

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS

FEBRUARY 1, 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 was present. Civil Prosecuting Attorney James Mitchell in attendance.

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

II. 08:31 AM The Board Met with Administrator Jim Barker.

1. Staff Report

Administrator

Jim Barker, Administrator:

- A. Update to the Board on the meeting discussing the Hazardous waste facility with Chelan County, the Solid Waste Director will provide an update later today.
- B. Commissioner Straub provided an update regarding LINK's perspective of the 3rd street park and ride. The Board is in agreement to move forward with the appraisal of the parcel.
- C. Update to the Board regarding MIS Director's security efforts for the county technology infrastructure. The Director will be participating in a new technology security working group. Additional backup servers have been purchased in order to ensure continuity of service.
- D. Discussion ensued regarding Foster Creek Conservation FEMA hazard mitigation grant for the Pear Hill fire, the grant is 1.5 million with a 12% funding match. Currently there is a \$25,000 funding match that has not been accounted or match for by other agencies. The request for the county to provide \$25,000 funding or in-kind match.

Motion:

Commissioner Sutton moved to approve the \$25,000 funds or in-kind donation for the FEMA hazard mitigation grant, Commissioner Steinburg seconded the motion, and Commissioner Straub concurred.

2. Personnel

Administrator

Jim Barker, Administrator:

- A. Approved payroll change notices: Felisha Rosales, Donna Roland, Nicole Hankins

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III. 08:50 AM The Board Met with Douglas County Public Utility District Manager Gary Ivory and Commissioner Aaron Viebrock.

- A. Meeting called to discuss on future projects occurring within the County, the PUD will be improving the turbines to the Wells dam. Update provided on the Hydrogen project located above the Wells dam and the Airport area.
- B. Update to the Board on the Columbia River Treaty.
- C. Discussion ensued regarding new micro trenching technology for PUD fiber optic network, currently the PUD will be working in the City of East Wenatchee to expand. Request for opportunity for staff to review process and county to consider similar expansion allowance with in the county roadway.
- D. The PUD is in the process of establishing a rate pay structure and development fee for the construction of new data centers and/or large commercial developments.

IV. 9:30 AM The Board Held a Work Session on the following Items.

Land Services:

1. Department of Ecology Notice of Water Rights Change-Auvil Fruit Company, the County received notice regarding the project for comment. The project may impact the upstream and instream flows. Land Services Director Mark Botello will be reaching out to Chelan County and Ecology to discuss the project and impacts further.
2. Hemp regulations, addition of industrial hemp production and processing in to the County Code, update provided on the Planning Commission review and process. The Board would like to keep the language included in the proposed code addition regarding the vertical feet setback reduction.
3. Update to the Board on Microsoft development, the development plans have been received. There will be a petitioner's request for roadway realignment at the cost to the developer. A portion of county property will be needed for the roadway realignment, this portion will be assessed and purchased by Microsoft.

Solid Waste Programs:

1. Update on the Hazardous Waste Facility meeting with Chelan County Solid Waste Director and Public Works Director last week, they are requesting a partnership for citizen participation in the facility. The payment matrix is \$96,197 for facility use one day per week; \$123,971 for access 2 days per week; and \$151,746 for access 4 days per week. The Board will discuss this further with Chelan County.

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V. 10:40 AM Board Administrative Session:

1. Weekly Social Media Campaign
2. Review of Board Operating Guidelines-Board approved, resolution of adoption will be set for next week.
3. Review of Boards and Committees-No changes at this time.
4. Discussion ensued regarding funding matrix and participation in various Boards/Committees and programs.
5. Discussion regarding the Pest Board's proposal for incorporating Okanogan County in for Horticultural Pest & Disease Agent services. The Board raised concerns regarding structure of services and equity of service. Additional support staff will be needed for the agency for pest management services.
6. Rock Island Road mini storage approved frontage improvements deferment, the conditions of the exemption was the proposed plan and criteria was set at a 35 foot driveway to the storage facility. However a 75 foot driveway was developed. Staff's recommendation is to allow for within the City of East Wenatchee code to allow for a 50 foot driveway, 25 feet would potentially need to be removed. The Board held discussion on options.
7. Board is in agreement to have SCJ conduct the survey for the badger mountain realignment identifying and surveying the fragment parcel.
8. Board held discussion on fund use for fund #155.

With no further business, the Board of County Commissioners adjourned at 12:00 PM to meet again on Tuesday, February 2, 2021 at the Douglas County Public Services Building, East Wenatchee, Washington.

FEBRUARY 2, 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 was present. Civil Prosecuting Attorney James Mitchell in attendance.

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

II. 08:31 AM The Board Met with Administrator Jim Barker.

1. **Staff Report** **Administrator**
 - A. Update to the Board on the Chelan County Moderate Risk Waste Facility construction cost of 2.5-2.7 million, 1.2 million was Chelan County funding, the Department of Ecology provided grant funding for the remaining cost of the development.
 - B. Update to the Board on the Pine and McNeil Canyon rockslides, WSDOT plans to close Pine Canyon for remediation and removal of the rocks.
 - C. Discussion ensued regarding the Solid Waste Programs funding structure and historic formation of the host fee agreement.

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- D. Update to the Board on the lighting project at the Rodeo grounds, there may be an opportunity to purchase surplus poles and lighting fixtures.
- E. Discussion ensued regarding the county road benefit for FEMA grant match in culverts and weed management for the grant match.

III. 09:03 AM Public Hearing

TLS 20-61B

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

Jenny Fasching, Administrator's Secretary

Staff Report Principal Planner Curtis Lillquist:

Overview of the Capital Facilities plan update, with the Planning Commission's recommendation of approval.

Public Comment:

No comment was given.

Motion:

Commissioner Steinburg moved to approve Ordinance TLS 21-01-01B the 2021 Capital Facilities Plan, Commissioner Sutton seconded the motion and Commissioner Straub concurred.

IV. 09:06 AM The Board Met with the Land Services Director Mark Botello and Principal Planner Curtis Lillquist.

1) Notice of Hearing

TLS 21-07A

Motion:

Commissioner Steinburg moved to approve Resolution TLS 21-07A Notice of Public Meeting: Planning Commission Recommendations *set for Tuesday, February 16 at 9:00 AM* Commissioner Sutton seconded the motion and Commissioner Straub concurred.

- A. Update to the Board on the Hearing Examiner's plan to attend the Commissioner's meeting on Monday February 8th.
- B. Update to the Board on the AvanGrid's application for solar farm, the applicant has chosen to complete the State Department of National Resources application for solar farm development it is anticipated to be approved. The planning and permitting would then be conducted by the state approval and review process, despite the county's current moratorium. Land services is coordinating a presentation to the Board from DNR regarding the review and permitting process.
- C. Clarification on the Microsoft roadway alignment, the developed roadway will be at the expense of Microsoft then deeded back to the county. A portion of county parcel will be improved with the roadway alignment development.
- D. Update to the Board on code compliance.

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V. 9:54 AM The Board Met with County Engineer Aaron Simmons.

Transportation:

1) Notice of Hearing

TLS 21-06A

Motion:

Commissioner Steinburg moved to approve the notice of hearing for TLS 21-06A to consider vacating a portion of Dezellem Hill Road *set for Tuesday, March 2nd at 9:00 AM*, Commissioner Sutton seconded the motion, and Commissioner Straub concurred.

A. Discussion ensued regarding potential options for the termination and vacation of Dezellem Hill Road, staff is drafting several options for the Board to review for the public hearing.

B. Update to the Board on the rockslide on McNeil Canyon Road.

C. Pearl Hill Bridge repairs update, the abutment repairs have been made, the replacement design is still under way, staff is currently seeking funds for replacement.

D. Badger mountain road alignment preliminary schedule update.

E. Civil Prosecuting Attorney James Mitchell provided the Board an update on the summary of judgement for the Water of Reclamation District and the County regarding the Collins property. It was determined by the Court of Appeals additional notice was needed.

F. Commissioner Steinburg provided an update from the mini storage property owners were told that development after paving that the driveway was allowed up to 50 feet.

11:01 AM Return to County Administrator

F. Discussion ensued regarding holding the NCW Fair and further discussion on the NCW Fair manager position and assignment of other duties as needed if the Fair does not occur. Potential option is for grant writing.

VI. 11:30 AM Consent Agenda:

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

1) Correspondence: Office of Public Defense

**Disbursement of State
Grant Funds**

2) Memorandum of Understanding: AFSCME Union

Annual Leave

*Scrivener's error: The memorandum of Understanding between Douglas County and the AFSCME Union was adopted on the 8th of July, 2019 signed and sealed by the Douglas County Board of Commissioners, the agreement was not captured in the meeting minutes on this date as such the agreement is now incorporated into the record. The terms of the agreement stand as it was executed on July 8th, 2019.

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3) Letter of Support: Foster Creek Conservation District Pearl Hill Fire Mitigation FEMA Grant Application

4) Voucher Approval

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1.	Vouchers	00344014-00344068	\$139,784.16
2.	ACH	None	\$0.00

VI. 11:23 AM The Board Met with Solid Waste Director Becci Piepel.

A. Discussion ensued regarding potential contracting of services to the cities and towns for the manual and plan updates. In other counties the towns and cities do provide funding for services for the solid waste comprehensive plan and program events. The funds received from the cities previously were decreased over several years

At 11:43 AM the Board took a brief Recess to meet again at 1:30 PM in the Douglas County Public Services Building.

VI. 1:30 PM The Board met with the Chelan County Board of Commissioners via Zoom teleconference.

Attendees: Douglas County Commissioners Marc Straub, Kyle Steinburg, Chelan County Commissioners Bob Bugert, Kevin Overbay, Tiffany Gering, Douglas County Administrator Jim Barker, Chelan County Administrator Cathy Mulhall, Chelan-Douglas Horticultural Pest and Disease Director Will Carpenter, Douglas County Solid Waste Director Becci Piepel, Douglas County Engineer Aaron Simmons, Douglas County Land Services Director Mark Botello, Chelan County Public Information Officer Jill FitzSimmons, Wenatchee World Reporter Tony Buhr, Chelan County Public Works Director Eric Pierson, Mathew Smith, Chelan County Natural Resources Director Mike Kaputa, Chelan County Solid Waste Director Brenda Blanchfield, Washington State University Tianna Dupont, Douglas County Civil Prosecuting Attorney James Mitchell, Rob Cook-pest board member, Josh Patrick

A. Introductions of the Meeting Attendees

1) Coordination on Chelan Douglas Horticultural Pest Board

Approached by Okanogan County to incorporate their County in the Pest Agent services, there are several agriculture acreage that is imported in to either Chelan or Douglas County with several points of overlap for pest concerns. Okanogan County pest officer has relocated leaving a need for services. Question raised regarding trapping by WSDA on Tribal lands. The apple and tree fruit industry along with the pest board has provided their support in the incorporation of Okanogan County for Horticulture and Pest service. Question raised on potential apple maggot quarantine designation of Okanogan County; Will provided a plan for certified trapping this would still allow for exporting of fruit with proactive protocols in place.

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Tianna DuPont with WSU provided the university and industry's perspective, they are in support of the consortium. Discussion held on structuring the incorporating of Okanogan County based off a trial bases with yearly review. Additional staffing needed to ensure support services are met for the tri-county.

Consensus to move forward with discussion on developing a pilot program of incorporating Okanogan county, a follow up meeting with Chelan County Chairman Bob Bugert and Douglas County Chairman Marc Straub with Will Carpenter and Okanogan County.

2) Auvil Fruit Company Water Rights Exchange

Mike Kaputa, Natural Resource Director with Chelan County will be providing a response to the Department of Ecology for the Water Rights Exchange. Discussion ensued regarding loss of water right assets that could be a loss for the county future use and purchase. Concerns raised how the transfer of water rights may impact future development. The project is to install shade cloth above several of the Auvil fruit orchards, this provides a significant amount of water savings prompting the transfer of water rights to the tri-cities Yakima area.

3) Participation on the Moderate Risk Waste Facility

Discussion ensued regarding the use of the moderate risk waste facility, currently Douglas County citizens are unable to participate in the facility use. There would need to be a fee schedule and B&O tax collection for Douglas County citizens use, anticipated potential cost is \$50. Chelan County has structured the operation to be free for citizens with a suggested donation, collected donations has totaled \$6,000.

Douglas County would not like to be a partnership position in the moderate risk waste facility, however would like to establish a participation rate fee for Douglas County citizens. Chelan County will follow up after further review.

4) Coordination on the Legacy Pesticide

After meeting with Paul Jewell with WSAC the legacy pesticide mitigation testing and area mapping concerns were discussed. Model toxic control act, the mapping areas will determine next steps for mitigation and testing needs. Chelan County provided perspective of a recent development through completion of the SEPA review was required to conduct soil testing and then mitigation removal of contaminated soil.

Discussion ensued establishing a regional response to the legacy pesticide, the counties will develop a joint response letter for the Department of Ecology.

5) FEMA Grants Coordinated Wildfire Response

Mike Kaputa provided assistance if needed for FEMA grant coordination.

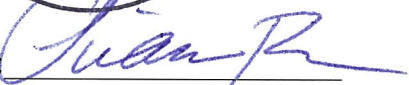
There being nothing further, the Board of County Commissioners adjourned at 3:07 PM to meet again on Wednesday, February 3, 2021 at the Douglas County Public Services Building, East Wenatchee, Washington.

FEBRUARY 3, 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, February 8, 2021 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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DOUGLAS COUNTY, WASHINGTON



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