

RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS**OKANOGAN COUNTY****JULY 2, 2019**

The Okanogan County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on July 2, 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.

George Thornton, member of the public and Okanogan Watch Group taking hand written notes was present.

Pledge of Allegiance

Commissioner DeTro begun the pledge of allegiance.

Commissioners' Staff Meeting

David Gecas, Director Perry Huston and Stella Columbia were present.

Mr. Columbia stated the grange convention went very well and we learned a few helpful things. They were happy when convention was over. There was a suggestion to get a few nonslip floor mats in the kitchen.

Commissioner Hover would like to know can we get sponsors for arena banners and do we need to put it on the fee schedule? Director Huston stated, treat it as donation and be specific about the details for the banners. Commissioner Hover asked Director Huston to come up with an application and resolution. And requested Ms. Columbia look up the cost of banners and put together a fee. Mr. Thornton offered to check on the price of banners at a store in Wenatchee.

Ms. Columbia stated relocating the floor sink is an important, due to sanitation and safely issues. She said revenue is up. Commissioner Hover reported the arena should be all up in a day or two but still need to put in the brace posts. Ms. Columbia said her office is posting the progress of the arena and track on Face Book. She said with the fairground being a designated as an emergency site there are grants to help with repairs of the buildings. She stated there was only one person that replied about the ticket booth job at fair time. The Commissioners all agreed to have that person do the job.

Director Huston presented two planning commission re-appointment letters.

Commissioner Hover thought about putting out a letter stating what county boards we have and reappointed are available. Commissioner Branch stated on some boards these folks have a lot of knowledge and would not like to see the turn over. Commissioner Hover asked how do we keep the public interest and wanting to be on the county boards. Director Huston suggested putting an ad in the paper once a year informing the public. Commissioner Hover asked Director Huston to work with the clerk of the board to get this information out.

Motion – Re-Appoint – Planning Commission

Commissioner Hover moved to re-appoint Georg Thornton to fill the at large position on the Okanogan County Planning Commission. Motion was seconded, all were in favor, motion carried.

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Commissioner Hover moved to re-appoint Gina McCoy to fill District #2 position on the Okanogan County Planning Commission. Motion was seconded, all were in favor, motion carried.

Motion Executive Session RCW 42.30.110 (1)(i)

Commissioner Hover moved to go into executive session at 9:39 am for 20 minutes to discuss legal matters to which the county may be involved inviting Attorney David Gecas and Perry Huston. Motion was seconded, all were in favor, motion carried.

Executive session was extended at 9:59 am for another five minutes.

Commissioners exited executive session at 10:04 am no decisions were made.

Update – Clerks' Office

Charleen Groomes and Susan Speiker were present.

Ms. Groomes stated they were able to get more reels off to be preserved with funding from Auditors O&M. We are seeing the end of getting these film reels all done. A work source gal from the tribe will start next week and will help with scanning. Ms. Speiker said all the files in the storage containers need archived. Commissioner Hover requested they find out the cost to have the whole container archived. He stated it may be time to budget for this to be done. Ms. Groomes said she got to tour the state archive when she was at the Clerk's conference. Ms. Speiker said the RFP for domestic violence grant is done and things are going great in our office.

Commissioner Branch requested Director Huston to join them in the hearing room at 10:18 am. Commissioner Branch said there has been a complaint about your office and asked do you agree to go into executive session. Mr. Huston said yes that is fine.

Motion Executive Session RCW 42.30.110 (1)(f)

Commissioner Hover moved to go into executive session at 10:22 am for 15 minutes to discuss legal matters to which the county may be involved inviting Perry Huston. Motion was seconded, all were in favor, motion carried

Commissioners exited executive session at 10:37 am no decisions were made.

Update – Human Resources/Risk Management – Tanya Craig

David Gecas was present.

Motion Executive Session RCW 42.30.110 (1)(i)

Commissioner Hover moved to go into executive session at 10:43 am for 10 minutes to discuss legal matters to which the county may be involved inviting Tanya Craig and Attorney David Gecas. Motion was seconded, all were in favor, motion carried.

Commissioners exited executive session at 10:53 am no decisions were made

Ms. Craig said Shelly Keitzman started on Monday and is getting settled in. She talked to the clerk of the board about ordering a new desk for the HR assistant office in the amount of \$289 with free shipping and we have the funds. The Commissioners said, yes order it. Monday we have four new employees starting and we have some people that want to test for our jail.

Update – Public Works – Engineer Josh Thomson

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

Maintenance and Road Conditions

We are about ready to start chip sealing.

Fair Grounds

Done hauling dirt and should be done grading within the next couple days.

Statler Bridge Replacement Project

A lot of moving piece that are coming in to place and should start the first of September.

Hwy 7, Tonasket Bridge North Construction Project

Not much progress. Still waiting on some right of ways.

Salmon Cr Rd

Did hear back from PUD and hoping to get started in the near future.

Barkley & MVID Ditch Project

There is still not permit from DOT and need to have the right a way soon or they will have to wait until next year.

Edelweiss Levee USACE Project

Meeting on site next Friday, July 12th.

SOS Grant Application for Scanning

Did not get the grant this time.

Radar Gap

There might be some benefit but the cost would be high.

Public Works items listed on the Consent Agenda were briefly discussed.

Engineer Thomson stated he will be traveling to Oroville today to inspect the Smoking Ridge Bridge.

Approve Commissioners' Proceedings – June 24 & 25, 2019

Commissioner Hover moved to approve commissioner meeting minutes of June 24 and 25, 2019. Motion was seconded, all were approved.

Approve Consent Agenda Hover

Commissioner Hover moved to approve the consent agenda items 1-4, as presented. Motion was seconded, all were in favor, motion carried.

1. Approve – Special Occasion Liquor License – Little Star Montessori School
2. Approve–Reimbursable Work Request Chip Seal Omak Ave-West of HWY 97-City of Omak
3. Resolution 82-2019 Okanogan County Homeless Housing Plan 2019
4. Resolution 83-2019 Adopting the Current Public Works Organization Chart

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 special run of vouchers in the amount of \$470,465.11. Warrant numbers as cited on the attached blanket voucher list. Motion seconded and carried.

Commissioner Branch adjourned the meeting for lunch at 11:47 a.m.

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

No citizens attended and no citizens called in.

Commissioner Hover was attending to personal business and was not in session after the lunch

break.

The board adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

Dated at Okanogan, Washington this 9th day of July 2019.