

RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS

OKANOGAN COUNTY

MARCH 12, 2019

The Okanogan County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on March 12, 2019, with Chairman, Commissioner Jim DeTro; Vice Chairman, Commissioner Chris Branch; Member, Commissioner Andy Hover, and Laleña Johns, Clerk of the Board, present.

George Thornton, member of the public, taking hand written notes representing Okanogan Watch group.

Jack Cates from Freedom Organization was present.

Commissioners' Staff Meeting

Chief Civil Deputy David Gecas, Maintenance Supervisor Joe Poulin and Fairgrounds Coordinator Stella Columbia were present.

Commissioners requested David Gecas draft a letter to Mr. David Creveling about the funds he discussed with the board several weeks ago.

Mr. Gecas discussed draft agreements that he provided assistance and advice on. He discussed two different statutes regarding the provision of law enforcement services to the city of Pateros. Building inspection services agreement renewals were discussed as annual renewals, but the Twisp agreement will need to be redrafted to include consistent language.

There is an agreement with Support Center for current Domestic Violence funds of the county. He said not one agency is entitled to the funds collected prior to 2018, but if the funds became available a qualified entity would need to go through the application process.

Mr. Gecas discussed Medicaid payments not paying for inmates on furlough.

Mr. Gecas discussed a draft Dog Ordinance and suggested creating a dog control zone in the whole county. Commissioner Branch said he has received complaints about dogs. Commissioner Hover said he also has heard complaints about dogs bothering livestock. He isn't interested in someone going around catching people's pets, he is looking for a way to write a ticket, so the owner takes responsibility of their dog. The Clerk of the Board mentioned that there is a dog control zone, but it applies only to those within school district #350. Some state RCW's address dangerous dogs. Deputy Yarnell will be invited to discuss the code and requested changes.

Mr. Gecas discussed TV District #1's Interlocal Agreement with the Colville Confederated Tribe for access to Omak Mt. for TV tower improvements. The Tribe may assume the TV district receives more assessment funds than they think. Mr. Gecas stated his interpretation of the agreement says it can only be renewed once due to federal law. Commissioner Branch said perhaps the bit of law should be reviewed to determine if it fully pertains. He would like to review the language for any nuances that could fix the issue. Mr. Gecas said the agreement looks very difficult to get out of too, so he is working on that.

Ms. Columbia reported that she would like to get the ad out for the camp host. She discussed a company that can process credit cards for online camping registrations. Overpass is the company and they charge a small fee to process the credit card. She explained the fees will be passed along to the renter. Commissioner Hover reviewed the website. Commissioners were in favor of Ms. Columbia

setting this up for our fairground online camping reservations.

Ms. Columbia explained the FAC will summarize their plans for this year's expenditures and she will create a spreadsheet as Mr. Egerton FAC chair requested the information.

Mr. Poulin stated a contract was sent to Ogborn Plumbing for the Juvenile Sewer project so that project could be completed by the end of the month.

The fairgrounds irrigation system will be mapped out to see what kind of water is available for the campgrounds. Commissioner Hover mentioned that LTAC funds could help pay for the irrigation system that would serve the campground. The pump has the capacity for the design features to be considered. Mr. Poulin will determine what is needed for the system, then report later.

The Agriplex floor was mopped to see how long it would take to hand mop it and it took 10.5 hours. Mr. Poulin said a mop sink installation would really help. Mr. Poulin discussed where the mop sink would go and what modifications would be needed. He believes that work can be done in-house.

Jack Cates of Freedom Foundation said he is trying to get more municipalities on board to address the first amendment at work. When an employee opts out of their union, they notify payroll, because the union is dragging the municipality into court for punitive damages. He is letting us know the employees should be going through HR rather than the union and he intends to help entities in preventing a law suit. Commissioner Hover stated the union contracts address that. It has been a benefit to the employees and it helps preserve negotiations because of the transparency and it had more meet-able demands.

Update – Human Resources/Risk Management – Tanya Craig and/or Debi Hilts

Judge Henry Rawson and Dennis Rabidou were present.

Ms. Craig stated Judge Rawson and Dennis Rabidou wished to discuss the Artificial External Defibrillator (AED) equipment now in the courthouse. Judge Rawson explained what prompted him and the Rotary Club to provide the equipment and training for AED and stop the bleeding. He said Rotary Club has partnered with Life Line to provide the ongoing training, maintenance and upkeep of the devices. There was 15 county employees from various county buildings that received the training. He wanted to discuss the placement of the AED's in the courthouse with the Board. An MOU draft was provided for BOCC review. It does need more work, stated Mr. Rabidou. When ready, it will be provided to the Risk Manager and Chief Civil Deputy for review. Judge Rawson explained other training such as active shooter training that is provided to schools and said how helpful it is. He said how practical it is to have the devices and staff available should it be needed. Where are the First Aid kits located as it was thought the AED could be located nearby? There is one unit to be placed at this point. Ms. Craig discussed first aid kits that could be out of date and asked who pays for the supplies. Commissioner DeTro explained how important it is to have the MOU with Life Line for the upkeep and maintenance of the AED devices as it was an issue before when the county was considering purchasing the AEDs. Commissioner Hover did not want them placed where folks can rip them off the wall. Judge Rawson explained how they have been trying to involve the community and would like the word spread around to encourage people to realize how important it is to have the device should it be needed. .

Update – County Auditor – Cari Hall

Auditor Cari Hall and Jamie Groomes were present.

Auditor Hall explained 39 applications were received for the licensing/recording position. She will interview 1/3 of the applicants because they are good quality applications.

Bills were discussed that will affect the Auditor's office costs. She discussed the major ones and the

affect it may have. Elections processes will change, she explained what she knows. Ms. Groomes explained the state is eliminating the 29 day transfer deadline for transfer to another county and explained once transferred will be able to vote in that county but not the one they came from. Auditor Hall said she'll get through the changes and will work through it. The dates on envelopes will cost thousands and thousands if passed. There is valid concern about this one but Auditor Association has backed off because no one is listening. Deadlines cannot be met if passed, so that will need to be addressed. We mail out about 23,000 for the general, but less than special election. The cost to do the envelopes is not cost effective to done in house. Our mailing company does everything. Laser printing the date afterward might reduce costs.

Commissioner Hover reviewed the uses for the contingency reserve fund in terms of the Auditor staffing changes and need for additional budget. Auditor Hall explained once positions have been filled, then she will address the original issue. There is some current expense reserve that could be used as well.

Update – Public Works – Engineer Josh Thomson and Admin Officer Ben Rough

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

Geotechnical for Old 97, Consultant Selections

All SRQ for Geotechnical services for Old 97. Engineer Thomson explained some options to save money.

OCAOG Planning

Primitive road study is due today. He is hoping those will all come in today.

WSACE Meeting

Several things were discussed at the conference. The Secure Rural Schools funding has not been reauthorized. The Fuel tax model was discussed and was pretty fair, but with the proposed changes, we really need to push for the same protections that fuel tax has. If it is a general tax it could be a fund that can be swept.

Discussed Federal Funds versus state funding on our projects. The federal fund exchange was discussed and wondered if anyone has heard about that study.

CRABoard

Funding through CRAB for the projects submitted and awarded but have not been fully funded was discussed. This board make-up was discussed. Engineer Thomson would like to put his name in for membership. They meet about 4 time per year. The commissioners were all in favor of him putting his name in for appointment. WSAC selects from the name submitted from WSACE.

Consent Agenda

Engineer Thomson discussed the items listed on the consent agenda and answered any questions the board had.

Mr. Rough stated the area 1 supervisor position was advertised. Summer tempts postings will be close behind.

Engineer Thomson stated he has been reviewing the county's culverts and said there are not many for fish passage. Pushing for a study to see whether county's can fund those changes. Commissioner Branch discussed the Tonasket Creek flooding at the bridges near Oroville where a preliminary proposal was done but an application could not be submitted because a biologist was not available to prepare a competitive application due to the need to address some of the technical aspects of the proposal. It could be helpful to think about how to leverage the dollars. Commissioner Hover stated RCO has funding for unlisted species and he doesn't think all of it gets spent. He will contact Kaleen

Cottingham, RCO, to discuss and learn what the requirements are for the non-listed species. Engineer Thomson said to replace three culverts would cost over \$200,000.

Board of Health – 1234 S 2nd Ave, Okanogan

Commissioners attended the Public Health meeting.

Public Hearing–Supplemental Appropriation–Equipment Reserve Fund 196-\$40,000

Commissioner DeTro opened up the hearing. He noted no one present to comment. He opened up the hearing to commissioners' discussion.

Motion Resolution 32-2019 Supplemental Appropriation -Equipment Reserve Fund 196-\$40,000

Commissioner Hover moved to approve resolution 32-2019 a supplemental appropriation within the equipment reserve fund 196 in the amount of \$25,000. Motion was seconded, all were in favor, motion carried.

Motion Resolution 33-2019 Budget Amendment Current Expense \$58,491

Commissioner Hover moved to approve resolution 33-2019 a budget amendment within current expense in the amount of \$58,491. Motion was seconded, all were in favor, motion carried.

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

Time may be limited-calls taken in order received.

No calls were received.

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. Commissioners' Proceedings March 4 & 5, 2019
2. Contract-LTAC Marketing & Promotion-Cascadia \$1,400
3. Contract-LTAC Marketing & Promotion-Oroville Chamber \$7,500
4. Lease Agreement –Ricoh USA, Inc.-Commissioners Office
5. Ratify Annual Equitable Sharing Agreement & Certification
6. Purchase Approval-Area 4 Shop HVAC Replacement-\$8,244
7. Cattle Guard Renewals: CCT CGF#07-13 & CCT CGF#08-13
8. Local Agency Agreement Supplement-Roadside Hazards-WSDOT
9. Authorization-Call for Bids-Twisp Transfer Station Truck Scale

The board adjourned at 4:11 p.m.