

# BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS

MARCH 2, 2020

The Board of County Commissioners met in regular session at the Douglas County Public Services Building, East Wenatchee, Washington. Commissioners Sutton, Straub and Steinburg were present, and Clerk of the Board was present.

**I. 08:30 AM Pledge of Allegiance and Call to Order.**

**II. 08:38 AM The Chair Called for Executive Session.**

**Executive Session RCW(42.30.110)(1)(g) Personnel:**

Commissioner Sutton called for Executive session at 8:38 AM for 15 minutes. In Accordance with RCW (42.30.110)(g) for Personnel. At 8:57 AM the Chair called to end Executive Session with no action taken. Attendees: Board of Commissioner, County Administrator, Civil Prosecuting Attorney, Clerk of the Board, and Executive Assistant.

**III. 08:57 AM The Board Met with Administrator Jim Barker.**

**1. Staff Report**

**Administrator**

**Jim Barker, Administrator:**

A. Discussion ensued regrading addressing the Elm beetle infestation occurring at the transportation land services building each spring.

B. Discussion held on the bids received for the fair barns resurfacing, there was a large discrepancy between the bid prices received. State granting agency gave the permission to allow for additional work to be incorporated in to the grant contract. The Board will take action tomorrow to award the bids.

**IV. 09:07 AM Constituent Meeting with Mr. Gene & Mr. Mel Welton.**

A. Mr. Welton is concerned with the noxious birds (ravens, starlings, doves) attacking their apple and cherry orchards, Mr. Welton states the birds have been attacking the fruit as well as stripping the bark and killing the trees. The Orchards are located next to Waste Management landfill in East Wenatchee. Mr. Welton states the birds are attracted to large garbage cans located on the Waste Management property fence line that abuts his orchard.

B. Solid Waste Director Becci Piepel provided an update regarding communication with APHIS; their statement is the fruit on the trees and on the ground is more of an attractant. There is management of bird populations at the landfill however; the surrounding orchardist opted out of participating in APHIS bird determent program once the County was unable to fund the program back in 2008. APHIS will be providing additional hours this year at the landfill; APHIS stated the starling population has increased substantially.

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C. Commissioners believe additional communication between Waste Management and the Weltons' coupled with additional mitigation on addressing fruit remaining on the trees and ground will assist in resolving this issue. The Commissioners will keep in communication with APHIS and Waste Management to address the issue.

### **V. 09:42 AM The Board Held a Work Session on the Following Items:**

#### **1) Transportation:**

##### **Service Request Status Report:**

A. Jennifer Lange provided the Board with the bi monthly Transportation service request for January and February 2020.

##### **CRAB Grant Applications:**

A. The following projects will be submitted for consideration: Dyer Hill Rd. (Bridgeport Hill Rd. to N. Division Rd.); Pearl Hill Rd. (Milepost 13.25 to Milepost 17.26); McNeil Canyon Rd Realignment (Milepost 1.72 to Milepost 2.62); Upper Pear Hill Bridge replacement.

##### **Basalt Drive, Mansfield WA:**

A. Request from property owners to removed trees for visibility as well as a no parking signs due to the Grant County PUD intent to establish a waterfront access. The homeowners association have collectively signed a petition to request no parking within the County right of way signs. Staff will follow up with a letter to request property owners to trim trees, as well as address the homeowners association that no signs will be implemented at this time.

##### **Infra Grant Application:**

A. Update to the Board on 2020 Infra Grant application for the Apple Capital Loop the grant request is \$122 Million.

#### **2) Land Services:**

##### **Fancher Heights Water Expansion:**

A. Commissioner Steinburg is interested in partnering with the East Wenatchee Water District to allow for increased water in the Fancher heights area. The question was raised with the increased water and sewer opportunities should the zoning of the area change to mixed use or multi residential density rezoning. Along with additional infrastructure to the area.

B. Request for review of commercial opportunities for potential population growth in the future.

C. Discussion held on Census impact on future growth and population growth projection for the County. The Regional Council will then determine the allocation of urban growth area allocations and expansion or reevaluation of the Fancher Heights zoning area will occur.

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### Vaughn Boundary Line Adjustment:

A. Comprehensive plan amendment needed to change the policy pertaining to density. This will then in turn allow for the Boundary Line adjustment to occur.

### Wenatchi Landing:

A. Update to the Board on Wenatchi Landing overlay District planning commission meeting.

### Solar Farm Development:

A. 2,000 acres anticipated use for a solar farm. A outline for a substation, collection substation, and maintenance building were provided to the Planning Department with included access points. Fencing and outlay of building sites located within the Badger Mountain/Fancher Heights area. Applicants will need to follow up with the Department of Defense as well as Federal Aviation Administration for mitigation impacts.

### Industrial Hemp:

A. Update to the Board on hemp agriculture use, the Board would like staff to look at the code for Marijuana and review it's application to hemp. Odor is the primary concern for growth. Staff will be reviewing and providing an update to the Board. The Board is considering implementing a moratorium to better review the code language and correct standards.

With no further business, the Board of County Commissioners will meet again on Tuesday, March 3, 2020 at the Douglas County Courthouse, Waterville, Washington.

## MARCH 3, 2020

The Board of County Commissioners met in regular session at the Douglas County Courthouse, Waterville, Washington. Commissioners Steinburg, Sutton and Straub were present, Clerk of the Board was present.

**I. 08:28 AM Pledge of Allegiance and Call to Order.**

**II. 08:30 AM The Chair Called for Executive Session.**

### **Executive Session RCW(42.30.110)(1)(g) Personnel:**

Commissioner Sutton called for Executive session at 8:30 AM for 30 minutes. In Accordance with RCW (42.30.110)(g) for Personnel. At 9:00 AM the Chair called to extend Executive Session for 30 minutes. At 9:30 AM the Chair called to end Executive Session with no action taken. Attendees: Board of Commissioner, County Administrator, Human Resource Officer, Clerk of the Board.

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III. 09:38 AM The Board Met with County Administrator Jim Barker.

1. Personnel Administrator

**Jim Barker, Administrator:**

A. Board delegated salary negotiation authority to the County Administrator and Human Resource Officer for the Economic Development Director position.

IV. 09:41 AM The Board Met with Transportation Land Services.

1. Local Agency Supplemental Agreement Grant Road Resurfacing CRP 987

**Motion:**

Commissioner Straub moved to approve the agreement with Washington State Department of Transportation Agreement No. LA-9531 for Grant Road Resurfacing, Commissioner Steinburg seconded the motion, and Commissioner Sutton concurred.

B 138 P 020

2. Temporary Right to Enter George J Chapman

**Motion:**

Commissioner Straub moved to approve the agreement with George J Chapman for temporary right to enter for stock pile crushed rock located at 137 Crane Orchard Road, Commissioner Steinburg seconded the motion, and Commissioner Sutton concurred.

B 138 P 021

V. 10:00 AM Public Meeting TLS 20-10B

*Following is a summary of the public hearing; and action taken by the Board of Commissioners. The summary is not intended to be a verbatim transcript. A recording of the hearing is available by contacting the Clerk of the Board*

**Present**

Gloria- Reporter with the Empire Press

**Staff Report County Planner Curtis Lillquist:**

Presentation of amendments to Douglas County Code Title 18 Zoning update to the Countywide Comprehensive Plan.

Presentation of adoption of amendments to the Bridgeport Municipal Code.

**Public Comment:**

No Public Comment.

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Motion:

Commissioner Straub moved to approve Ordinance TLS 20-01-10B Amendments to Douglas Countywide Comprehensive Plan and Douglas County Code Title 18; Commissioner Steinburg seconded the motion to approve and Commissioner Sutton concurred.

B 138 P 022

Commissioner Steinburg moved to approve Ordinance TLS 20-02-10B Adoption of Amendments to the Bridgeport Municipal Code; Commissioner Straub seconded the motion and Commissioner Sutton concurred.

B 138 P 023

**VI. 10:28 AM The Board Met with Fair Manager Carolyn Morley and Ed Darling.**

- A. The state supervisor for the Fair stated additional work could be added to the scope of work
- B. Discussion ensued regarding the Bids submitted for the resurfacing of the NCW Fair barns. Bid Awards will be pushed out until March 10, 2020.
- C. Update to the Board on the NCW Fair house remodel, the roof has asbestos. The front door access as well as the bathroom meeting ADA requirements were not factored in to the bid estimates.

**VII. 11:11 AM The Board Met with Foster Creek Conservation District.**

- A. Review of Voluntary Stewardship Program.
- B. Update to the Board on NRCS for open space designations.
- C. Grant application awarded from FEMA for the fire adaptive communities.

**VIII. 11:32 AM The Board Met with Judge Brian Huber Regarding GR 36.**

Attendees:

Judge Brian Huber, Sheriff Kevin Morris, Auditor Jim Rudd, Treasurer Natalie Marx, Jo Jackson, Jordyn Giulio, Jenny Schlaman, Ethan Morris, Brycen Greenwood, Joel Bender, Dale Prey.

Trial Court Security for the State of Washington, review is underway to review screening of courthouse security measures. Discussion ensued regarding public access to the courthouse. A questionnaire will be developed for departments to complete regarding specific safety concerns and suggestions for departmental safety measures.

**IX. 12:26 AM Return to Administrator's Report.**

**2. Staff Report**

**Administrator**

**Jim Barker, Administrator:**

- A. Discussion held on the NCW Fair illumination of the rodeo grounds, Administrator suggestion to use the PUD poles and install the current lights and plan for 2021 installation and replacement of the lights. Commissioner Steinburg will explore cost for poles and fixture cost.
- B. Update to the Board on parcel 41000000804 complaint of sand blowing from Northern Fruit company site located across the street. Administrator will follow up with Northern Fruit to have dust mitigation and update the complainant.

**Minute Notation:**

- C. \$4,000 panels and \$4,500 for installation for sound panels for the Douglas County Law and Justice Center Building for District Court. Board approved purchase and installation.
- D. Memorandum from MJ Neal for the Project Award recommendation for the Law and Justice Center Landscape and Irrigation project.

**B138 P024**

**1) Bid Award-Small Works**

**L&J Center Landscaping**

**Motion:**

Commissioner Straub moved to approve the apparent low bid to Joe's Landscaping Development for the Law and Justice Center Landscape and Irrigation in the amount of \$115,000.00; Commissioner Steinburg seconded the motion, and Commissioner Sutton concurred.

**B138 P025**

**2) Interlocal Agreement: 2019 Chip Seal Project**

**City of Coulee Dam**

**Motion:**

Commissioner Steinburg moved to approve the Interlocal Agreement with the City of Coulee Dam for the 2019 Chip Seal Project for Douglas Ave. & Lincoln Ave.; Commissioner Straub seconded the motion and Commissioner Sutton concurred.

**B138 P 026**

**X. 12:46 PM Consent Agenda:**

The Douglas County Board of Commissioners made a blanket motion to approve the following consent agenda items.

**1) Electronic Records Subscription Agreement-District Court**

**Titus & Gower**

**B138 P027**

**2) 2019 Pension Participation Certification Form**

**DCSO**

**B138 P028**

**3) Contract Extension: Gasoline & Diesel Fuel**

**Wilcox & Flegel**

**B138 P029**

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4) Contract Extension: Gasoline & Diesel Fuel  
B138 P030

Whitley Fuel LLC.

5) Vouchers

		Check Numbers	Total Amount
1.	Vouchers	00335179-00335252	\$235,994.71
2.	ACH	80005315-80005335	\$551.68

6) Approved Payroll

NET PAYROLL

FOR: February 1 - February 29 2020

PAY DATE OF:

March 5 2020	Voucher/Warrant Numbers	Total Amount
Check Reconciliation	62315 - 62320	\$10,608.11
Direct Deposit	ACH	\$651,201.39

\$661,809.50

ACH Check Numbers: 80005339-80005357 in the amount of \$383,668.63

AP Check Numbers: 00335360-00335426 in the amount of \$647,943.59

**\*Includes all applicable special purpose districts payroll processed by the Auditor's Office.**

There being nothing further, the Board of County Commissioners adjourned to meet again on Wednesday, March 4, 2020 at the Douglas County Courthouse, Waterville, Washington.

MARCH 4, 2020

I. 03:02 PM The Board Held a Presentation with the East Wenatchee Water District.

Attendees:

Douglas County: Commissioner Kyle Steinburg, Commissioner Marc Straub, and Clerk of the Board Tiana Rowland

East Wenatchee Water District: Commissioner Terry Barnes, Commissioner G. Brian Egan, and Commissioner Nick Warner, General Manager Vince Johnston, Controller Anna Colin, Executive Secretary Jennifer Leonhardt

A. Commissioner Steinburg provided a presentation to the East Wenatchee Water District regarding a partnership amongst the agencies and the development community for the construction of a water reservoir above the Hamilton Cemetery off of 10<sup>th</sup> street in East Wenatchee. The water reservoir along

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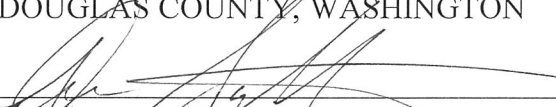
with the installation of water pipeline would server additional waster units to the Fancher Heights Plateau area. It is anticipate this area would be desirable for future development due to the availability of land not impacted by the potential legacy pesticide remediation anticipated to be imposed by the Department of Ecology. Douglas County is prepared to provide \$1.5 million to the development of a water reservoir. A portion of the funds from the distressed counties sales and use tax, currently dedicated to the sewer district expansion at Pangborn Airport will be allocated to the water tank beginning 2023. Payment installments will be \$80,000 per year for a total of \$1.5 million for this project. The East Wenatchee Water District, provided their interest in moving forward with the project.

There being no further business, the Clerk of the Board in accordance with RCW 42.30.90 adjourned for the Board of County Commissioners to meet again on Monday, March 9, 2020 at the Douglas County Transportation Land Services Building, East Wenatchee, Washington.

The minutes are hereby read and approved.

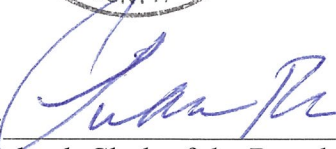


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Tiana Rowland, Clerk of the Board