

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS

SEPTEMBER 6, 2021

LABOR DAY NATIONAL HOLIDAY

NO SESSION WILL BE HELD

ALL NON-ESSENTIAL DOUGLAS COUNTY OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED

SEPTEMBER 7, 2021

The Board of County Commissioners met in regular session at the Douglas County Public Services Building, East Wenatchee, Washington. Commissioners Straub, Steinburg, and Sutton were present, and the Clerk of the Board Tiana Rowland was present. Civil Prosecuting Attorney James Mitchell and County Administrator James Barker in attendance.

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

II. 08:30 AM The Board Met with Risk Manager Jordyn Giulio.

A. Update to the Board on Mr. Ackerman's claim for damages, related to the development of a garage within the adjacent property line where an access easement was located. The property owner did not disclose the access easement when filling the permit several years ago. This is now causing issues related to establishing property lines for the new subdivision Mr. Ackerman is developing, the parcel with the access easement is 2221840015.

Motion

Commissioner Steinburg moved to deny the claim for damages for Mr. Ackerman as it is a civil matter, Commissioner Sutton seconded the motion and Commissioner Straub concurred.

III. 08:38 AM The Board Met with Administrator Jim Barker.

1. Staff Report

Administrator

Jim Barker, Administrator:

A. Request for approval for voucher reimbursement to the Eastmont School District for the penalties assessed by the IRS due to late EFTPS payments. Voucher amount \$62,958.83.

Motion:

Commissioner Sutton moved to approve the reimbursement voucher, Commissioner Steinburg seconded the motion and Commissioner Straub concurred.

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B. Addressing at Jameson Lake, the Hearing Examiner decision for construction development was to provide an additional address for the new structure at Jack’s Resort. The emergency response will remain within Waterville’s zone.

C. Update to the Board following the Mason County Treasurer email comments pertaining to county operational function of IRS payments made by the Treasurer’s Office rather than the Auditor’s Office.

D. Update to the Board on the Chelan County Jail rate increase the increase is less than 3%, the Board is in agreement to move forward with the proposed increase for a monthly rate of \$19,511.92, annual rate of \$234,143.

E. Impact fees from the north end development are occurring for the Fire District, the managing accountant has requested investment allowance for county road. The Board would like additional review of this allowance per land use laws.

F. Mr. Shapiro has requested purchase or lease of a portion of Rocky Reach Dam (turtle rock) grading site for hydraulic hydro pumping, they are requesting to purchase 3 acres from the county. Further discussion on the need for an additional access point.

1) Notice of Hearing

Resolution CE 21-28A

Motion:

Commissioner Steinburg moved to approve Resolution CE 21-28A the notice of hearing for additional bond coverage for the Douglas County Treasurer Natalie Marx; Commissioner Sutton seconded the motion and Commissioner Straub concurred.

**due to a publication error this action was delayed until the following week, hearing scheduled for Tuesday, September 28th at 10:30 AM.*

IV. 09:01 AM Public Hearing

TLS 21-55A

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

Dayna Prewitt, Human Resource Officer-attending via Zoom teleconference
Dan Beardslee, Planning Commission Member-attending via Zoom teleconference

Staff Report Land Services Director Mark Botello:

Overview of the amendments to Douglas County Code Section 15.25.040 Exemptions from Water Flow and Fire Hydrant Requirements and cross reference to Chapter 18.16.080 yards and setbacks.

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Public Comment:

Dan Beardslee: Comments in favor, in section 3 provided an amendment of- 50 feet from dwellings on adjacent property.

Motion:

Commissioner Steinburg moved to approve Ordinance TLS 21-20-55B as presented with the suggested amendment Mr. Beardslee provided, Commissioner Sutton seconded the motion and Commissioner Straub concurred.

V. 9:10 AM The Board Met with Development Review Engineer Mike Near and County Engineer Aaron Simmons via Zoom.

A. Discussion ensued regarding micro-trenching materials, the alternative is a 3 foot wide trench. The Board is concerned regarding the horizontal cuts along the roadway but may allow for longitudinal cuts following a site visit. The Board is in agreement to hold on allowing for micro-trenching at sun cove until the site visit conclude next week.

B. County Engineer discussed funding for the Interchange at cascade and highway 97 and issuance of the conditional building permit. Further discussion held on holding the funding awards until following year if the CDTC commission is in allowance of this.

VI. 9:40 AM The Board Met with Land Services Director Mark Botello and Code Enforcement Officer Lance Merz.

A. Introduction of Lance Merz the new code enforcement officer for the county.

VII. 09:50 AM Board Administrative Session.

1) Temporary Employment Agreement

Nona Haberman

Motion:

Commissioner Steinburg moved to approve the temporary employment agreement with Nona Haberman to fill the vacancy of the County Treasurer, Commissioner Sutton seconded the motion and Commissioner Straub concurred.

2) Interagency Reimbursement Agreement: IAA22165

Admin. Office of the Courts

Motion:

Commissioner Steinburg moved to approve the Interagency Agreement with the Washington State Administrative Office of the Courts for extraordinary cost related to the Blake decision; Commissioner Sutton seconded the motion and Commissioner Straub concurred.

3) Out of State Travel Approval

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Motion:

Commissioner Steinburg moved to approve the out of state travel request, Commissioner Sutton seconded the motion and Commissioner Straub concurred.

VIII. 10:04 AM Our Valley our Future Representatives: Laura Merrill Stacy Lukensmeyer, and Shane Magdoff

A. Presentation on the OVOF organization, mission, and goals, and 5 year plan is currently underway. Review of project accomplishments and funding awards for planning work. Review of the community input process for outreach of constituent feedback pertaining to the growth and development needs within the valley. Request of \$20,000 in funds for the County in order to support future projects by OVOF.

IX. 10:44 AM The Board Met with Fire Chief Brian Brett.

A. Discussion ensued regarding the redundancy response and resource orders in response to wild fires in order to address fire safety quickly rather than delaying until it spreads large and state mobilization to kick in.

B. Update to the Board on the Chelan County fire district 1 support of Douglas county fire district 2 for joint services. This has led to further discussion on the sharing and joining resources amongst the two fire districts. The initial review appears the combination of resources and response load for urban and recreational services for the region. The current model of volunteer fire fighters is outdated and needs to be updated to reflect current standard practice of hired fire fighters. As of September 8th the response will be for both districts will be responding operationally as one, the Squilchuck and Eastmont fire stations will field most of the traffic response.

C. Discussion held on the wildlife fire mitigation plan update for Douglas County, Fire Chief Brett offered to provide lead assistance in updating the plan as well as annexation in to the Hazard Mitigation plan.

X. 11:12 AM Return to Administrator's Report.

G. Discussion on abandoned RV at the 2nd street douglas county property, the county and city has attempted to make contact with the registered owner, however they have had no success. The County can tow and store the RV for 30 days. The Sheriff's Office will be making a welfare check.

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H. The Veteran Service Officer has requested to use the second street county building as the service center rather than the Veteran's of Foreign War office. The Board would like additional information as to why and the benefit of services.

XI. 11:24 AM The Board met with Solid Waste Director Becci Piepel.

A. Discussion ensued regarding the House Hold Hazardous Waste event, Clean Harbor has offered to October 2nd or an alternate as an additional day in order to remediate the staffing errors from Clean Harbor from the previous house hold hazardous waste event being unsuccessful. The Board would like to have springtime as the additional 'make-up' event date.

XII. 11:30 AM The Board Met with Human Resource Office Dayna Prewitt.

A. Update to the Board on COVID positive cases and discussion on deep cleaning. The Board is in agreement to have a deep cleaning of the facilities done.

XIII. 11:47 AM The Board Met with Civil Prosecuting Attorney James Mitchell.

A. overview of the submitted claims for damages with the County.

1) Approved Claims for Damages

Patterson & Parker

Motion:

Commissioner Steinburg moved to approve forwarding on the claim for damages to the Douglas County Risk Pool for analysis, Commissioner Sutton seconded the motion and Commissioner Straub concurred.

B. Update to the Board on Easement and mitigation for the Water Reclamation District and Dr. Collins for access to retention pond. The Board is in agreement to move forward with the proposed terms.

Minute Notation:

Signature authorization granted to the Civil Prosecuting Attorney James Mitchell for the necessary documentation for the proposed settlement with the Wenatchee Reclamation District.

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XIV. Consent Agenda.

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

1) Vouchers.

		Check Numbers	Total Amount
1.	Vouchers	00349706-00349786	\$160,707.09
2.	ACH	None	\$0.00

2) Approved NCW Fair Contracts:

- a. Ascending Adventures-Dustin Ebaugh Fair Entertainment Agreement
- b. USPS-Orondo Fair Exhibitor Agreement
- c. R. Zane Parker-Rodeo Announcer Services Provider Agreement

3) Xerox Lease Agreement

Juvenile Services

4) Payroll.

NET PAYROLL FOR: AUGUST 1 -- AUGUST 31 2021

PAY DATE OF:

SEPTEMBER 3 2021	Voucher/Warrant Numbers	Total Amount
Check Reconciliation	63097-63116	\$ 18,728.36
Direct Deposit	ACH	\$ 684,213.58
		\$ 702,941.94

ACH Check Numbers: 80006737-80006757 in the amount of \$414,757.46

AP Check Numbers: 00349644-00349705 in the amount of \$624,905.70

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

5) Funding Commitment and Promissory Note

Northern Fruit-Doug Pauly

With no further business, the Board of County Commissioners adjourned at 12:40 PM to meet again on Wednesday, September 8, 2021 at the Douglas County Public Services Building, East Wenatchee, Washington.

SEPTEMBER 8, 2021

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 13, 2021 at the Douglas County Public Services Building, East Wenatchee, Washington.

The minutes are hereby read and approved.



**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
DOUGLAS COUNTY, WASHINGTON**



Marc S. Straub Chair



Kyle Steinburg Vice-Chair



Dan Sutton Member

ATTEST



Tiana Rowland, Clerk of the Board