

RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS

OKANOGAN COUNTY

MARCH 5, 2019

The Okanogan County Board of Commissioners met for its regular session on March 5, 2019, with Chairman, Commissioner Jim DeTro; Vice Chair Commissioner Chris Branch; and Member, Commissioner Andy Hover, and Laleña Johns, Clerk of the Board, present.

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

Commissioners' Staff Meeting

David Gecas, Dan Higbee, Stella Columbia, Kelly Ross, Joe Poulin, Perry Huston

Attorney Gecas explained interlocal agreements he has reviewed and offered advice on.

Building official asked if the BOCC wished to extend the building inspection agreements with Twisp, Pateros, and Riverside??. The three agreements are essentially the same except for the definition of building inspector in the Twisp agreement. He suggested that definition be used in all three contracts. Twisp did not put an end date in their renewal agreement and he assumes the county prefers a termination date. Building Official Higbee stated there isn't a current contract in place but the building official is still providing the services. The agreement renewals should occur in September so whatever is agreed to can be budgeted for. Mr. Gecas reminded the board those municipalities were to look for a building inspector. Mr. Higbee said those cities don't want to find someone else. Commissioner Hover said the way it is done now, it limits what the city can ask for, if the agreement is geared towards a percentage to the county's cost then it could include all other types of services. Mr. Higbee would prefer parameters around the services to be provided. Commissioner Branch likes the option to revisit annually because our work load could change significantly and things that happen that need time to work through.

Renewal of Pateros Law Enforcement agreement has been received by Mr. Gecas, he will provide to the board and Sheriff for review and signature.

Mr. Gecas discussed a possible meeting with FutureWise and the three commissioners and their client Methow Valley Citizens Council. Director Huston will create a response as part of the EIS as he has to do that anyways, his goal was to begin the discussion at the March Planning Commission meeting with the idea of getting it out the first part of April. Mr. Thornton suggested the public hearing that included both. The commissioners would prefer to have a meeting Monday or Tuesday April 1 or 2.

Ms. Columbia provided her update of the Fairgrounds. She explained it is about time to start advertising for temporary staffing to start ahead of time in order to provide training.

Motion Temporary Staffing Fairgrounds Office

Commissioner Hover moved to direct staff to create the hiring documents for a temp Clerk III position to start April 27th. Motion was seconded, all were in favor, motion carried.

The Fairgrounds project permit is being prepared for the project. The teardown of the old arena can begin once the check off list is completed. Joe Poulin said his crew can do the work of pulling the panels apart and sorted according to condition. No ground disturbing work can begin until the permit is in place.

Kelly Ross provided information on printer copier replacement options. (attached) The state contract was used for the comparison. She explained the features and cost differences. The HR has a Lexmark desk printer that uses a lot of ink but it costs about \$400 for ink. Commissioner Hover thought we should do away with the Lexmark and go with the faster Ricoh printer.

Motion Copier/Printer Renewal

Commissioner Hover moved to approve the Ricoh 600aEX 60 page per min. option. Motion seconded all were in favor motion carried.

Commissioner Hover would like Central Services to know that the Lexmark costs too much and would like it to be surplussed to the needs of the county and sold to public.

Joe Poulin provided his update on the fairgrounds and courthouse complex maintenance. Getting ramped up for spring preparation. Temporary maintenance workers will be needed soon.

The vendors are signed up on the small works roster for the Juvenile project. Commissioner Branch asked if the vendor had employees, yes. And the vendor assured Mr. Poulin that he could accomplish the work for the quote provided.

Motion Admin Sewer Repair Project

Commissioner Hover moved to award the Juvenile Detention and Admin Sewer Repair project to the lowest quoted Ogborn Plumbing Contracting, Inc. not to exceed \$8,840. Motion was seconded, all were in favor, motion carried.

It was recommended that the vendor provide proof of insurance, bonding, and sign a contract.

Bid Bond language changes RCW 39.08 with the recent passing of the 2017 HB5734.

Director Huston updated the board on the status of the Champerty Shores sewer extension. There appears to be some concerns still to be worked out.

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

Ms. Craig provided her staff report noting her absence for the Risk Pool conference on March 20-22.

She noted that she received the Building Official's signed employment contract amendment for commissioner signature. It adds the recent language for exempt leave.

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

The public works meeting agenda was provided by Engineer Thomson.

Commissioner Hover noted that cougars have killed more animals in his district than in years past. Lake Chelan area has also had more cougars sited within residential neighborhoods. What preempted a state of emergency before? Commissioner DeTro stated that was prompted by a young person getting mauled by one. He said at the time, the game department claimed there were over 200 cats in Okanogan, Ferry and Stevens Counties and 143 were killed in three weeks. It can happen again. He told the story about a cat that wasn't killing farm animals or being a nuisance that someone was concerned about. The cat was actually keeping the other younger ones away.

Maintenance & Road Conditions

Single digits are expected in the Methow with some predictions into the negative numbers.

Network Connection Public Works Building

It is getting worse. It is taking so much longer than they were told it would take. Engineer Thomson wasn't sure if the vendor knew this was an emergency.

WATV Routes, Signing

HB1028-modifies RCW 46.09.360

Engineer Thomson explained the changes that could happen as a result of HB 1028 if the bill passes. He explained his interpretation is that county roads that are 50 mph can be opened up for WATV uses.

Capital Facilities Plan

Engineer Thomson explained projects that are needed for the Public Works building. Should these projects be included in there? Commissioners said yes it should be included there and stated Perry Huston is working on an update and gathering information for the plan from the cities. Engineer Thomson thought beginning on the window project this year is desirable and would be done in phases. Commissioner Hover read from the MRSC purchasing and contracting section for counties for this type of project. The purpose of breaking up the project would be due to cost where the total cost would be too burdensome to accomplish in one year, so the cost is spread across two years or more lessening the impact in any one year.

Fill Vacant M2 Truck Driver

Mr. Rough did not believe a resolution would be needed to advertise the truck driver position. To be consistent, a motion from the board would be sufficient direction to fill the vacancy.

Motion Staff Direction

Commissioner Hover moved to fill the vacant M2 Truck Driver position as soon as possible. Motion was seconded, all were in favor, motion carried.

Wages for SW Temporary Employees

Mr. Rough asked if the Solid Waste temp employees' wages be increased to match the other public works temp but wait until the contract is in place before.

A letter from the PUD regarding Similkameen trail was received. The commissioners would like to invite the PUD to discuss what the budget should include. Engineer Thomson explained the bridge was entered into the schedule for inspections. Commissioner Hover would like a response to the PUD letter noting the bridge inspections to occur.

Consent Agenda

Engineer Thomson asked if the board had questions about items on the consent agenda.

He is meeting with Perry Huston to look at a slope in the Veranda Beach Oroville area.

Funding for the Statler Bridge was discussed with official determination coming in April. Commissioner Branch thought Jeff Kish and or Kirsten Ackerman of Pacific Northwest Trail Association should be invited to the discussion when the meeting is set up between PUD and county.

Auditor Hall explained a Sheriff's voucher was requested to be processed for payment in order to save \$250 for processing within 25 days. It would require a special voucher run. The Auditor needs direction on what the board prefers to do, save the \$250 by processing the invoice now or wait to process in the next voucher batch and eliminate the extra work.

Auditor Hall explained the bills that affect her department with regards to moving the general election to April would create extra expense in the thousands of dollars.

Citizens Comment Period

George Thornton provided the commissioners with his citizen comments. He said he met with a previous school student of his who now works in corrections. He said after a conversation with the person he learned much about the recidivism of young people and that because that black mark remains on their record it changes the course of their future where they keep making dumb mistakes. He said if the transition out of the jail was to a prevention program that addresses the core issues that hold people back from their best potential, then the core issue can be addressed. Often times people have mental illness who require outside support and society right now is not set up to assist to prevent recidivism especially when people have mental illness.

George Thornton provided a TV District #1 update. The snow cat was arranged for use by the district. That means full service will be returned very soon. Wednesday of next week Mr. Thornton will meet with Colville Tribe to negotiate the lease on Omak Mt. once that is in place then negotiations will take place with KSPS that might secure additional programming.

Mr. Thornton explained his concern about the possibility of losing OB services in Tonasket and Brewster hospitals as he sees the county will see more tragedies as a result. He explained a recent one that required a Life Flight. He explained the need for affordable life flight insurance options for those in rural parts of the county that should be available to people. For the public, this situation should be an issue and he thought the commissioners could work towards a better solution.

Motion Employment Agreement Addendum-Dan Higbee

Commissioner Branch moved to approve the employment agreement addendum to Dan Higbee's employment agreement. Motion was seconded, all were in favor, motion carried.

Motion JIS Link Certification-Anna Burica

Commissioner Branch moved to approve the JIS Link Certification for contracted public defender access to JIS-Link for Anna Burica and authorized the chairman to sign the certification. Motion was seconded, all were in favor, motion carried.

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 \$289,691.92 and Payroll vouchers in the amount of \$1,063,044.41. Warrant numbers as cited on the attached blanket voucher list. Motion was seconded, all were in favor, motion carried.

Motion Public Health Voucher

Commissioner Hover moved to approve the Public Health Vouchers in the amount of \$49,533.32. Warrant numbers as cited on the attached blanket voucher list. Motion was seconded, all were in favor, motion carried.

Motion Oroville Rural EMS District

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

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

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

Motion Methow Valley EMS District

Commissioner Branch moved to approve the Voucher certification and authorize the Methow Valley EMS District vouchers to be paid in the amount of \$56,797.83. Motion was seconded, all were in favor, motion carried.

Commissioner DeTro moved to adjourn as the Methow Valley and Reconvene as the BOCC Motion was seconded all were in favor, motion carried.

Approve Consent Agenda

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

1. Commissioners' Proceedings February 19, 25 & 26, 2019
2. Certification-Capitalized Asset Inventory-All County Dept.
3. Contract-LTAC Coulee Dam Chamber Cap. Improvement-LTAC-19-006
4. Contract-LTAC Methow Valley Chamber Music Festival-LTAC-19-010
5. Contract LTAC-Molson Museum LTAC-19-013
6. Contract LTAC-Loup Loup Ski Education Foundation-LTAC-19-007
7. Contract LTAC-Tonasket VIC-LTAC-19-022
8. Interlocal Agreement-Law Enforcement Services-City of Tonasket
9. Public Work Contract-Asphalt Supply-Idaho Asphalt Supply Inc
10. Cattle Guard Renewals: Wilson CGF#5-80; Marcellay CGF#13-13; Bartholomew CGF#1-80
11. Ratify Voucher Certification \$78,455 Warrant No.'s 182479 & 182480 as certified by the auditor
12. Resolution 4-2019 New Fairgrounds Maintenance Coordinator Position

The board adjourned at 2:28 p.m.