

RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS**OKANOGAN COUNTY****NOVEMBER 26, 2019**

The Okanogan County Board of Commissioners met in regular session at 123 5th Avenue North, Okanogan, Washington on November 26 2019, with Chairman, Commissioner Jim DeTro; Commissioner Andy Hover and Kelly Ross, Senior Clerk for, Laleña Johns, Clerk of the Board, present.

Pledge of Allegiance

Commissioners recited the pledge.

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

Commissioners' Staff Meeting

David Gecas, Kelly Ross, Angela Hubbard and Joe Poulin were present.

Mr. Poulin explained how the heat in the commissioner's office space works. Commissioner Hover stated that maintenance needs the other storage container. Commissioner Branch requested that Mr. Poulin make sure the container has all the required safety equipment.

Mr. Poulin discussed the front entry door to the Juvenile department needs upgraded. Commissioner Hover would like to have an ADA door and requested Mr. Poulin to get three quotes for a full ADA door.

Ms. Hubbard talked to DOE and they had no comments regarding the December 5th SEPA appeal.

Motion Executive Session RCW 42.30.110 (1)(i)

Commissioner Hover moved to go into executive session at 9:16 for 15 minutes to discuss potential litigation matters to which the county may be a party and invited attorney David Gecas and Planning Department Interim Director Angie Hubbard to the session. Motion was seconded, all were in favor, motion carried. Commissioners requested 15 more minutes. Executive session ended at 9:45 a.m.

Ms. Ross presented a picture award the Fairground received from the Pro West Rodeo Association. She explained the membership voted the Okanogan County Fair and grounds as the 2019 best Rodeo. The Commissioners would like to see something in the local paper about the award. Ms. Ross informed the board there are only a couple RV storage spots left and a few of the larger RV's are plugged into power to protect their batteries from freezing. She thought the fee schedule should reflex a higher rate if an RV was plugged into power.

Motion Call for Quotes

Commissioner Hover moved to authorize Mr. Poulin to call for quotes to replace the existing entry doors with an ADA compliance door system. Motion was seconded, all were in favor, motion carried.

Update Human Resources / Risk Management - Tanya Craig

Ms. Craig attended the Risk Pool conference last week. She asked if there were any question about the resolutions on the consent agenda. By the end of the year all of the deposit for the criminal justice will be made. Commissioner Hover stated the county pays the liability insurance for the bridges on the Methow trail system that another enterprise is collecting fees for, and the title for the warming hut trailers needs to be in the counties name. He asked Ms. Craig to check into those matters.

Discussion – Okanogan Behavioral Health Update – Dennis Rabidou

Carrie Port, Rhonda Colbert and Krishna Shrable were present.

Mr. Rabidou said the OBHC Board has gone through a very long process to hire a new CEO. They did hire a gentleman from Colorado and he will start in January. They are very excited about this new hire for OBHC and our community. Commissioner Branch would like to have an open house meeting to help inform the public.

Mr. Rabidou discussed the four vehicle that need replace. He got a bid for \$163,000 for three of them. One of the vehicles have been ordered and will be paid out of the 2020 budget.

Bid Opening – Omak Riverside Eastside Road-Public Works

Josh Thomson and Shasta Stidman were present.

Commissioner DeTro stated the time for receiving bids is past. Three bids were received and Commissioner DeTro opened and read them.

#1 Central Washington Asphalt \$648,648.

#2 Granit \$682,416.

#3 Central Paving \$712,656

Update – Public Works – Engineer Josh Thomson

All the crews are ready for the storm that is coming in. Commissioner's asked Emergency Management, Manger Maurice Goodall to join the meeting. The Board wants to know does Emergency Management provide a county wide notice of the incoming storms? Mr. Goodall said he uses Face Book and a text messes for the folks who have joined the notice service. He will include the link to the Public Works web page and will also send it to all of the subscribers. Mr. Thomson said he will send the snow removal police to Mr. Goodall.

WSACE Conference

As an officer on the WASCE board he should go to the national conference, they pay for everything but travel and lodging. The conference is April of 2020 in Alabama. The conference provides a lot of information about software, equipment, funding, preservation and safety. The board would like him to shop for the cheapest ticket. They think he should go.

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I-976 impacts; don't really know at this point.

FEMA Payment; don't think that money will come in by the end of the year and will need to adjust the ending fund balance

Pit Purchase; will need to adjust the ending fund balance.

Similkameen Trail Maintenance,

Mr. Thomson stated the Similkameen trail does not have the same draw as the Methow trails. There is annual maintenance that needs done. Commissioner Hover suggested some LTAC funds for capital improvements may be available. And we need a map of all the trail's Okanogan County owns.

Consent Agenda

Mr. Thomson explained the request.

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

George Thornton asked if they have found any apple maggots in the upper north half of the county. Commissioner DeTro, said they tested for them but we have not heard. Mr. Thornton sated the TV association is working on the lease agreement.

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 \$1,221,059.12. Warrant numbers as cited on the attached blanket voucher list. Motion seconded and carried.

Motion Public Health Voucher

Commissioner moved to approve the Public Health Vouchers in the amount of \$37,732.04. Warrant numbers as cited on the attached blanket voucher list. Motion was seconded, all were in favor, motion carried.

Approve Commissioner Proceedings, November 4, 5, 12, 18, and 19, 2019

Commissioners did not approve the meeting minutes today.

Approve Consent Agenda

Commissioner Hover moved to approve the consent agenda items 1-14 as presented. Motion was seconded, all were in favor, motion carried.

1. Authorize – Purchase of Lubrication Oils using the WA St Contract 02418
2. Approve – Fairgrounds Facility Use Rental Contract – Janice Smallwood & Terry Schreckengast Wedding
3. Approve – Fairgrounds Facility Use Rental Contract – Community Annual Christmas Basket Program
4. Approve – Homeland Security SHSP Grant – Contract E20-088-WA State Military Department
5. Approve – Emergency Management Performance Grant – Contract E20-145- WA State Military Dept
6. Reappointment – Katherine Mead – Trustee to the North Central Regional Library
7. Resolution 147-2019 – Increasing the Non-Bargaining Insurance Cap
8. Resolution 148-2019 – Appoint Karen Beatty to Central Service Director
9. Resolution 149-2019 – Appoint Melanie Bailey to Felony Deputy Prosecutor at Higher Step- Prosecutor
10. Resolution 150-2019 – Appoint Christina Ortiz to Admin Service Manager at Higher Step– Juvenile Dept
11. Resolution 151-2019 – Rescinding Res. 9-2019 & Correcting Language for a Public Health Budget Supplemental.
12. Resolution 152-2019 - Order Annexing Lands to Okanogan County Fire Protection District #4
13. Resolution 152-2019 – Approving HB2163 Homeless Housing Fund Allocations for 2020
14. Resolution 154-2019 – Approving Affordable Housing Fund Allocations for 2020

Discussion – Twisp Project – Methow Forest Ranger Chris Furr

Erin Peterson was present.

Mr. Furr said he has a brief over view of where we are. They are working on thinning, piling and beaver dam repairs along the road networks. He stated they are taking out roads service, because they don't have the funds to maintaining them. They are low level roads that were not meant to use long term. Commissioner DeTro asked why these roads can't be left open to use by horseback, ATV's, hikers. Mr. Furr replied they are going to open up new roads. Commissioner DeTro stated all the

three- and four-digit road were built by the county engineer. Ms. Peterson said there will be a limited number of road closures in 2020. Commissioner Hover said he would like to see a map of what road are being closed and why. Also, what new roads will be opened and asked that Forest Service meet with all three commissioner with the details. He especially wants the information about the County roads that content with the Twisp River Corridor. The Forest Service road system is very important to tourism in the county. He would also like a list of how many miles each road is and if the road goes somewhere.

Mr. Furr stated they are looking to the public for input regarding fuel reduction and economic viable. Commissioner DeTro stated the folks that lease McClure Mountain top for radio and cell services are spreading noxious weeds when driving through private property. These tower owners pay a fee to the Forest Service for the granted easement. The weed department has placed a lien on the private property owner for weed control. Commissioner DeTro would like Mr. Furr to talk with all the leases and have them pay the weed fees and lain. He stated it is not right the private property owner is responsible for these fee's when it is the fault of the towner owners for spreading the weeds.

2020 Budget Work Session – Commissioners & Various Funds

Leah McCormick and Lisa Schreckengost were present.

Discussed various funds.

The board adjourned at 4:15 p.m.