

RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS**OKANOGAN COUNTY****OCTOBER 21, 2020**

The Okanogan County Board of Commissioners met for a Regular session at 123 5th Avenue North, Okanogan, Washington on October 21, 2020, with Chairman, Commissioner Jim DeTro; Vice Chairman, Commissioner Chris Branch; Member, Commissioner Andy Hover; 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.

Budget Work Session-Treasurer

Lisa Schreckengost, Leah McCormack, Pam Johnson, Tanya Craig

Treasurer McCormack reviewed the revenue received for Current Expense. Sales tax collection is more than expected.

Budget Work Session Assessor

Lisa Schreckengost, Leah McCormack, Pam Johnson, Jan Million, Assessor Larry Gilman
The Assessor's budget was reviewed including revenues and expenditures. Some adjustments were made to the previous estimates. One new employee will travel for the county i training if the training isn't provided online.

Fund 144 was discussed. A portion of the professional services in section .021 will be used to clean up some of the Treasurers old files.

Budget Work Session -Planning

Director Of Planning Pete Palmer, Lisa Schreckengost and Treasurer McCormack

The Planning budget was reviewed and discussed. Position BARS were added for the new planner/grant position and the planner II reclassification to senior planner position. The new GES Tech position was added. Professional services line was requested at \$100,000 for perceived litigation costs. Commissioners discussed whether or not that budget should go to the trust budget. The hearing examiner costs are also included in that amount. Appeals done this year has eaten up most of this year's budget.

Ms. Craig explained which kinds of land use litigations would be paid from the Planning budget and which portion would be paid from the Prosecutors budget. She also explained which kinds of land use litigation is handled by the Risk Pool and types that are not. 9xs out of 10 not seeking damages they just want it fixed. Director Palmer explained planned updates to critical areas and other land use plans and ordinances have caused litigation before so the \$100,000 was requested in anticipation of those. Commissioner Hover explained that the prosecutor's budget had funding for council for that. We either hire a specific land use attorney and fund that employee or we put funds in a professional services line and pay a contracted attorney for that.

Commissioners briefly discussed the Eastlake Sewer system budget. Treasurer McCormack stated excise tax from real estate sales is up and it is expected that building permit revenue on those properties may go up as well in 2021.

Budget Work Session Building

Building Official Dan Higbee, Treasurer McCormack, Lisa Schreckengost

The Building Dept's 2021 expenditure and revenue budget was reviewed by the group.

Budget Work Session Commissioners, Special Funds Cap Imp, Title III Etc....

The HR section of the budget was reviewed. Tanya Craig requested the HR Assistant salary be increased and explained the justification. The employee deals with more complex claims and is studying the claims administrator book to understand the complexities of handling claims. Ms. Craig has been rewriting the job description to capture more of what the assistant has been doing and looking at comparable counties and it appears the assistant is paid at 74% of those. She thought bump to a grade 27 or 26 would be appropriate because the higher grades bump up against other positions with supervisory positions.

The commissioners' budget was reviewed and some small changes were made to the travel sections.

Commissioners reviewed their special funds budget such as the Capital Improvement, Infrastructure, Millage funds 104, 105, & 107, Title III, and decided to come back to those once agencies involved with those budgets have a chance to meet with the board to provide recommendations.

The board adjourned at 4:00 p.m.