

RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS**OKANOGAN COUNTY****MAY 20, 2020**

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

Member, Commissioner Andy Hover was absent from the call.

Discussion COVID-19 Business Guideline Strategies

Commissioner Branch was physically present and Commissioner DeTro was dialed into Zoom remotely.

The Clerk of the Board discussed the county having received the documentation guidelines and working papers from the Department of Commerce for the Federal Coronavirus Relief Funds. The county has available to it on a reimbursable basis \$2.3 million to help with costs related to the Coronavirus. She noted that she spoke to Auditor Hall who told her it made sense if the Clerk of the Board administered the funds as she handles the county's CDBG Dept. of Commerce grants. Auditor Hall stated if someone else winds up being designated then we can always change it later. The Clerk of the Board asked the Board if she was the appropriate person to administer the funds. Commissioners DeTro and Branch both agreed that she be the contact for the Coronavirus funds.

The Clerk of the Board also discussed the draft resolution for the county's Phase II variance to the State Department of Health. She assumed the County Health Dept. would be drafting the plan and other required documentation that will be submitted or attached to the Commissioners resolution. The Clerk explained she had received several example documents from the public health official of what other county variance applications looked like and included. The Clerk will have a draft for Board consideration by the time the Board meets Thursday for its special meeting.

The Clerk of the Board also discussed an issue with the County's Conflict of Interest Policy as the State Auditor recommended in last year's management letter that we have language of disciplinary actions for violations of the conflict of interest policy for employees involved with entering into contracts. Our policy doesn't address this element, so the Clerk of the Board recommended an amendment to the policy to include required language. The Commissioners asked that David Gecas articulate the appropriate language to be included in the amendment.

Commissioners discussed complaints received regarding illegal dumping and recycling materials overflowing the property and coming onto Hwy 20 in Commissioner DeTro's district that the previous Planning Director was dealing with. Commissioner Branch stated the state patrol might be a good agency to contact since the garbage is coming onto Hwy 20 right of way. The new Planning Director was informed of the issue, due to the complaint being an ongoing issue with the outfit that will need further enforcement.

The board adjourned at 2:00 p.m.