

RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS**OKANOGAN COUNTY****DECEMBER 1, 2020**

The Okanogan County Board of Commissioners met for regular session at 123 5th Avenue North, Okanogan, Washington on December 1, 2020, with; Chairman, Commissioner Jim DeTro; Vice Chairman, Commissioner Chris Branch; Member, Commissioner Andy Hover; and Clerk of the Board, Laleña Johns, present.

Commissioner Branch was present via zoom.

Commissioners' Staff Meeting

There were no staff updates today.

Motion MEMO Non-Commissioned Sheriff Employee Association Employees

Commissioner Hover moved to approve the Memo between Sheriff Employee Association and Okanogan County for Non-Commissioned Employees that clarified the work week for Dispatch employees. Motion was seconded, all were in favor, motion carried.

Update Human Resource/Risk Manager Tanya Craig

Ms. Craig updated the board on several items she is working on. Cities are about paid up with the jail fees due to COVID the costs did not go up as expected.

Claims were discussed.

Motion Commissioners Proceedings

Commissioner Hover moved to approve the meeting minutes of November 2, 3, 9, 10 16, and 17, 2020. Motion was seconded, all were in favor, motion carried.

Approve Consent Agenda

Commissioner Hover moved to approve the consent agenda items 1-10. Motion was seconded, all were in favor, motion carried.

1. Commissioners Special Meeting Minutes November 20, 2020
2. LTAC 2021 Funding Allocation Recommendations
3. Agreement-Dispatch Services-Fire District #6
4. Agreement-Dispatch Services – Fire District #10
5. Cooperative Agreement- Federal Highway Administration Public Works Projects
6. Purchase Award-Boom Mower Equipment-ATAMAX Equip., Co.-Public Works
7. Purchase Award-Caterpillar Motor Grader-NC Machinery -Public Works
8. Purchase Award Two Volvo Tandem Axle Dump Trucks-Public Works
9. Ratify Vouchers Certification for November 25, 2020 \$624,336.90 & Public Health \$6,808.97
10. Resolution 161-2020 Economic Alliance Infrastructure Projects Prioritization List

Update Communications-Mike Worden

Mr. Worden stated everything is in order in his department and budget good through the end of the letter.

Statement of need associated with the county and the communications board supports it to replace the existing log structure with a more resistant structure. The consultant for radio improvements bids will be opened up next week. The list is achievable if the board has conversations with legislature about the projects that was provided to the board for hazard mitigations.

Tunk resides on federal lands and federal lands are exempt from the hazard's mitigation program at face value unavailable so they are trying to work through that.

Generator for Courthouse three quotes for the generator. The generator is a 300KW with a cost estimate of \$100,00-200,000 to meet our peak demand for the whole courthouse. A prewalk inspector commented that while we need an 800-amp transfer switch and our transformer capacity is more. Rule of thumb is to double that and have additional capacity. The quote includes a 1600 transfer switch to allow for things we don't know about that come up and is about \$20,000. The pole and transformer will need to be changed out by the PUD and direct bury the conductor. This would happen on a Saturday Sunday. The low bid has an 18-20 week deliver and second low bid is a shorter time and would arrive February 22 the other is April 2-19. Which would be most doable. Mr. Worden said people he is talking about are not worried about weather. Commissioner Hover stated would the courthouse water pipes freeze in February with no heat for two days. Commissioners thought pushing it out would be alright. Commissioners reviewed two quotes.

1) Generac System quote \$95,379 Generac industrial diesel motor is 2 decibels quieter but is higher cabinet

2) Kohler quote was \$93,711 John Deere motor

3) Cummins quote was 121,047.87\$ with Cummins motor

Still establishing back up systems when power goes out. A satellite phone VoIP system by Elon Musk has a solution and would need a magic jack and phone wire to 911 system and is very easy and simple. There are still some issues to figure out for those calling into the system that do not have satellite and are not limited to cellular services.

Motion

Commissioner Hover moved to authorize the purchase of the standby generator from Kohler for courthouse back up needs and associated electrical components \$90,811 plus all applicable taxes. Motion was seconded, all were in favor, motion carried.

Bid Opening-2019 County Wide Guardrail Safety Project-Public Works Shasta Stidman

Josh Thomson

Commissioner DeTro stated the time for receiving bids has passed. Six bids were received. Shasta Stidman stated there were six plan holders for the project. The bids were opened and read by the Chairman.

M2 Industrial Ellensburg \$247,937.50

Burley JR Construction Post Falls ID \$228,975

Correll Construction Wilson OR \$369,963

Peterson Brothers Sumner WA \$302,824.03

Dirt and Aggregate Therapy OR \$318,949

Frank Gurney Spokane, WA \$289,827.75

Engineer's Estimate \$237,979

Update Public Works-Engineer Josh Thomson

Engineer Thomson provided his agenda and updated the board on the items listed there.

Commissioner Hover authorized the closure of all County offices on December 24, 2020 Christmas Eve if County Department heads wish to close at noon as long as the department posts the information now on their respective offices of the closure and Directed the Clerk of the Board to notify each office. Motion was seconded, all were in favor, motion carried.

Engineer Thomson asked when the county commissioners were going to adopt its 2021 budget. Commissioner Hover stated a road levy shift will be needed but he thought the budget would be adopted by December 15 at the latest.

Commissioner Hover asked about the purchase of new Public Works shops that could be bonded by the Capital Facilities fund Tonasket and Twisp Shops as they are the two the oldest and smallest.

Trucks and sand do not fit in the current Twisp shop.

Commissioners stated that the WDFW update yesterday was on their acquisitions and the ranking of projects.

Adjourned for the lunch hour at 11:25 a.m. until 1:30 p.m.

Public Comment Period

Isabelle Spohn

Ms. Spohn commented that she has to have three screens open in order to take notes see AV Capture and Zoom. She commented about Commissioner Hover not wearing a mask. She checked with Public Health they say everyone is to wear a mask even indoors. Six feet distance alone does not protect against COVID-19 droplets. She mentioned capacity of hospitals and the 11th death happening and that inside any building open to the public should adhere to the guidelines. She wondered if there was a reason why Commissioners are not wearing their mask consistently as they are an example for the rest of the public. Commissioner DeTro stated the Public Health is recommending these guidelines but mandating them. If the masks work why are the numbers not going down. Ms. Spohn stated it is likely because of the gatherings people attend and then do not wear a mask. Commissioner Hover stated commissioners greatly support Public Health and their guidelines. Commissioner Hover explained he will try harder to wear the mask more consistently. She suggested the board do a video showing their support for the hospitals.

The Clerk of the Board discussed a temporary stipend of Emergency Management that was considered by the Public Health Board and approved via a resolution at \$3750. The Clerk of the Board presented a temporary stipend for the work she has done to above and beyond her regular responsibilities to administer the COVID Relief funds and Grant reimbursements in the amount of \$1,500 effective September 1, 2020.

Discussion Budget Finance Committee 2021 Budget Review

Treasurer McCormack provided the Current Expense revenue that is \$22,000 more than it was last year at the same time. Auditor Hall stated \$1.8 million carryover was estimated. There are anticipated additional costs that are a bit overestimated. Unknowns are the vehicle purchases that could affect the number.

Treasurer McCormack stated the bank does do Government loans. Ms. Johnson explained the rates for 3, 5, and 10-year loans using a \$1 million-dollar loan scenario to use for the purchase of the vehicles. Commissioner Hover thought a five-year loan would be consistent with the useful life of the vehicles. The county cannot loan money over a three-year period. Commissioner DeTro thought the annual payment would be around \$180,000 per year. Commissioners discussed options of another loan and the current loan.

Public Hearing Budget Supplemental Appropriation-Elections

Commissioner DeTro opened up the hearing to staff. Cari Hall explained the budget supplemental was for equipment and extra costs of the election that were required.

Resolution 162-2020 Budget Supplemental Appropriation Elections

Commissioner Hover moved to approve resolution 162-2020 authorizing a budget supplemental within elections budget in the amount of \$10,500. Motion was seconded, all were in favor motion carried.

Public Hearing Budget Supplemental Appropriation-Current Expense/Sheriff

Commissioner DeTro opened up the hearing to staff. Aaron Culp provided his staff report for the budget supplemental. Commissioner DeTro opened up to the public, seeing no public he closed public and opened up the hearing to commissioners discussion.

Motion Resolution 163-2020 Budget Supplemental

Commissioner Hover moved to approve resolution 163-2020 a budget supplemental appropriation in the amount of \$40,317. Motion was seconded, all were in favor, motion carried.

Another items regarding replacement of k-9 vehicle that was destroyed. We are still pending insurance claim. The damages were \$35,000 and replacement is around \$55-57,000 per vehicle along with the upfit that can be reused on a new vehicle. Mr. Culp is requesting a \$42,000 for the replacement vehicles plus the cost to have someone outfit them. He proposed a budget supplemental appropriation from Current Expense for the difference between the \$25,000 expected from the insurance company and the cost of the vehicle. If ordered now it would be 100-190 days to receive the vehicle. The cost wouldn't hit the budget until next year.

Motion

Commissioner Hover moved to authorize the Sheriff Office to order a replacement K9 vehicle for the one destroyed. Motion was seconded, all were in favor, motion carried.

Mr. Culp asked for an adjustment to the interfund loan. Commissioner Hover stated the group discussed the \$380,660 loan as part of the Government Loan discussed earlier. Other vehicle purchases were discussed and which one are currently being vouchered from 2020 budget.

Quarterly Update Tonasket Ranger Kathleen Johnson

Ms. Johnson provided her update of the Tonasket Ranger district transition. She said it was complete. Logging is starting up this week on Tunk and other timber sales are in the works in accordance with the 20-year action plan.

The board adjourned at 3:20 p.m.