

## RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS

### OKANOGAN COUNTY

**APRIL 29, 2020**

The Okanogan County Board of Commissioners met in regular session at 123 5th Avenue North, Okanogan, Washington on April 29, 2020, with Chairman, Commissioner Jim DeTro;; Member, Commissioner Andy Hover and Laleña Johns, Clerk of the Board, present.

Vice Chairman, Commissioner Chris Branch via Zoom audio.

#### **Discussion COVID-19 Strategies**

Tanya Craig

#### **Memo**

Ms. Craig stated she had drafted another Memo to employees that lays out what is required of the department heads in order for staff to return to work.

Ms. Craig explained Lauri Jones had previously read to her the Governor's draft plan and what things must happen in order for the governor to approve counties opening. The draft plan requires a decreased number of cases of COVID-19 in our county. The county would need to develop a plan that would be approved by the BOCC, County Public Health Official, then finally signed off by State Public Health.

Lauri stated the governor's draft plan included a requirement that everyone wears a mask in public. It appeared to her that the plan labeled draft by the governor's office would be published on April 30th. Would the board like to address the memo to staff tomorrow.

Commissioners thought putting the memo out to staff before the governor's plan being formally published would be best.

#### **Motion**

Commissioner Hover moved to have Tanya Craig send out the memo to department heads as is. Motion was seconded, all were in favor, motion carried.

#### **Letter to Governor**

The draft letter proposed by Commissioner Branch to the Governor was read by the commissioners and they thought it was great. There was a minor grammar adjustment made.

Commissioner DeTro stated during the NEWC meeting last week it appeared many counties have already sent letters to the governor. It was not clear whether the EWCOG letter had been drafted yet. Tori DeSalvo acknowledged our tracing ability and that was brought up with the discussion with WSAC that we had with local governments this morning.

#### **Motion**

Commissioner Hover moved to send the letter to the governor's office with commissioners' signatures on it. Motion was seconded, all were in favor, motion carried.

Commissioners discussed how they would provide signatures on the documents approved today.

**Motion**

Commissioner Hover moved to acknowledge and recommend the appointments of Ashley Thrasher position #4 At Large for LTAC. Commissioner Branch asked how these positions were solicited. Commissioner Hover said it was advertised and no one else wished to serve. The bylaws must say how that process goes. Commissioner Branch said he would like to see a better definition of how those appointments happen. Motion was seconded, all were in favor, motion carried.

Commissioner Hover discussed the LTAC meeting that happened earlier today and stated the cuts to the allocations due to predicted low revenue. The expense are covered by the cash on hand then whatever we get from March to the end of the year will be considered for funding next year. The next two years they LTAC may pare down the amount of awards. Commissioner Hover explained the results of the cuts that were voted on and as commissioners the board will need to finalize the allocations.

**Motion**

Commissioner Hover moved to accept the LTAC recommendations for reduced allocations for 2020 due to COVID related shortfalls. Motion was seconded, all were in favor, motion carried.

Commissioner Hover discussed the changes in the resolution for LTAC and the difficulties in finding members to serve as it is written. Changing two of the positions to at large positions that are not restricted to a receiver or collector. We've had an open position for a couple years now.

Commissioners directed that the resolution amending the structure of LTAC and appointment letter to appoint Rachelle Haven be drafted for consideration.

**Ameresco Proposal**

Commissioners do not wish to discuss this today. Commissioners would like to discuss with Ameresco next week.

Commissioner Branch said he received an email that indicates a donor of \$10,000 to the food bank.

Commissioners wished to meet with Jerry DeBacker Okanogan Valley Land Trust to consult as required for conservation easement with BOCC in May, so that should be scheduled for everyone to go over the presentation. Commissioners would like some time a couple weeks then come back in May third week preferred.

Commissioners believe elective surgeries should be reopened. Commissioner Branch thought PPE and beds was the biggest concern. They really need it in order to survive so the board would like to see that allowed.

The board adjourned at 5:00 p.m.