. It showed 353 lots capable of further subdivision to underlying zoning that would result in 2575 new lots. It showed groundwater use based on buildable lands and it showed groundwater use for existing lots. Commissioners discussed the analysis of the potential impacts.

Commissioner DeTro called for public comment, stating the names of those who signed in.

Lorah Super program director MVCC. She said comments were sent around noon today. She read from her prepared comment. (attached) The interim measure was supported by the group.

Katie Haven, McFarland Creek Lower Methow echoed Lorah Super and the advisory group and community participation. She brought a letter from those on her road signed in 2011 and it went drainage by drainage to state their issues at that time. She read from the letter with eight signatures. (attached)

Commissioner DeTro opened up to commissioners' discussion. Commissioner DeTro discussed the calculation to physically develop lots and the numbers appear to work. Commissioner Hover said it doesn't show the number of agricultural ground irrigators those under lie.

Motion Interim Controls

Commissioner Hover moved to keep the interim controls in place as adopted in Ordinance 2019-10 but remanded the revisions to the Planning Commission to review. Motion was seconded, all were in favor, motion carried.

Update – Planning Department – Director Perry Huston

WRIA 49 Watershed Plan

Commissioners and Director Huston discussed the water consumption and building permits calculation to determine total acre feet of consumptive use in WRIA 49 watershed plan. The data was based on 63 annual building permits over a 20 year period, 205 GPD from Aspect Consulting and 14 GPD from DOE guidelines to show the amount of water a household would consume per day.

63 building permits per year average x20 years=1260 households

Aspect 205 GPDAx365x1260x.00000307=289 acre feet (indoor)

DOE 14 GPDx365x1260x.00000307=20 acre feet (indoor)

.39 acre feetx1260=491 acre feet (outdoor)

Water Summit

Review Letter

Director Huston suggested a facilitator besides himself to run the meeting. The person should understand how to keep the meeting on track. Commissioner Hover said he has two people in mind and suggested some contacts. The Board will be lead in the discussion, and Director Huston will be staff support, but he cannot both facilitate the meeting and be a resource to the commissioners and that is why he made the suggestion.

Mitigation Language OCC 17A.400.120

Director Huston explained what the Planning Commission looks for and the requirements involved when selecting mitigation language. Once the Planning Commission has conducted their review of the section it will be transmitted to the commissioners for formal adoption.

Review Resolution WRIA 48 exempt well policies

Commissioners discussed data presented on well consumptions.

Comprehensive Plan Update

The notice will publish on Wednesday.

Aspect Consulting will attend the August 1 Planning Unit meeting. Director Huston provided the breakdown of the costs, per commissioners' request. The agreement for \$2,500 was presented for Chairman Signature.

Motion Agreement Aspect Consulting & Okanogan County No190429

Commissioner Hover moved to approve the agreement between Okanogan County and Aspect Consulting for work on the WRIA 49 Watershed plan and authorized the chairman to sign. Motion was seconded, all were in favor, motion carried.

Capital Facilities

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August 16, 2019 Planning Commission Hearing

Items above were listed on the Planning Agenda but not discussed.

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 a special run voucher in the amount of \$506.57. Warrant numbers as cited on the attached blanket voucher list. Motion seconded and carried.

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Motion Public Health Voucher

Commissioner moved to approve the Public Health Vouchers including regular vouchers in the amount of \$387.79 and payroll vouchers in the amount of \$33,431. Warrant numbers as cited on the attached blanket voucher list. Motion was seconded, all were in favor, motion carried.

Review Meeting Minutes

Commissioners reviewed their meeting minutes of July 8-9, 2019.

The board adjourned at 3:45 p.m.

Dated at Okanogan, Washington this 30th day of July 2019.