

## BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS

SEPTEMBER 21, 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 the Clerk of the Board was present.

**I. 08:27 AM Pledge of Allegiance and Call to Order.**

**II. 08:27 AM The Board Met with Administrator Jim Barker.**

**1. Staff Report**

**Administrator**

**Jim Barker, Administrator:**

A. The Board held discussion on the 10<sup>th</sup> street water expansion project and the pipeline to the water reservoir. The agreement with the water district for use of .09 sales and use tax funds is to provide funding for a water reservoir with congruent development of the necessary pipeline extension infrastructure, to be constructed by the developer and property owner. The developer is requesting alternate water share disbursement based on the late comers agreements. Commissioner Steinburg will be following up.

B. Fire inspection review for the county buildings report and recommendation. **B P**

C. Discussion held on the fire remediation clean up for the City of Bridgeport, Commissioner Straub expressed his concern regarding the hillside along Pearlhill. The concern is vegetation has been burned and spring flooding mud slides may occur. The County is exploring options for reseeded and check dams. County crews will be prepared as needed for support, Mayor Conklin is preparing in seeking resources as well.

**III. 08:50 AM The Board met with Solid Waste Director Becci Piepel.**

A. There will be a notice sent out to the citizens of Bridgeport requesting information regarding whom needs assistance with fire damage cleanup. Hazardous waste and recycling are the primary cleanup focus.

## SEPTEMBER 21, 2020 CONTINUED

### **IV. 09:00 AM The Board met with Judges Brian Huber and Eric Biggar, Sheriff Kevin Morris, Chief Financial Accountant Karen Goodwin, Court Administrator Jack Murphy, Prosecuting Attorney Gordon Edgar.**

A. Discussion ensued regarding the Chelan County Regional Jail facilities, and the doubling of the bed rates and base fee for 2021. The courts believe the jails have been good to work with for court appearances, long haul planning changes in leadership may impact funding for the county. –Judge Huber

B. The initial change from CCRJ to Okanogan county jail was due to financial concerns for the county historically. The issue now is the arrestee will not be transported to OK jail as outstanding warrants from neighboring jurisdictions. The current posting bail option is not allowing for expedited release as initially intended. Recommendation to fund a transport deputy up to Okanogan County jail, state patrol arrestees will still be booked and housed at CCRJ.- Gordon

C. Reciprocity should allow for WSP arrestees to not be booking and billing for the county for warrants, this does not apply for new charges. East Wenatchee pays up until charging for felonies after charges are filled the county is then responsible for the billing. Douglas county arrests are being delayed 1-2 days for appearances.

D. The Sheriff is preparing staffing for managing transportation of arrestees.

### **V. 09:39 AM The board Met with Prosecuting Attorney Gordon Edgar.**

A. Discussion with the Prosecutor regarding the Coroner and deputy coroner positions.

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

Attendees: Prosecuting Attorney Gordon Edgar, Civic Prosecuting Attorney James Mitchel, County Administrator Jim Baker, Board of Commissioners, Chief Accountant Karen Goodwin, Land Services Director Mark Botello, and Clerk of the Board.

Chairman Sutton called for executive session at 9:52 AM for potential litigation for 25 minutes. At 10:05 Chairman Sutton called to end executive session with no action taken.

### **VI. 10:14 AM The Board met with Foster Creek Conservation District Director Amanda Ward.**

A. Concerns for supporting the Bridgeport area impacted by the Pear Hill fire, discussion on seeding and erosion mitigation. Foster Creek staff representative will be conducting assessments. FEMA request for Road 11 fire funds to be partially allocated to pear hill seeding and reimbursement funds from new FEMA grant if available.

B. Points of contacts have been developed for stock feed for impacted ranchers.

**SEPTEMBER 21, 2020 CONTINUED**

**VII. 10:42 AM The Board Held a Work Session on the Following Items:**

A. Commissioner Steinburg raised the question as to environmental and fire flow requirements for the health district. Land use the sewer and water availability for Health District permitting and verification is required.

B. Code enforcement specialist will be starting October 5th, updated language will be provided to the Sheriff, there will be a public work session.

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

Attendees: Commissioners Sutton, Straub Steinburg, County Administrator Jim Barker, Civil Prosecuting Attorney Jim Mitchell, and Clerk of the Board.

At 11:03 AM Chairman Sutton called for an executive session pertaining to personnel for 10 minutes an additional 10 minutes was called at 11:10 AM. Executive session ended at 11:21 AM with no action taken.

**VIII. 11:21 AM The Board Met with Land Services Director Mark Botello and Principal Planner Nate Pate.**

A. Discussion on the Health Department review for permitting requirements.

**IX. 11:40 AM The Board Met with Assistant County Engineer Jennifer Lange.**

A. Discussion ensued regarding water expansion reservoir and the City of East Wenatchee grant for stormwater retention pond requesting postponing of the project.

11:56 AM Commissioner Straub brought up the City of Wenatchee request to institute a 1/10<sup>th</sup> tax for homeless housing. The Board is in agreement at this time to not support an additional tax.

With no further business, the Board of County Commissioners will meet again on Tuesday, September 22, 2020 at the Douglas County Public Services Building, East Wenatchee, Washington

## SEPTEMBER 22, 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 the Clerk of the Board was present.

**I. 08:24 AM Pledge of Allegiance and Call to Order.**

**II. 08:25 AM The Board Met with Administrator Jim Barker.**

**1. Staff Report**

**Administrator**

**Jim Barker, Administrator:**

- A. Commissioner Steinburg provided an update to the Board on the water expansion project, the district and private party will work on drafting a late comers agreement.
- B. Update to the Board on Veteran Service Officer department.
- C. Approved budget purchase request for TLS Mohawk lifts, in the amount of \$16,000 for 2 lifts.
- D. Grant opportunity for Public Defender assistance funds, with the office of public defense.
- E. Discussion on Regional Council grant applications received.

**III. 08:41 AM The Board Met with Chief Financial Officer Karen Goodwin.**

A. Update to the Board on Chelan-Douglas Health District funding matrix. Discussion held on the city participation in the Health Board, however the cities do not provide financial revenue to the Health District. There has also been no indication of the Cities providing CARES Act funds to the Health District.

**IV. 09:05 AM The Board Met with Solid Waste Director Becci Piepel**

- A. Update to the Board on Will Carpenter's negative feedback received regarding the Governor's delivery of homegrown infected apples with live apple maggots to Douglas County.
- B. Update to the Board on the apple maggot trappings for the hawthorn located and the Bridgeport Bar PUD site. February is the next scheduled pest board meeting, and the discussion of quarantine will occur. Will is working on a letter from the impacted property owners regarding removal of the hawthorn and mitigation efforts for the site.

**SEPTEMBER 22, 2020 CONTINUED**

**V. 09:30 AM The Board Met with Land Services Director Mark Botello.**

A. Request for temporary employee hire of recently retired Barb Schmidt in the interim for permit technician until January when a full time replacement can be hired. Board approved the request.

B. Additional funds from the CARES Act directed to the Port District per the letter of support request for small business grants.

C. Discussion on front yard setbacks, mixed use zoned areas do not have a front yard setback.

**VI. 09:47 AM The Board Met with GIS Coordinator Todd Wilson.**

**1) Notice of Hearing: Road Vacation 542**

**TLS 20-46A**

**Motion:**

Commissioner Straub moved to approve the notice of hearing for TLS 20-46A to consider the petition for road vacation of Road 542 set for Tuesday, October 13, 2020 at 9:00 AM; Commissioner Steinburg seconded the motion and Commissioner Sutton concurred.

**B P**

**VII. 10:00 AM The Board Met Amongst Themselves.**

A. Board approved Flu shots for all county employees.

B. The Board would like to move forward with a written request to the CCRJ for negotiations of proposed rate increase for 2021. Paying the same rate as Chelan County, preparing to make alternative arrangement for transport if necessary.

C. Discussion held on need for support in ticketing for parking enforcement of the Kansas Loop development for parking within the sidewalks.

D. Request for site preparation work in removing trees adjacent to Conklin Landing as a site for removal of debris from the Bridgeport fire. \$1,000 in overtime is anticipated for the project.

E. Request from Paul Whitting for support in requesting CRP and safe grazing extensions for ranchers impacted by the pearl hill fire.

F. Discussion ensued regarding bonding and development.

G. Planning Commission memorandum provided for the Shoreline Master Program limited amendments.

**SEPTEMBER 22, 2020 CONTINUED**

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

Attendees: Commissioners Sutton, Straub Steinburg, County Administrator Jim Barker, Civil Prosecuting Attorney Jim Mitchell, and Clerk of the Board.

At 10:43 AM Chairman Sutton called for an executive session pertaining to personnel for 10 minutes an additional 10 minutes was called at 10:50 AM. Executive session ended at 11:00 AM with no action taken.

**VIII. 11:01 AM Consent Agenda:**

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

**1) Department of Children Youth and Families Agreement 2083-90617 CDDD**

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**2) Service Provider Agreement: Upper Valley Connections CDDD**

**B P**

**3) Vouchers.**

		<b>Check Numbers</b>	<b>Total Amount</b>
<b>1.</b>	<b>Vouchers</b>	<b>00340477-00340561</b>	<b>\$513,595.64</b>
<b>2.</b>	<b>ACH</b>	<b>80005845-80005846</b>	<b>\$11,996.31</b>

**IX. 11:10 AM Conference Call with Senator Murray's Office.**

A. Discussion on support for COVID-19 and recent fire in the Bridgeport Bar.

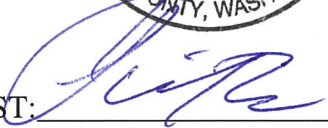
There being nothing further, the Board of County Commissioners adjourned to meet again on Wednesday, September 23, 2020 at the Douglas County Public Services Building, East Wenatchee, Washington.

SEPTEMBER 23, 2020

There were no appointments scheduled, no session was held. 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, September 28, 2020 at the Douglas County Public Services Building, East Wenatchee, Washington.

The minutes are hereby read and approved.



ATTEST:   
Tiana Rowland, Clerk of the Board

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