

**RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS****OKANOGAN COUNTY****MAY 26, 2020**

The Okanogan County Board of Commissioners met in regular session at 123 5th Avenue North, Okanogan, Washington on May 26, 2020, with Chairman, Commissioner Jim DeTro; Vice Chairman, Commissioner Chris Branch; and Laleña Johns, Clerk of the Board, present.

Member, Commissioner Andy Hover physically arrived at 1:40 p.m.

**Citizen's Comment Period**

Isabelle Spohn

Ms. Spohn read from the RCW 43.06.225 and wondered who would be enforcing the state law. Commissioner DeTro replied the complaint goes to the health dept. then they go to the Sheriff and he has already indicated that those go to the bottom of the list for enforcement. It was not certain whether or not the Governor's proclamation was even enforceable. Commissioner Branch stated the frequently asked questions on the website is on the lowest priority. There are folks prepared to fight it out, we have to think of ways to raise awareness rather than using the guns and badges because the guns and badges show up where there is resistance and people begin acting like vigil anti's. He suggested there be a vigil for those who have died of COVID-19 and those who will die of it in order to bring awareness to the issue. His hope is that the experiment doesn't turn into more illness.

Ms. Spohn said it sounds like large groups and social distancing enforcement isn't going to happen. She sees places where people wear masks at large gatherings and then she also sees where no one wears a mask. She wondered what other cities in King County are doing now that everyone is to wear masks. People here are looking for leadership from the commissioner at this point.

Pat Leigh explained Sherry's Sweet Shop was mobbed, and with the amount of businesses open when it seems they shouldn't be is confusing to many. The message should be clear where we are and

Pat Leigh said she looked to see the letter on the county website that is to the citizens and it isn't there. .

Peter Morgan begin to prepare a communications strategy so when a plan is developed and plan to move forward the message they wish to provide would be consistent. Commissioners would need to endorse it but major stakeholders on board to support the message so everyone is on the same page. That plan is underway but that is what they are thinking and what they think is critical to the success.

Commissioner Branch wondered if additional message by the DOT on their reader boards would help by stating we are in Phase I to remind travelers.

**Public Hearing Supplemental Appropriation Infrastructure, Homeless Housing**

Commissioners opened the hearing up to public comment, having no one to comment, the hearing was opened up to staff. The Clerk of the Board explained the budget supplemental was to provide budget for the CERB grant match.

**Motion Resolution 66-2020 Budget Supplemental**

Commissioner Hover moved to approve resolution 66-2020 a budget supplemental appropriation within Infrastructure and Current Expense for CERB Grant Match and Planning only grant. Motion was seconded, all were in favor, motion carried.

## **Public Hearing Declare County Surplus -Tasers**

Commissioner DeTro opened up the hearing to public comment. Seeing no one he opened up to staff.

Lauri Wright found an outfit that would provide either all credit or partial credit for new Tasers. She has not found anywhere that would give decent money for them. The company Accredited Security has the market on refurbishing. The first Tasers (m26) don't work at all anymore, then X26's cycled out and won't sell parts, then rotated into the new ones and Accredited will take both X26's and M26's for credit.

It was explained that the M26's were not on the asset lists and the X26's were. In cleaning out some of the equipment it made sense to her to find someone that would give a credit.

Radars and PBT's have to come off the asset list but Ms. Wright isn't sure they are worth anything. She knows the PBT's are easier to buy new rather than fixing the old ones. The radars aren't really worth anything.

## **Motion**

Commissioner Branch moved to direct the Clerk of the Board to draft a resolution to satisfy the surplus of the equipment for board approval. Motion was seconded, all were in favor, motion carried.

## **Update Annual Report-Auditor Cari Hall**

Lisa Schreckengost Pam Johnson

Auditor Hall explained she was here to discuss and review the county's annual report. It has been balanced many times, so they are very confident the numbers are accurate. Auditor Hall went over the narrative and template the state auditor provides on how we report our financials. Fund Balance Comparison differences were discussed and why the differences are there.

Some of the annual changes made by the State Auditor to the BARS manual and forms were explained.

Schedule 7 and what it contained was explained by Pam Johnson for the several taxing districts and their disbursements. Schedule of Liabilities are also provided by the Treasurer's office. These are only county funds, no other districts are included. It shows our two bond payments for Eastlake Sewer.

Anyone with PEBB there is a value to that if we retire because retirees can get subsidized rate. Auditor Hall explained how this information was researched and considered a liability.

The report is due Sunday, but the group feels it is ready to be certified and submitted. The commissioners thanked the board for the time to go over the report.

Commissioners discussed the need for executive session to discuss legal matters with Attorney David Gecas and Director Pete Palmer. Both staff were called to attend the discussion.

## **Motion Executive Session RCW 42.30.110(1)(i)**

Commissioner Hover moved to go into executive session at 3:35 p.m. for 20 minutes inviting Attorney David Gecas and Director Pete Palmer to discuss legal matters or potential litigation to which the agency is or may become a party and where public knowledge may result in an adverse legal or financial consequence to the county. Motion was seconded, all were in favor, motion carried.

Executive Session ended at 3:55 p.m. No decisions were made.

**Approve Commissioners Proceedings**

Commissioner Hover moved to approve the commissioners' proceedings of May 4, 5, 6, 2020. Motion was seconded, all were in favor, motion carried.

**Consent Agenda**

Commissioner Hover moved to approve the consent agenda items 1-4, as presented. Motion was seconded, all were in favor, motion carried.

1. Authorization to Call for Bids-2020 Landfill Crushing Project
2. Resolution 63-2020 Amendment to Conflict of Interest Policy
3. Resolution 64-2020 Fairgrounds Cash Handling Policy
4. Resolution 65-2020 Fairgrounds Amended Fee Schedule

**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 \$271,171.13 and Payroll vouchers in the amount of \$1,806.25. Warrant numbers as cited on the attached blanket voucher list. Motion seconded and carried.

**Motion Public Health Voucher**

Commissioner moved to approve the Public Health Vouchers including regular vouchers in the amount of \$7,204.43. Warrant numbers as cited on the attached blanket voucher list. Motion was seconded, all were in favor, motion carried.

**Motion**

Commissioner Branch moved to approve the contract between Okanogan County and the Department of Commerce for Federal Funds in the amount of \$2,350,150 due to the public health emergency with respect to Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) costs and authorized the chairman to sign. Motion was seconded all were in favor, motion carried.

**Motion Resolution 67-2020 Declaring Surplus Tasers**

Commissioner Hover moved to approve resolution 67-2020 which declared certain county owned property surplus to the needs of the county and allowing the sale or trade-in for like items. Motion was seconded, all were in favor, motion carried.

The board adjourned at 4:45 p.m.