

RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS**OKANOGAN COUNTY****OCTOBER 28, 2019**

The Okanogan County Board of Commissioners met in regular session at 123 5th Avenue North, Okanogan, Washington on October 28, 2019, with Chairman, Commissioner Jim DeTro; Vice Chairman, Commissioner Chris Branch; and Laleña Johns, Clerk of the Board, present.

Member, Commissioner Andy Hover absent for personal business.

Pledge of Allegiance

The pledge was recited.

Discuss Hancock Building Rental & Review Commissioners' Agenda and Consent Agenda

Commissioners discussed what to charge for lease of the Hancock building. Recently Aging and Adult care looked at the building for possible lease. The Board discussed a fair monthly rate saying other professional spaces are being rented for under \$1.00 per square feet. The Clerk of the Board explained when the board adopted rental rates for county departments the rate was set at \$0.43 per square feet. She suggested a higher rate of \$.53 and the lessee pays for the cleaning and PUD power and the County pay for city utilities.

Briefing Among Commissioners' – Discuss Individual Weekly Meetings & Schedules

Commissioners briefly discussed their individual meeting schedule.

2020 Budget Work Session-HR/Risk Management

Cari Hall, Lisa Schreckengost, Leah McCormack, Tanya Craig

Fund 146 was reviewed.

Ms. Craig explained property insurance went up due to previously having too low of value on our buildings. She said the cost practically doubled after the buildings were reassessed. This fund is only for Current Expense and does not include the portion of Public Works or other none Current Expense funds. Claims and litigations come out of this fund 146.

Revenue and expense lines were reviewed.

Cost allocation plan was discussed for being able to charge miscellaneous funds like Public Works, Building, LTAC, Pest Control, and EMS Districts. It would need to be all or nothing and based on actual time spent working on that specific task.

Friendship Diversion was discussed. We cannot charge for Superior Court felonious incarceration charges of the cities, and WSP do not pay us for our services to them. There are some politics involved. Commissioner Branch asked for a list of items that cannot be justified for charging for services provided. Ms. Craig explained further when other agencies would take on a service. Fish and Wildlife charges are few, State Patrol has quite a bit more and a lot of warrants, so when she has individuals frequently staying then there is work to breakout the charges between seven different agencies.

2020 Budget Work Session – Coroner-Dave Rodriguez

The Coroner's budget was reviewed and discussed. He noted costs are up. He explained another grant for another apparatus around \$4000. Budget was added for the revenue and expenditure. There have been five homicides this year alone, plus the various other kinds of deaths.

Isabelle Spohn member of the public taking computer notes for Okanogan Watch Group.

Update – Planning Department – Interim Director Angie Hubbard

Wolf Comment Letter

Commissioners discussed the draft letter that incorporated changes of Commissioner Hover and gets the county's foot in the door for the scoping.

Motion

Commissioner Branch moved to direct staff to place the draft Wolf Comment letter on county letterhead in preparation of the board signing. Motion was seconded all were in favor, motion carried.

Aspect WRIA 49 PU grant contracts

Two agreements with Aspect Consulting were presented. They wish to start the work at December meeting. DOE Vanessa reviewed that work scope and it falls under our original grant for that funding. The grant amendment would be back dated to July. One is well tracking and the other is the WRIA 49 work. There are two separate contracts in order to keep the work and funding separate. Attorney Gecas reviewed and asked to limit to \$40,000 for the December work.

Ms. Hubbard provided the board with Aspect Consulting's scope of work. Commissioner Branch thought that even though Ms. Hubbard signed the Grant agreement that the BOCC authorized her to sign, this should be authorized by the county chairman.

Motion Aspect Consulting-Well Tracking

Commissioner Branch moved to approve the revised Aspect Consulting Proposed Scope of Work and Cost Estimate for Okanogan County Well tracking and Water Use Software Model agreement for project No. 190259-02 and authorized the chairman to sign. Motion was seconded, all were in favor, motion carried.

Motion Aspect Consulting WRIA 49

Commissioner Branch moved to approve the revised Aspect Consulting Proposed Scope of Work and Cost Estimate for the Okanogan WRIA 49 Watershed Plan Update agreement for Sub-basin Assessments and project Identification and prioritization for project No. 190259-01. Motion was seconded, all were in favor, motion carried.

Planning Commission tonight

Ms. Hubbard reminded the board of the meeting tonight.

After Ms. Hubbard finished the commissioners discussed miscellaneous topics.

Commissioner DeTro explained he heard a concern about a kill truck operation that appears to be dumping waste like hides and heads of his slaughter business on Forest Service and WDFW and private land and has been contacted by law enforcement. He is cutting off the tags and cutting out the brand before he dumps. He's been caught and reprimanded before. Commissioner Branch asked if the Dept of Health should become aware of this issue due to health and safety violation right in the middle of cattle ground which will attack all sorts of nuisances. The kill trucks are supposed to take the waste to Spokane, but dollars and cents and people look for closer place to dump.

2020 Budget Work Session – Emergency Management-Maurice Goodall

Cari Hall, Lisa Schreckengost, Maurice Goodall and Tina Delap

Maurice Goodall introduced his new hire, Tina Delap.

The group reviewed budget 121. The Grant for administrative assistant wages is split 50/50 between

SHSP and EMPG Grant.

The EM Council previously made a recommendation for an increase in wages after the council met with the board. Commissioner DeTro said just because they made a recommendation doesn't mean the county must follow it. The cities budgeted for at the higher amount and the county did not adjust at the time. Commissioner Branch thought some action may be considered in November when Commissioner Hover is back to discuss in more detail. The budget is based on anticipated uncertainty, but reserves should be considered because when emergencies happen we need to have available funds in reserves.

Mr. Goodall explained the county will need to surplus his two Emergency Management rigs and purchase new vehicles.

2020 Budget Work Session-Veterans Relief-Pam Stevens

Pam Stevens, Eric Fritts, Dale White

Mr. Fritts stated they are out of volunteers and the department expected to be able to hire a part time person for outreach and depth of continuity. Cannot have the fund rolling over less than \$35,000. The veteran's office doesn't have to pay rent so that should be considered too, said Dale White.

Commissioners wish to discuss the part time office person funding. Commissioner DeTro stands behind the Veterans Relief and believes the transition process in place with the thought of filling the part-time

Mr. White explained when a veteran's claim isn't able to be processed because no one was in the office to process, then that person loses out on a month's worth of their claim. Mr. White said that they are aware the county has done everything it can to help the veterans of the county.

Mr. Fritts explained Chelan County budget's \$170,000 and Douglas County \$80000 to support their veterans' program with one VSO in Douglas County and Chelan County is planning on hiring additional office support.

The fuel line also pays for fire wood and other heating type fuels for veteran's relief.

Commissioner Branch suggested Veterans office check with commissioner's office when there are things to pick up in another part of the state, the commissioners may be able to help with pick-up.

Commissioners DeTro and Branch signed the Wolf Post-Recovery Plan Scoping comment letter to Lisa Wood of the WDFW Habitat Program Protection.

2020 Budget Work Session – Building Dept. Dan Higbee

Dan Higbee, Cari Hall and Lisa Schreckengost were present

Ms. Hall explained she took the current expense budget and plopped it into fund 423.

If the county takes on the towns building inspection services he would request another inspector in 2020. Ms. Hall said a supplemental could be done early in the year if something changes such as the contracts being renewed.

A rental expense line and liability insurance expense line need to be added, but it is not known what amount to budget for either. We need the square footage to calculate the rent plus the amount from Tanya Craig for the liability insurance breakout.

Review Meeting Minutes

Commissioners reviewed last week's meeting minutes for approval.

The board adjourned at 5:00 p.m.