

**RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS****OKANOGAN COUNTY****JULY 29, 2019**

The Okanogan County Board of Commissioners met in regular session at 123 5th Avenue North, Okanogan, Washington on July 29, 2019, with Chairman, Commissioner Jim DeTro; Member, Commissioner Andy Hover, and Laleña Johns, Clerk of the Board, present.

Vice Chairman, Commissioner Chris Branch absent today, due to personal business.

**Review Commissioners Agenda and Consent Agenda**

Commissioners amended their agenda, noting they would attend the WRIA 49 Watershed Planning meeting Thursday.

**Briefing Among Commissioners—Discusses Individual Weekly Meetings**

Commissioner DeTro discussed the Forest Service and how they are handling the tender contracts. He spoke to several people this morning about their concern and frustration on how the Forest Service is pulling on the local fire tenders. Commissioner DeTro explained the issue, and noted the contract rates must be stated in the contract also. The tenders seem to be losing out. This situation affects all the tenders. Commissioner Hover said he's heard of the complications. Commissioners discussed expected protocol for both Forest Service and Tenders.

Commissioners discussed the wolf plan and wolf management.

**Motion RCW 42.30.110 (1)(i)**

Commissioner Hover moved to go into executive session at 9:28 a.m. for 15 minutes inviting DPA, David Gecas to discuss litigation or potential litigation to which the agency is likely to become a party. Motion was seconded, all were in favor, motion carried.

Executive session was extended at 9:42 a.m. for another 10 minutes.

Executive session ended at 9:52 a.m. no decisions were made.

**Discussion Human Resource Director/Risk Manager Tanya Craig**

Ms. Craig discussed a request for Fire Marshall for Okanogan County. We have a sheriff detective that is certified.

Ms. Craig will request job descriptions from other counties to determine our own description for our Planning and Development position.

It appears those comparative counties used for salary comparisons shows their position with many more responsibilities than what Okanogan County had in its description.

The ID cards cannot be printed with only one name, it must have a last name on it. Stickers can be used to block out the last name. The policy will be amended to add that and the Sheriff's office language.

Ms. Craig discussed the Central Services Director position as it will need to be advertised soon. The current Director, Mr. Randy Clough, recommended an additional Tech to support the future changes.

Commissioners discussed with Tanya Craig and Angie Hubbard the thought that another senior planner be included in the reorganization of the department. Ms. Hubbard thought that was a good idea.

Ms. Hubbard neighborhood commercial understanding shrink down to town plat and meld surround zoning to meet the neighborhood zone. Commissioner Hover said yes, that is what he had in mind.

Member of the public Christa Teagan Levine, taking hand written notes.

Commissioner Hover noted that several folks have inquired about the county surplussing the old bucking chutes. Commissioners briefly discussed that.

Emily Sisson, member of the public audio and video recorded the meeting.

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

Char Shumaker was also present.

Ms. Shumaker provided her staff report for the Eastlake Long Shores long plat and discussed the information and conditions relayed there. She stated her request for preliminary approval by the board. The Hearings Examiner recommended approval subject to Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Conditions of Approval. (attached)

### **Motion Long Shores Long Plat**

Commissioner Hover moved to grant preliminary approval on the Eastlake Long Shores Long Plat No. 2019-1 subject to Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Conditions of Approval. Motion was seconded, all were in favor, motion carried.

A closed record hearing will be needed to adopt the final long plat.

Ms. Hubbard explained that tomorrow's proposed purchase and sale agreement for gravel pit is scheduled for tomorrow.

VSP met last Thursday and discussed the COSHA program for implementation of stewardship practices. \$10,000 per individual for cost share funds.

Filling vacancies was discussed at the VSP meeting. The suggested people will be officially appointed by the commissioners.

Comment period reopened for the Grizzly bear. Would the board like to dust off the previous comments and reiterate the Board's stand on this species? The commissioners would like another letter drafted for this additional comment period. The letter would state the county's position that it does NOT want grizzlies restored here. The grizzly isn't compatible with Okanogan County as there are people in the early snow melt areas where grizzlies hibernate and wake up. If the Grizzly bears are anything like the Black Bears they will be in the valley floors in the spring where people live.

The EIS is out for comment and ends in September. Commissioner Hover said currently the PC is reviewing the draft. They will hold the public hearing August 19th on the draft EIS. Then from that testimony and comments received the PC will form their suggestion on Comp Plan, then hone into alternatives for the final plan recommendation to the BOCC. When the commissioners get it they can pass it as it is, or decide to have a public hearing. Commissioner Hover discussed his understanding on the timeline for adopting the comprehensive plan. Ms. Hubbard said the plan is to adopt it by the end of the year.

Commissioners adjourned for the day at 1:45 p.m. with direction that the Clerk of the Board continue the Public Hearing for Budget Supplemental Appropriation PILT.

### **Public Hearing–Supplemental Appropriation–CE Reserve–PILT Allocation**

The Clerk of the Board announced at 4:00 p.m. that the public hearing is continued to Tuesday, July

30, 2019 at 3:15 p.m.

**Review Meeting Minutes**

Commissioners reviewed their meeting minutes earlier today.