

RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS**OKANOGAN COUNTY****OCTOBER 13, 2020**

The Okanogan County Board of Commissioners met for a Regular session at 123 5th Avenue North, Okanogan, Washington on October 13, 2020, with Chairman, Commissioner Jim DeTro; Vice Chairman, Commissioner Chris Branch; and Clerk of the Board, Laleña Johns, present.

The full detail of the commissioners' proceedings was captured via AV Capture video and is available to the public on the county's website.

Member, Commissioner Andy Hover attending union negotiations.

Commissioners' Staff Meeting

Naomie Peasley, Joe Poulin, Maurice Goodall, Pete Palmer

Ms. Peasley provided her staff report regarding the fairgrounds. Three maintenance requests were reviewed by the fair committee and submitted to the commissioners for approval for the Poultry barn, Horse barn, and the Rabbit Barn. (attached) These repairs would likely be done by a work party comprised of the Fair Advisory Committee and volunteers.

Motion

Commissioner Branch moved to approve the three maintenance requests of the Fair Advisory Committee for the repairs to the Horse, Poultry and Rabbit Barns with the condition that if costs are involved those first go through Joe Poulin to be further approved. Motion was seconded, all were in favor, motion carried.

Ms. Peasley explained the Fair Committee voted to approve a \$5 Sunday fair ticket. Officers were also voted in and sub committees delegated. She is defining the role of county employees as their responsibilities were very gray. Cleaning and damage deposits are also supposed to be charged to the Fair for use of the grounds but the commissioners have never made the charge.

A Contract for use of the fairground facilities from Long Term Recovery Group to store lumber, appliances, and other items for the recovery group with a waiver request to reduce the fee for use of one of the Quonset huts and the horticulture building from October 15, 2020 through June 30, 2021 was received. Commissioners will review and consider that request when Commissioner Hover is present. Accessibility by the Recovery group was discussed they would be totally responsible for their products.

A surveillance security system was discussed as it was requested for the Superior Court proceedings in the Agriplex. The cost would be born by the courts. Upgrades to the WiFi would be needed for that.

Mr. Goodall provided his staff update. Weather rain and snow on the pass was discussed. Public Assistance grant was sent off by the state which will help with some recovery costs. Commissioner DeTro asked about the Emergency Declaration and whether that should be rescinded. Not yet.

All Hazards Mitigation Plan team is still working on the plan, but progress was made difficult due to the fires and pandemic. A Community meeting is scheduled for October 21. The plan should be complete by the end of the year. It does include pandemic now. There is also the Wildfire Protection Plan that may be combined with the All Hazards plan.

Joe Poulin provided his maintenance update. He updated the board on the issuance of keys to

elected officials to the courthouse which will take a couple weeks. A proposal for the Agriplex fans was provided from Big Ass Fans. (attached) It includes installation of two 14-foot fans one on either end of the building. There is a limited vendor pool who can provide quotes for these types of fans. There would be a savings of \$3100 if we had a local vendor do the three-phase electrical work. Mr. Poulin will see what a local vendor would charge. Total proposal was \$24,425.07 which included the electrical and installation costs.

Feasibility to winterize the fairgrounds new bathrooms was provided and discussed. This project is needed to provide enough bathrooms to the court's proceedings happening in the Agriplex due to COVID. The project would include digging up the water line to put in a shut off line serving Jones Hall to isolate and new bathroom. (attached)

The Agriplex boiler replacement proposal was also approved by DIVCO. That work will proceed.

David Gecas attended the commissioners meeting as he had some time to update the board on a litigation matter he worked on.

Motion Executive Session RCW 42.30.110(1)(i)

Commissioner Branch moved to go into executive session at 10:28 for 10 minutes inviting David Gecas to discuss agency litigation matters to which the agency may be a part when public knowledge regarding the discussion could cause an adverse legal or financial consequence to the agency. Motion was seconded, all were in favor, motion carried.

Executive Session ended at 10:38 a.m. no decisions were made.

Update-Human Resources-Tanya Craig

Commissioner Hover returned at 10:40 to the meeting from the union negotiations.

Update-Auditor's Office-Cari Hall, Jamie Grooms

Commissioner Branch asked Auditor Hall what critical services would be necessary to run on the backup power provided by the generator proposed for the courthouse. Elections is a critical service the back up power would serve. Commissioner DeTro stated this project is high on the board's priority list. The commissioners are looking at either powering the whole courthouse or only the critical services. The PUD is exploring redundancy for the City of Okanogan. The most dependable thing would be an on onsite generator. Commissioner Hover stated he may have a conversation with the PUD about this.

Auditor Hall stated ballots will be going out Friday. She updated the board on ballot box placements for Pateros, Brewster and Riverside. She would like to request use of our maintenance staff for placements. Commissioners would prefer that outside vendor quotes be obtained for this. A live video link will be available to the public from the Auditor's website.

Motion Waiver Request Long Term Recovery Group-Carlene Anders

Commissioner Branch moved to approve the waiver request of the Long-Term Recovery group's request to use the Horticulture building and one Quonset hut at the fairgrounds beginning October 15, 2020 through June 30, 2021 and authorize the chairman to sign the waiver request. Motion was seconded, all were in favor, motion carried.

Update Public Works-Engineer Josh Thomson

Kent Kovalenko

Fire Debris Clean-up Dept of Ecology

Mr. Kovalenko explained the Pearl Hill Fire in Douglas County is completely different than the Cold

Springs Fire in Okanogan County. He discussed how Douglas County is handling fire debris. Okanogan County will not accept anything until after the abatement process is done due to possible asbestos in the material. There is not a regulatory agency overseeing the clean-up of the fire debris disposal. He is not accepting any soils at our landfill due to potential contamination. EPA and Ecology would be handling and they are still discussing testing requirements. Commissioner Branch asked if the Tribal Environmental Trust is involved. Kent did not think so, but could be involved with debris coming from the reservation.

Apple Maggot Meeting

Mr. Kovalenko attended the Pest Board meeting and nothing really new came out of it regarding Apple Maggot. There were many fly catches with way more than in the past. It is here, and in moving forward the discussion was more on how to protect our orchards now.

New Landfill Cell

Mr. Kovalenko explained that the new cell is beginning to be used. Starting to place cover over the old cell. Commissioner Branch asked if cover would include the section facing the Barnholt loop area and it does.

Maintenance & Road Conditions

Engineer Thompson provided his Public Works update. The first rain did not affect our roads.

Report for fuel tax was received and it was at 63% of the projection even with traffic county being at 85% but he found out it is actually tracking at around 85%.

Miller Pit DNR Permit Issued

The DNR permit was received. That award for the crush will be on next weeks consent agenda. It was good timing.

We did receive the standards of good practice from the CRAB Board so we will receive the RAP funding. (attached)

Board of Health-1234 2nd Ave S, Okanogan

Commissioners attended the Board of Health meeting returning at 2:40 p.m. The Undersheriff requested time to discuss a request.

Undersheriff Aaron Culp explained a request of the Sheriff's office to purchase Body Cameras that would provide employees Telework capabilities to facilitate compliance with COVID-19 measures. (attached). The purchase would provide COVID-19 public safety measures and reduce COVID transmission risk and meet requirements of the compliance by Sheriff employees that require constant personal interaction with individuals. The company provides offsite secure remote file access and secure data management capabilities. We would own the data that is stored in the CLOUD.

The quote would be \$250,000 includes installation and maintenance and two refreshes of equipment. \$20,000 after the sixth year for data storage. Three quotes were obtained from Axon Motorola and GETAC. GETAC is the only vendor that provides hands off process and two refreshes and the quote is significantly less. The other two only provides one refresh and requires hands on and are more expensive and twice as much for the data storage. The ability to facilitate COVID compliance is the ability to not handle the data without touching anything.

Motion Approval Body Camera Purchase to Facilitate Compliance with COVID-19 Measures

Commissioner Branch moved to approve the purchase of Body Cameras for the Sheriff's office to facilitate compliance with COVID-19 measures to be reimbursed by CARES ACT funds. Motion was seconded, all were in favor, motion carried.

Motion Clarification

Commissioner Branch moved to clarify his previous motion that the purchase is from the vendor GETAC in the amount of \$250,441 as the company had the lowest quote. Motion was seconded, all were in favor, motion carried.

Motion Resolution 137-2020 Lifting the Countywide Burn Ban

Commissioner Branch moved to approve resolution 137-2020 lifting the countywide burn ban. Effective Wednesday, October 14, 2020 at 12:01 a.m. Motion was seconded, all were in favor, motion carried.

Public Hearing-Budget Supplemental Appropriation-CE Central Services Budget

Commissioner DeTro opened up the public hearing to staff report. Commissioner DeTro closed staff and opened up the public, seeing no public who wished to testify he closed the hearing and opened up to commissioners' discussion.

Motion Resolution 136-2020 Budget Supplemental Appropriation Central Services

Commissioner Branch moved to approve resolution 136-2020 a budget supplemental appropriation with Current Expense/Central Services and Equipment Reserve fund 196 in the amount of \$25,477. Motion was seconded, all were in favor, motion carried.

Discussion- Superior Court Clerk's Office-Charleen Groomes, Susan Speiker

Ms. Speiker explained a project the Clerk's office is involved in to address the Over/Short accounting. This is a clean-up project that has never been dealt with due to not having a true accounting system for the office. An email from the AOC explained the issue. (attached) A chart of accounts was provided from the Odyssey program for the account. The Clerk would like to clear up the negative \$537. It is not clear where or what accounts this shortage is derived from as it has been there for so long. AOC has been extensively involved with this issue. Now that the Clerk has Odyssey they have a true accounting system so once this is cleaned up there should be no accounting issues going forward.

The Clerk of the Board thought a resolution would be the best means to clean the over/short line item once and for all. Commissioner DeTro suggested the Clerk discuss the best process with the Treasurer and Auditor for the resolution and submit to the Clerk of the Board for the resolution draft.

The Clerk discussed a rumor she overheard. Commissioner DeTro stated details of the situation has been done in executive session by the commissioners. With nothing finalized with regards to land acquisitions the details should not be discussed in open public meetings. The Clerk stated she is never given a heads up about these types of things and would like to be part of the discussion in order to be prepared. Commissioners understood her concern.

Pete Palmer Director of Planning explained the deadline to submit the County's Recreation Plan to RCO is November 1. She reminded the commissioners that the Planning Commission held its open public hearing on the plan and received public and agency comments on the draft plan. She said in order to meet the deadline of November 1 the previously scheduled public hearing of the commissioners to adopt the plan set on November 2 would need to be moved. She suggested the hearing be set for October 27 with the public hearing notice published in the Saturday edition of the Omak Chronicle which allows for the proper 10 days between the publication date and the hearing.

Commissioner Branch said he could agree with that suggestion as long as we follow the statute. RCW 20.10.040 was read.

Approve Commissioners Proceedings October 5 & 6 2020

Commissioner Branch moved to approve the commissioners' proceedings of October 5, 6, and 7, 2020. Motion was seconded, all were in favor, motion carried.

Approve Consent Agenda

Commissioner Branch moved to approve the consent agenda item as presented. Motion was seconded, all were in favor, motion carried.

1. Dispatch Services Contract-Fire District #4

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 \$396,168.14. 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 \$4,903.22. Warrant numbers as cited on the attached blanket voucher list. Motion was seconded, all were in favor, motion carried.

Motion Methow Valley EMS District

Commissioner Branch moved to adjourn as the BOCC and reconvene as the Methow Valley EMS District. Motion was seconded all were in favor, motion carried.

Commissioner Branch moved to approve the Voucher certification and authorize the Methow Valley EMS District vouchers to be paid in the amount of \$57,550.16. Motion was seconded, all were in favor, motion carried.

Commissioner Branch moved to adjourn as the Methow Valley EMS District and Reconvene as the BOCC Motion was seconded all were in favor, motion carried.

The board adjourned at 4:00 p.m.