

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

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

Commissioner Andy Hover was absent this morning attending the Treasurers Conference at Sun Mt. Lodge.

Member of the public, George Thornton, taking hand written notes for Okanogan Watch Group.

Pledge of Allegiance

Commissioners stood and stated the pledge.

Commissioners' Staff Meeting

David Gecas, Stella Columbia, Joe Poulin and Perry Huston were present.

Economic Alliance Executive Director Roni Holder Deifenbach and Kristi O'Neil

Attorney Gecas updated the board on legal matters he is handling. He spoke about the JLAC public records request reporting stating that because the county agency does not spend \$100,000.

Working on interpretation of Bill 5497 Sanctuary regarding immigration.

Ms. Columbia provided the commissioners with a revised Fairgrounds Fee schedule and resolution for consideration. Commissioners will consider approving it once Commissioner Hover returns later.

Ms. Columbia updated the board on Fair Advisory Committee meeting. The FAC would like to obtain a container to store the panels and things. They are looking into purchasing one and where it will sit. It would store the pig panels and various beef bard items. The FAC will be researching the best ones. For this year's fair there are 59 steers and 176 pigs pre-registered. There is a need for additional super intendants volunteers. It is a big volunteer job.

Work Force Development, Ms. Kristy O'Neil, explained an expo was held last year in the Agriplex where 750 school kids attended from all the schools. They would like hold the Expo again this year at the end of October, but expect 1000 kids with many more local businesses to participate. The Expo is geared towards providing interactive activities during to show case the businesses here to give the kids an idea of certain businesses are like. It was a big event last year and the schools are very excited to do this again this year. Ms. O'Neil said she is hoping to rent the Agriplex at a reduced cost because they ran out of grant funds and the kids attending are mostly underserved and low income. The Work Force will pay for buses to bring the kids to the event and that is a big expense. The cost to rent the Agriplex is also the next biggest expense. This type of event does serve the low income kids and students with disabilities, they are not asking for a full waiver but a reduction to \$500. Ms. Columbia stated it is good to serve the community with events like this. It is an off season type of event. Ms. Diefenbach explained free and reduced lunch schedules of the schools would show that more than 75% of students participate in the free lunch program. Most schools cannot afford to provide this type of event to their students and one reason why Economic Alliance is involved.

Director Huston recommended the commissioners pass a resolution matrix explaining why the board did what they did. It would provide some consistency. Commissioner Branch suggested factors to be

considered for the waiver, be articulated to answer the question can we do this? List our criteria we have already adopted on the fee schedule.

Commissioner DeTro received complaints from the event over the weekend because the drumming went on and on until 3:30 am. He suggested cutting off the music earlier because it is too loud putting it in bold print on the agreements.

Mr. Poulin explained the Agriplex floor was cleaned with the new floor cleaner. It did a really nice job and for the first cleaning it took about 4 hours. He expects the more it is cleaned the less time it will take overall. The Agriplex exterior lights will be installed. The 5-yard dump truck was discussed, it has a plow blade too that is can come with. If we sell the old 1975 dump truck the proceeds can go towards this one.

One more unit on the courthouse went down, it is a coil so it must be replaced. It serves the Superior Court areas. There are three down right now on the roof top. A couple bids have been solicited for the replacements.

Public Works has begun grading the arena site. Commissioner Hover was on site yesterday with PUD and indicated the electrical would be placed a little differently than originally discussed.

Director Huston informed that the Architect Agreement with Beaman has been signed, so the Jail M-Tank ceiling project will begin. He will send out an email to the Jail and Sheriff to notify them.

Director Huston discussed a proposal for mineral exploration in the Conconully area and contacted Sage Park with DOE, and DNR, and both have weighed in, and it has become more of a discussion. The consulting firm out of Idaho is bird dogging the project. The DOE will communicate directly with the consultant. Commissioner Branch asked if they discussed the technique to be used? Director Huston stated they plan to check in at each stage but initially they are drilling samples. There is the mine shaft that will need permitting once they start bringing stuff up. The first phase is to reinforce the shoring, sampling materials stockpile trigger the application for CUP. He can use some info by DOE for the CUP as well. They were focused on the two mines the Last Chance and the First Thought.

Director Huston stated the Planning Commission met for their special meeting and discussed many things they are concerned about. They will go over the draft EIS and will set a regular meeting in July for their public hearing. If they stay on that tract it is not inconceivable that the commissioners will see it late September. There were around 100 people who attended the meeting.

The Clerk of the Board updated the commissioners on her upcoming schedule.

Update – Human Resources/Risk Management – Tanya Craig

Ms. Craig updated the board on applications received for the Human Resource Assistant position. There were 16 total received, six will be interviewed with appropriate qualifications. The decision will be made on Friday. Two other employees who work closely with the position will be on the panel.

Ms. Craig stated the city of Brewster is struggling to adequately cover their law enforcement services. They requested the county fill in the gaps so she is working on the compiling the data with Undersheriff Culp for a temporary assistance agreement. That is if the Board is comfortable with the arrangement. We do serve the Pateros area and will help back up Brewster since they are in the area and willing to help.

Ms. Craig explained the K-9 program and the need to train additional dogs for drug control. The two older dogs when they retire will already have some plans in place for replacement.

Commissioner Branch stated he is registered for the Risk Pool Conference coming up soon.

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 regular vouchers in the amount of \$901,013.04 and Payroll vouchers in the amount of \$1,056,148.94. Warrant numbers as cited on the attached blanket voucher list. Motion seconded and carried.

Motion Public Health Voucher

Commissioner Branch moved to approve the Public Health Vouchers including payroll in the amount of \$43,605.93 and regular vouchers in the amount of \$6,507.21. Warrant numbers as cited on the attached blanket voucher list. Motion was seconded, all were in favor, motion carried.

Motion Letter Authorizing Sheriff Search & Rescue to Apply for a Walmart Grant

Commissioner Branch moved to approve the letter of Search and Rescue so they can apply to receive a Walmart Grant. Motion was seconded, all were in favor, motion carried.

Motion Boy Scouts of America Lake Bonaparte Summer Camp June 30-July 28

Commissioner Branch moved to approve the acknowledgement letter that Boy Scouts of America will hold their Summer Camp at Lake Bonaparte June 30 through July 28, 2019 and authorized the Chairman to sign and directed that Dispatch, Sheriff and Emergency Management be notified with the letter. Motion was seconded, all were in favor, motion carried.

Motion Resolution 78-2019 Budget Adjustment Cama Cloud Software Assessor

Commissioner Branch moved to approve resolution 78-2019 a budget amendment in the amount of \$13,209 for the remaining funds needed for the Cama Cloud Software for the field devices. Motion was seconded, all were in favor, motion carried.

Motion Oroville Rural EMS District

Commissioner Branch moved to adjourn as the BOCC and reconvene as the Oroville Rural EMS District. Motion was seconded all were in favor, motion carried.

Commissioner Branch moved to approve the Voucher certification and authorize the Oroville Rural EMS District vouchers to be paid in the amount of \$9,680 for June services. Motion was seconded, all were in favor, motion carried.

Commissioner Hover moved to adjourn as the Oroville Rural EMS and Reconvene as the BOCC Motion was seconded all were in favor, motion carried.

Commissioner Hover returned at about 10:50 a.m.

Update – Public Works – Engineer Josh Thomson

Kent Kovalenko Solid Waste was present.

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

Maintenance and Road Conditions

Engineer Thomson said pre-leveling and shouldering is being done to prep the materials for chip seal. They are using hot mix as they find we have enough road miles, but cost comparisons will be done to compare the costs of doing it the other way.

Wood Stove Buy-Back Update

Mr. Kovalenko said Twisp saw about 70 stoves, central was about 50 which is half of what was

anticipated. It was a good community event. The stoves looked like they were used and some poorly designed stoves. 18 tons of stoves so over all it was considered a good event.

Six-Year Transportation Improvement Program

A rough draft of the Six Year Transportation Improvement program for 2020-2025 was submitted. A list of projects was provided to the board for review. He asked if there were projects to add or projects to change. (attached) Regionally specific items are listed here.

Right now there are not many dollars to pave unpaved roads. Those roads are usually local access roads and are not eligible for funding.

Statler Bridge Replacement Project

Still working through WDFW to finish the right of way. All three property owners are okay with the progress. He would like to have the project advertised in a couple weeks.

The Tribes are paying to pump water into Okanogan Irrigation to keep a certain amount of water (8cfs) in Salmon Creek, so that will complicate things as the water must be dealt with when normally the creek is fully dry during summertime.

Hwy 7 Tonasket Bridge North Construction Started Yesterday

Should finish up sometime late July.

Commissioner DeTro said someone told him that intersection site is obstructed by the overgrown trees in the view to turn. There is also a very large pothole on Crumbacher Road he requested to be fixed.

OCOG-Transportation

There was an OCOG meeting last night. Commissioner Branch updated the board on items discussed at that meeting. Names for the group study were discussed such as "Okanogan County Backroads Study" and "Okanogan Country Backroads Study". There are some narrow winding paved roads that should be part of the study, said Engineer Thomson. Commissioner Branch explained the group also has the agreement for Tourism Strategy study. They discussed traffic management, but managing pedestrians is different. Discussed how to fund the two studies and there isn't enough money to finish one let alone both.

Similkameen Trail Maintenance

Some work was done by the PUD on the culverts. Engineer Thomson said he plans to have a conversation about the culverts with the PUD and those will be entered into the GPS.

Fairgrounds 5 cubic yard dump truck

A fee schedule was provided for the dump truck showing a three year payoff schedule. The truck is valued at \$10,000. Commissioner Hover said the \$200 per month payment option would be best. Surplus the 1975 truck and sell it at auction. The dump truck has a plow frame and can come with a plow blade. The information will be provided to the Clerk of the board for public hearing scheduling and resolution drafting.

Consent Agenda

Engineer Thomson briefly discussed the items listed on the consent agenda and asked if the board had questions.

The bid opening for road side hazard resulted in no bids, so we can do the project with county forces since we received no bids.

There are a lot of things coming through Public Works that need processing such as Conditional Use

Permits for land uses.

Board of Health Meeting – 1234 S 2nd Ave, Okanogan

Commissioners attended the Board of Health. Commissioner Hover asked the Clerk of the Board to send an email to the cities soliciting a member to fill the city elected position on the Board of Health.

Motion Appointment Letter Board of Equalization Sara Carlberg

Commissioner Hover moved to approve the appointment of Sara Carlberg to the Board of Equalization filling the unexpired term of Bill Barga ending June 30, 2020. Motion was seconded, all were in favor, motion carried.

Discussion – County ID Card Policy – Maurice Goodall

Perry Huston and George Thornton were present.

Mr. Goodall explained some department heads have reviewed the draft policy and some provided comment. Some officials are waiting for the county to establish the county's ID card policy. A draft of the policy was sent to commissioners on May 31 for review. (attached)

Commissioner Hover discussed the desire for the chairman of the board to sign all elected officials and department heads ID card. It will make it easier if one person was signing off on each.

Mr. Goodall explained he would like to get the key cards in place then work out how to integrate the id and door access card in one.

Commissioner Hover discussed Human Resources being the department to issue the cards and where the exiting employee turns in all the county items to Human Resources. For terminations, the process may be different.

Director Huston suggested the policy be adopted by resolution and in the recitals explain the anomalies such as why the sheriff is exempt from this policy etc.....

Commissioners discussed countywide burn ban language for the resolution and that it be clear who to contact for agriculture fire blight burning and provide the number.

Approve Commissioners' Proceedings - June 4, 2019

Commissioner Hover moved to approve the commissioners' proceedings of June 4, 2019. Motion was seconded, all were in favor, motion carried.

Approve Consent Agenda

Commissioner Hover moved to approve the consent agenda items 1-9 as presented. Motion was seconded, all were in favor, motion carried.

1. Approve – Purchase of a Shed from Alpine Shed – Public Works Department
2. Cattle Guard Renewals – Pamp Maiers CGF #16-94; Veranda Beach CGF #01-09 & #02-09; James E. Murphy CGF #72-73 & 71-73
3. Public Works Contract – Aspect Consulting, LLC – CRP 9155-19 Old 97
4. Public Works Contract – GN Northern Inc. – CRP 9437-07 Hwy 7 (Bridger North)
5. Okanogan County Contract – Legal Printing Contract – Okanogan Valley Gazette Tribune and the Methow Valley News
6. Resolution 71-2019 Budget Amendment – Clerk Domestic Violence 001.005 – 001.006
7. Resolution 72-2019 – Changing the Part-time VSO Assistant Position to Full-time
8. Resolution 73-2019 – Adopting Okanogan County Conflict of Interest & Disclosure Policy
9. Resolution 74-2019 – Setting the Personal Vehicle Mileage Rate for Business Use.

The Clerk of the Board discussed a request from Hurst Construction, LLC as they were hired by the City of Okanogan for the sewer project which will occur in front of the Virginia Grainger building next week. The construction company asked if the county would allow them to park a utility trailer, backhoe and a few other smaller equipment rigs on the north side of VG parking lot. The commissioners thought that would be fine and asked that the Clerk of the Board work with Director Huston to draft an MOU for this.

The board adjourned at 4:45 p.m.