

1
2
3
4
5
6
7
8
9
10
11
12
13
14
15
16
17
18
19
20
21
22
23
24
25
26
27
28
29
30
31
32
33
34
35
36
37
38
39
40
41
42
43
44
45
46
47
48
49
50
51

RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS

OKANOGAN COUNTY

MAY 11, 2021

9:00 AM Commissioners Staff Meeting
10:00 AM Update -Treasurer -Leah McCormack
10:30 AM Update -Auditor-Cari Hall
11:00 AM Updated Public Works- Josh Thomson
1:30 PM Board of Health Meeting 1234 2nd Ave S, Okanogan
3:30 PM Approve Commissioners Proceedings May 4 & 5, 2021
3:35 PM Approve Consent Agenda

The Okanogan County Board of Commissioners met in Regular session at 123 5th Avenue North, Okanogan, Washington on May 11, 2021, with; Chairman, Commissioner Chris Branch; Vice-Chairman, Commissioner Andy Hover; Member, and the Clerk of the Board, Laleña Johns, present.

AV Capture provided audio and video of the meetings held today, while ZOOM provided best audio accessibility and public interaction.

Commissioner Jim DeTro was absent today.

Commissioners Staff Meeting

Maurice Goodall

Mr. Goodall updated the board on Emergency Management. Will be helping Central Server with their UPS's. The rivers flood stages were discussed, not really a concern for flooding. Got in touch with Army Corp or Engineers and City of Omak about the dike not being certified. Discussed the Lost River so called Dike issue and discussed with Public Works, but still need to figure it out that were done in 2018. Private person on Salmon creek would like to install a bridge, Army Corp is involved, but they are not very responsive.

Naomie Peasley updated the board on fairgrounds. She advertised the temporary office position that will start June 1 through October 1st.

The Board discussed tables and chairs being rented separately for outside events and half day events. For full day events and building rentals, tables and chairs are included in the fee. Commissioners would like to discuss further at a later date and consider the cost relationship.

Renters of the arena are asking to use the fairground's arenavator with their personal tractor for their events. Commissioner Branch would like to discuss the cost relationship. Commissioner Hover said the county charged a damage deposit of \$250, and we do have a form already that provides the understanding between the parties. We also have replacement costs on the piece of equipment, there is still a cost to anyone using it. Commissioner Branch asked that a proposal be presented to the board for better decision criteria. Commissioner Hover thought a fee could be built into the arena fee that includes equipment costs.

52 **Motion**

53 Commissioner Hover moved to approve the National Barrel Horse Association to use the
54 arenavator on May 22, 2021 for their event. Motion was seconded, all were in favor, motion
55 carried.

56
57 The MOU with Little Red Barn needs to be amended to add that both parties must agree if the
58 barn is rented. Rotary would like to use the Little Red Barn but the agreement doesn't allow
59 subletting. Jean Burney, with Cattle Women's Association said for 2021 that if anyone uses the
60 barn they want to be a party for a specific group for set times and dates. For each group a separate
61 agreement would be necessary. If the Cattle Women wants to sublet the barn then the county will
62 need to consider its costs. Fees will need to be worked out among the Cattle Women's
63 Association. A proposal should be presented at a later date.

64
65 Fair is overwhelmed and need a COVID officer designated who will be responsible for writing up
66 the plan.

67
68 South camping area is on hold until the electrical upgrades happen.

69
70 Pete Palmer provided information for discussion. (attached)
71 One question that came up is how the Planning Commission became Regional Planning
72 Commission. Those references have been used interchangeably over the years. RCW 36.70.060
73 created a regional planning commission process specifically for regional planning, which we do
74 not currently do. No law requires advisory committees. Committees are formed at the discretion
75 of the governing body. The Mazama Advisory Committee Sub Area A is currently active with
76 seven members but only three have appointment letters by the county commissioners.

77
78 Commissioners discussed the number of advisory committees the board would like to officially
79 authorize. Commissioner Hover will discuss with his constituents as to what they would like to
80 see. If at all possible keep the number to 2 or 3 to provide adversity for the Methow areas.

81
82 Commissioners discussed their desire to build a fairground use program and equipment
83 replacement plan. It will take flexibility, but when people see the value and commitment of the
84 county to provide a nice venue they will be willing to pay the nominal rental fee. Commissioners
85 continued discussing the fairground use rentals. The goal is for the fairgrounds to break even.
86 Material costs are so high and it doesn't make sense to purchase materials right now.

87
88 **Cancelled Update -Treasurer -Leah McCormack**

89
90 **Update -Auditor-Cari Hall**

91 Jamie Groomes

92
93 Auditor Hall updated the board on several items. Two letters were submitted to the county
94 commissioners regarding two water districts, Lake Osoyoos and Nine Mile Flood Control District.
95 Both districts have had no financial activity with Nine Mile Flood Control District meeting the State
96 Auditor's criteria of being inactive. The Lake Osoyoos Water District has had no financial activity,
97 but did go through elections in 2015 & 2017. The board can take into consideration as to what the
98 district wants. She suggested the board discuss the matter with the prosecutor. Unfortunately,
99 this one isn't as clear cut as the previous. Both districts have small balances.

100
101
102

103 Election filing week is next week, so the Auditor's office will be very busy. The county's annual
104 state Audit is already beginning. Many counties expect findings in their DOL, but the Auditor's
105 Association is involved.

106
107 **Motion George Brady Reappointment SWAC**
108 Commissioner Hover moved to reappoint Council member George Brady to SWAC as the city
109 elected representative and Council member Frank Herbert as his alternate. Motion was seconded,
110 all were in favor, motion carried.

111
112 **Updated Public Works- Josh Thomson**

113
114 Engineer Josh Thomson provided his agenda and discussed the items listed there.

115
116 Engineer Thomson explained the requirements that he told the Recycling center.

117
118 Cap Labelle road will get stabilizer. Engineer Thomson explained the cycle for road stabilizer and
119 it doesn't include the reason of dust abatement. It costs about \$6,000 for the materials per mile,
120 and about \$1500 per mile for worker costs

121
122 Miller pit crushing is done, working on the road, exposed slopes, and prepared for hydroseeding
123 this fall. We are not allowing people to drive through the sage brush. The barn is where we crush.
124 Access for the public was discussed and where that should be located. Foot access from the
125 bottom sounded good to Forest Service, said Engineer Thomson. Commissioner Hover
126 suggested closing the bottom, getting the pit fenced off, put a simple barbed wire fence to
127 eliminate people driving through the brush.

128
129 Some sort of demonstration protest on Thursday and Friday at public health.

130
131 *Radio Communications System-Mike Worden*
132 The county's insurance or FEMA may pay for the damaged Public Works towers/equipment on
133 communication sites. Public Works has the lease for equipment on McClure. Public Works pays
134 maintenance on one site and is allowed a spot on another. Engineer Thomson said he would like
135 to turn over the lease responsibilities to the Sheriff Communications. Repairs to the portion of the
136 system Public Works uses was discussed. Public Works is part of our communication network
137 and there would not be an additional charge to use. Mike Worden said we do not have radio
138 system using only agencies. We do not know how much to charge for using the system.
139 Commissioner Hover said it was his understanding that Public Works would get a channel. Public
140 Works will be part of the system, said Mr. Worden. Engineer Thomson said he would like to see
141 McClure out of Public Works name and transferred to the Sheriff's office sooner rather than later.
142 There are several leases with other agencies on the site. Worden didn't object to it.

143
144 *Old 97 Construction Project*
145 Engineer Thomson provided an update on the project.

146
147 *B-4 Bridge Replacement Project*
148 Engineer Thomson provided an update on the project. This project shouldn't be very disruptive.

149
150 *RAP Contracts*
151 Completing the funding on the next phase drainage on Loomis Oroville road.

152
153 *Consent Agenda*

154 Nothing listed.

155

156 Mike Worden asked for a private conversation with Commissioner Branch.

157

158 Commissioner Hover moved to adjourned until after

159

160 **Board of Health Meeting 1234 2nd Ave S, Okanogan**

161

162 **Approve Commissioners Proceedings May 3 & 4, 2021**

163 Commissioner Hover moved to approve commissioners' proceedings of May 3 & May 4, 2021.

164 Motion was seconded, all were in favor, motion carried.

165

166 **Approve Consent Agenda**

167 Commissioner Hover moved to approve the consent agenda items 1-5 as presented. Motion was

168 seconded, all were in favor, motion carried.

169 1. CDBG Public Services Grant Request #4 \$18,473.85 No. 20-6221C-119

170 2. CDBG Public Services Grant Request #6 \$6817.66 No. 20-62210-011

171 3. SEPA Certification Form 6-H CDBG Public Services Grant Application

172 4. NEPA Determination Form 6-G(1) CDBG Public Services Grant Application

173 5. Ordinance 2021-4 Repealing OCC 2.66 Oroville Regional Planning Advisory Committee

174

175 Commissioners adjourned for lunch at 11:35 a.m. Commissioner Branch then reconvened the

176 BOCC in order to consider the vouchers.

177

178 **Motion - Voucher Approval - Commissioners**

179 Vouchers certified and audited by the Auditing Officer as required by RCW 42.24.080 and those

180 expense reimbursement claims certified as required by RCW 42.24.090 have been recorded on a

181 list, and made available to the Board. As of this date, the Board did vote, by unanimous vote, to

182 approve the regular vouchers in the amount of \$1,007,762.90 and Payroll vouchers in the amount

183 of \$1,146,516.41. Warrant numbers as cited on the attached blanket voucher list. Motion seconded

184 and carried.

185

186 **Motion Public Health Voucher**

187 Commissioner moved to approve the Public Health Vouchers including regular vouchers in the

188 amount of \$13,416.65 and payroll vouchers in the amount of \$50,795.22. Warrant numbers as

189 cited on the attached blanket voucher list. Motion was seconded, all were in favor, motion carried.

190

191 **Motion Methow Valley EMS District**

192 Commissioner Hover moved to adjourn as the BOCC and reconvene as the Methow Valley EMS

193 District. Motion was seconded all were in favor, motion carried.

194

195 Commissioner Branch moved to approve the Voucher certification and authorize the Methow

196 Valley EMS District vouchers to be paid in the amount of \$58,867.75. Motion was seconded, all

197 were in favor, motion carried.

198

199 Commissioner Branch moved to adjourn as the Methow Valley EMS District and Reconvene as

200 the Tonasket EMS District. Motion was seconded all were in favor, motion carried.

201

202

203

204

205 **Motion Tonasket EMS District**

206 Commissioner Hover moved to approve the Voucher certification and authorize the Tonasket EMS
207 District vouchers to be paid in the amount of \$16,200 to Life Line for April Services. Motion was
208 seconded, all were in favor, motion carried.

209
210 Commissioner Hover moved to adjourn as the Tonasket EMS District and Reconvene as the
211 Oroville EMS District. Motion was seconded all were in favor, motion carried.

212
213 **Motion Oroville Rural EMS District**

214 Commissioner Hover moved to approve the Voucher certification and authorize the Oroville Rural
215 EMS District vouchers to be paid in the amount of \$9,680 for April Services. Motion was seconded,
216 all were in favor, motion carried.

217
218 Commissioner Hover moved to adjourn as the Oroville Rural EMS District and Reconvene as the
219 BOCC. Motion was seconded all were in favor, motion carried.

220
221 Commissioner Hover moved to adjourn at 12:00 p.m. and meet at 9:00 a.m. on Monday, May 17.
222 Motion was seconded, all were in favor, motion carried.

223