

RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS**OKANOGAN COUNTY****OCTOBER 22, 2019**

The Okanogan County Board of Commissioners met in regular session in the Sheriff's Conference Room at 123 5th Avenue North, Okanogan, Washington on October 22, 2019, with Chairman, Commissioner Jim DeTro; Vice Chairman, Commissioner Chris Branch; and, Laleña Johns, Clerk of the Board, present.

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

Pledge of Allegiance

The group recited the pledge.

Staff Meeting

Stella Columbia, Angela Hubbard

Ms. Columbia provided the board with an Agriplex security waiver request form the Omak Okanogan Rotary Club for the Wine and Cheese tasting event November 9. (attached) Commissioner Hover asked how many designated people would be there to oversee the event and how are those people being designated, he would like to see the criteria for assignment. Commissioners don't mind waiving the security and wish to be consistent.

Motion Security Waiver-Rotary Wine & Cheese Tasting Nov. 9

Commissioner Hover moved to approve the security waiver request for the Omak/Okanogan Rotary Club pursuant to the designation of a certain number of people that will handle the security and leave to Ms. Columbia discretion as to how many is enough. Motion was seconded, all were in favor, motion carried.

Ms. Columbia asked if anyone needed more help to prepare for Christian Johnson's memorial. Commissioners said she should coordinate any help with the Sheriff's office. Commissioners felt the service was a county function and therefore the fee to use the Agriplex would be \$75.

Commissioners asked how much revenue was taken in for the Jr rodeo last weekend and it was about \$2400. She said there 27 horse stalls rented, 20 campers who camped 2-nights each, plus some dry camping. Ms. Columbia reported on some outreach to other counties to learn what they charge for rodeo events and none of the other county fairgrounds supply of an extra dumpster for free. Commissioner Hover said Sam Buchert inquired of him about use of the rodeo arena for another rodeo. He knows we could make more, but we have a fee schedule set already. Ms. Columbia explained the details of what will be supplied for the rental fee are in the contract. She said if vendors are vending, other fairgrounds charge the vendors 10% of what they make. Some fairgrounds charge a flat fee of \$700 plus they charge for camping. Ms. Columbia stated the group did have people camping inside the infield and they didn't pay. Commissioners thought that if the infield is used, a group charge should be expected. Ms. Columbia said the first rodeo in 2020 wouldn't be until May, but that group would still have to win the bid. Ms. Columbia said she had some calling her about a Mexican rodeo which could be as large as 3,000 people. She suggested the county develop a good plan to lay out specific details for that type of event and differentiate between a nonprofit event and a for profit event and the charges to be made for use of county facilities.

Commissioner Hover discussed amending the Fairgrounds fee schedule to include a group dry camping rate of \$150 per day for the infield. Vendors could be charged a flat fee of \$75 per day rather

than a percentage of take in. Ms. Columbia will get back with the board on an amendment to the fee schedule resolution. The other thing is whether the use of the tractor by renters would be included and what type of insurance would be needed and the development of a policy on the use of equipment will be important to lay out. The tractor is insured due to lease-to-own but we'll need to ensure the driver of the tractor is insured too.

Ms. Hubbard provided a draft comment to SEPA/NEPA coordinator Lisa Wood with WDFW Habitat Program regarding the de-listing of the wolf. Commissioners offered some edits and changes to be incorporated. Comments are to be based on facts, not conjecture. WDFW is to also protect the ungulate population. George Thornton was asked for his thoughts. He said the numbers can be different for ungulate populations depending on where and who you ask. Protections and management of undulant populations was discussed for incorporation. Commissioner DeTro stated no matter what our comments say, it won't make a bit of difference in the outcome.

2020 Budget Work Session-Public Works

Cari Hall, Lisa Schreckengost, Leah McCormack, Delainya Piper, Josh Thomson, Gary George, Kent Kovalenko

Fund 405 Solid Waste 2020 budget was reviewed. The beginning fund balance was discussed. Mr. Kovalenko explained some rearranging of the shop and recycling building and stated plans to build another shop building 60x100 because the current one is too small and height too limited to putting rigs inside. Mr. Kovalenko stated this building size would allow equipment repairs to be done inside in the wintertime. The building plans will be run through the county commissioners prior to it being built.

Fund 123 Solid Waste reserve was reviewed and discussed. Investments were discussed and the thought was to invest for \$30,400 in investment interest.

The group stayed and discussed various items while the commissioners were in executive session.

Motion Executive Session RCW 42.30.110 (1)(i)

Commissioner Hover moved to go into executive session at 10:25 for 15 minutes to discuss potential litigation matters to which the county may be a party and invited attorney David Gecas to the session. Motion was seconded, all were in favor, motion carried. Executive session ended at 10:40 a.m.

Motion

Commissioner Branch moved to oppose the quiet title that was filed regarding French Creek Road and under that action the county argues that it is a county road. Commissioner DeTro did not feel comfortable with that and all his questions were not answered. Motion was seconded, Commissioner DeTro opposed, two ayes, motion carried.

The group continued their public works budget work session. The group reviewed fund 123 activities.

Fund 102 was reviewed and some changes made to both revenue and expenditure lines. The transfer in and transfer outs were added for the equipment that was purchased this year due to equipment arriving in 2019 and not in 2020.

The commissioners asked Public Works staff to return to finish discussing fund 102 expenditures.

Commissioner Branch did not return after the lunch hour due to attending IACC meeting in Wenatchee this afternoon.

Commissioners adjourned for lunch at noon.

Commissioner Hover discussed the property near McClure Mt that is accessed by various agencies for telecommunications etc... where agencies drive through private property to access the mountain top but have spread weeds. The commissioners believe the county and the agencies have a responsibility to help with the weed issue so the land owner isn't stuck paying the cost of weed spraying. Engineer Thomson acknowledged the situation.

The group continued discussing fund 102.

Fund 114 and 116 were completed.

Fund 122 is the Sewer & Water fund. Other counties are beginning to experience some of the same issues as Okanogan with regards to county systems. Engineer Thomson explained why the fund might have been created. Commissioner DeTro believes the \$93,000 should be transferred and the fund closed. Auditor Hall explained the conversation before was to close the fund and transfer the funds, and that was her recommendation. Treasurer McCormack agreed with Auditor Hall's recommendation.

Water quality study was suggested in the Mazama area by Commissioner Hover. A budget supplemental could be done if it happens in 2020.

Conconully Sewer fund 407 was discussed. Engineer Thomson discussed some issues and ideas for addressing them.

After the budget work session, Engineer gave a brief update on public works.

Two quotes about \$1000 difference, were received. Engineer Thomson explained he was leaning towards a higher quality bid and would put together the packet for commissioners' decision. The bill for the window replacement would be paid for out of Capital Improvement. The Capital Facilities plan update would need to be adopted with that in it.

Once the packet is provided the board will review and consider.

2020 Budget Work Session-Prosecutor

Cari Hall, Lisa Schreckengost, Leah McCormack, Arian Noma

Prosecutor Noma asked for a postponement of his departmental budget meeting due to needing more time to understand.

TV District #1 Update

Finishing up the contract for lease of Omak Mountain as a forty year lease with five year opt out windows. Then the work has been to add some more channels. FNX is the Native American channel, but it's not official yet. The long term is to put in place that covers 360 degrees, then the contract with KSPS can be negotiated.

Instead of updating the rolls with the County Treasurer, they will let it go until as the update is not yet ready.

George Thornton commented that the Planning Commission would like to give their input on the finalist so the Planning Commission can make comment on the finalists since the commission works so closely with the director.

Commissioners discussed the budget process establishing that the first Monday in December alternate budget date would allow the county to adopt it's levy certifications current expense, road, and the three EMS districts. The group discussed the meaning of day-to-day as in RCW 3640.070 &

071.

Motion Commissioners Proceedings

Commissioner Hover moved to approve the Commissioners meeting minutes of October 7-8 and October 15, 2019. Motion was seconded, all were in favor, motion carried. Note: The Clerk of the Board explained October 14 was delayed and would be presented for approval next week.

Motion Approve Consent Agenda

Commissioner Hover moved to approve the consent agenda items 1-5, as presented. Motion was seconded, all were in favor, motion carried.

1. Appointment Alta Vista Irrigation District-Aaron Schoonover
2. Re-Appointment-SWAC Board-Position #9 At Large-Sue Christopher
3. Amended CDBG Public Services Request #3 Sept Services
4. Approve – 2020 Lodging Tax Allocations
5. Resolution 136-2019 Converting Temp PW M-2 Positions to Permanent

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 \$475,241.66. Warrant numbers as cited on the attached blanket voucher list. Motion seconded and carried.

Motion Public Health Voucher

Commissioner Hover moved to approve the Public Health Vouchers including regular vouchers in the amount of \$6,207.66. Warrant numbers as cited on the attached blanket voucher list. Motion was seconded, all were in favor, motion carried.

2020 Budget Work Session District Court

Cari Hall, Lisa Schreckengost, Leah McCormack, Darla Schreckengast, Judge Grimm, Judge Short

Judge Grimm stated that with the minimum wage increase some of the union employees will be paid \$0.40 more than minimum wage. Commissioner Hover stated that those employees are union employees.

The District Court projected revenue was reviewed. Commissioner Hover asked how indigent is verified. Judge Short stated there is a form the person fills out and the judge reviews. It is a legitimate question.

District Court can no longer collect interest on LFO's due to a law change this year, said Judge Short.

The board adjourned at 4:45 pm.