

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS

MAY 24, 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 County Risk Manager Jordyn Giulio.

A. Review of the Washington State Department of Labor & Industries guidelines for mask and distancing requirements for COVID-19 fully vaccinated workers.

B. The Board is in agreement to allow employees to provide documentation of vaccination as well as allowing employees to sign an affidavit of compliance.

C. Discussion held on development of a resource page on the county website for community or government organizations for citizens.

III. 08:40 AM The Board Met with Administrator Jim Barker.

1. Staff Report

Administrator

Jim Barker, Administrator:

A. Point of information for Rock Island Grade, the total cost for maintenance and repair of the grade has been \$19,276 for the year, the roadway is maintaining good structure and has had limited washout repairs needed this year.

B. Commissioner Straub provided and update from the LINK Transit Board on the 3rd street park and ride purchase from the County. The LINK Board voted to move forward to purchase the park and ride.

C. There was a withdrawal of interest for the NCW Fairgrounds maintenance facility manager. The team has chosen to offer the position to the next preferred candidate.

D. Discussion held on temporary and minimum wage employee scale, further discussion held on the accounts payable position and benefits positions for the accounting team. The County Administrator and Auditor will be meeting to discussion different options and provide a proposal to the Board.

E. Civil Attorney James Mitchell provided an updated regarding Dr. Collins property and rerouting the Water Reclamation District access road to the canal and retention pond. County crews will be creating a new access point for future use.

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F. Discussion held on the County's Public Defense, the Board would like to have a meeting with the Courts, Prosecuting Attorney's Office, County Administrator, Clerk and the Board on future needs for the 2022 contract and request for qualification statements.

IV. 09:29 AM The Board met with County Auditor Thad Duvall and Chief Financial Officer Karen Goodwin.

A. Review of the budget in comparison to expenses.

V. 09:46 AM Return to Administrator Report.

G. Review of options for the roof repair at the Law and Justice Center, the Board would like to move forward with Halme completing the repair to the roof bladder. The overlay was set by the roofer, then another subcontractor dropped additional nails on the roof that were then walked over and caused the damage to the bladder.

H. Commissioner Straub provided an update regarding the FEMA Public Assistance grant, the damage for the pearl hill guardrail and signage can not be secured through this grant process; however the WSDOT local programs funding may be an option to recoup costs. There will be no individual assistance for property owners whom experienced damages due to the fire. However there is discussion with the Governor's Office in offering a personal appliance support grant funding in the amount of \$2,500.

VI. 10:02 AM The Board Met with City of East Wenatchee Mayor Crawford.

A. Discussion held on the Annexation agreement with the City of East Wenatchee and the financial revenue for the proposed area. The city receives 1 15th of the sales tax revenue generated, the would result in a reduction of revenue received by the city in comparison to the County's request for funding based off the 2018 and 2019 sales tax revenue. Commissioner Steinburg provided the suggestion of presenting the city with the identified funds needed for the county to ensure a transition and the city could determine allocation and duration.

B. The city is accepting of the incorporation of the island's as presented by the county, the city would like to keep Mr. Wade's property within the County off of 10th street. Further discussion on vested permits to remain with the county, and the city would like to review the agreement with WSDOT and the County that the City will be taking over and the Park District for the Apple Capital Loop Trail.

C. Discussion on the timeline of adoption, the city would like to have adoption by the end of 2021. The city is planning to move the police department to the Simmons street location, the former Aging and Adult Care Center.

D. Further discussion held on the homeless funding and pooling of resources between the county and city.

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VII. 10:47 AM The Board Held a Work Session on the Following Items.

Land Services:

A. Land Services Director Mark Botello provided an update to the Board on Health Department employee and TLS staff assisting with review of building and septic permits the anticipated timeline for training is in July, 2021.

B. The timeline for the County Assessor to implement the annexation, the established boundaries is August 1st.

C. Update to the Board on code enforcement issues, tickets, and stop work orders. Further discussion on permit fees and processing.

Transportation:

A. County Engineer Aaron Simmons provided an update on the WSDOT local programs grant application for the Pearl Hill Fire repairs, the project total is \$834,963.82 for emergency funding with a \$112,000 grant match is needed. Further discussion will be held to determine funding options for the match.

With no further business, the Board of County Commissioners adjourned at 11:55 AM to meet again on Tuesday, May 25, 2021 at the Douglas County Public Services Building, East Wenatchee, Washington.

MAY 25, 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. Review of the County Administrator's decisions and directives

B. The Board approved the purchase of additional hand washing tables and picnic tables for the NCW Fair in order to comply with social distancing for COVID-19. Further discussion on kitchen and sanitizing measures, the Board approved the purchase of additional equipment as needed.

C. Discussion held on county investments and the US Department of Treasury allowance of county's digression for use of accrued interest earned from the ARPA funding.

D. There is a need for architecture services in order to provide improvements to the Public Services 19th street Building and Douglas County Courthouse HVAC system, this is a need for COVID-19 air quality improvements. The Board is in agreement to move forward with the call for bids.

III. 09:03 AM Public Hearing

CE 21-14A

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

Meeting held via Zoom teleconference, no attendees present.

Staff Report Civil Prosecuting Attorney James Mitchell:

Overview of the proposed amendments of felony possession was amended with the Blake Decision, the county walked back the gross misdemeanor charge to a misdemeanor charge.

Public Comment:

No comment was given.

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Motion:

Commissioner Steinburg moved to approve Ordinance CE 21-01-12C the amendments to Douglas county code related to the possession of a controlled substances; Commissioner Sutton seconded the motion and Commissioner Straub concurred.

IV. 09:10 AM Continued Public Hearing

TLS 21-30A

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

Meeting held via Zoom teleconference, no attendees present.

Staff Report Land Services Director Mark Botello and Deputy Prosecution Attorney Ethan

Morris:

Overview of the proposed revisions to the Douglas County code pertaining to animal registration, care and control.

Public Comment:

No comment was given.

Motion:

Commissioner Steinburg moved to publish the code amendments once finalized to the county website for public review and continue the public hearing until Tuesday, June 29th, 2021 at 9:15 AM; Commissioner Sutton seconded the motion and Commissioner Straub concurred.

V. 09:32 AM The Board Met with Transportation Land Services.

Transportation:

1) Notice of Hearing: Speed Limits

TLS 21-44A

Motion:

Commissioner Sutton moved to approve the notice of hearing for resolution TLS 21-44A: Notice of Hearing Amendments to the Douglas County Speed Limits *set for Tuesday, June 29th, 2021 at 9:00 AM*, Commissioner Steinburg seconded the motion and Commissioner Straub concurred.

A. Board held further discuss on the increase of the speed limit for Eastmont Extension.

Land Services:

A. Staff report provided yesterday.

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VI. 09:42 AM The Board Met with County Auditor Thad Duvall.

- A. Finance Committee meeting will be scheduled in the upcoming weeks.
- B. Discussion held regarding the concern for meeting the August 1st deadline for the city annexation agreement, as election districts and precincts need to be finalized, as well as the established borders in order to update the taxing assessment software system.
- C. The Civil Attorney Jim Mitchell provided the Board with an update regarding a constituent's petition to conducted and elected officials recall for the City of Bridgeport's City Council. The Civil Attorney will update the Board as to the status of this petition as needed.

VI. 10:02 AM The Board Met with the Wenatchee Valley Humane Society.

- A. Introductions of the new Director Taylor Sharp, and Animal Control Sergeant Ian Mallory.
- B. The animal care and control rates will be changing and increasing beginning the first quarter 2021. As the animal control agents' salary increase as well as the minimum wage increase, this has prompted the contract increase to the jurisdictions. The anticipated increase will be 10-12%. The animal control contract is separate from that of the shelter and is reliant on agency contracts and licensing fees. A portion of these contracted funds are then allocated to the shelter for the 72 hour holding and care protocol for owners to collect their detained pets.
- C. Hearing the recent animal control issue where a pet owner threaten the humane society and several employees, the Board became very concerned regarding this issue and wants to ensure deputies were able to provide assistance and any additional support is provided.

VIII. 11:00 AM Consent Agenda Items:

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

1) Setting Temporary Employee Pay Standard

Resolution CE 21-16 & TLS 21-43

Motion:

Commissioner Steinburg moved to approve resolution CE 21-16 & TLS 21-43, Commissioner Sutton seconded the motion and Commissioner Straub concurred.

2) Establishing American Rescue Plan Act Fund

Resolution CE 21-17

Motion:

Commissioner Sutton moved to approve resolution CE 21-17 establishing the new special revenue fund called the American Rescue Plan Act fund #1007.001.001; Commissioner Steinburg seconded the motion and Commissioner Straub concurred.

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- 3) Retroactive Approved Out of State Travel** **Ashley Freeman**
- 4) Funding Support Request** **Town Toyota Center**
- 5) Certificate of Good Practice 2020** **County Road Administration Board**
- 6) Developmental Disability Services Agreement** **Skills-kin Contract 2021-16**
- 7) Vouchers.**

		Check Numbers	Total Amount
1.	Vouchers	00346936-00347017	\$183,914.14
2.	ACH	80006461	\$211.45

With no further business, the Board of County Commissioners adjourned at 11:40 AM to meet again on Wednesday, May 26, 2021 at the Douglas County Public Services Building, East Wenatchee, Washington.

MAY 26, 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, May 30, 2021 at the Douglas County Public Services Building, East Wenatchee, Washington.

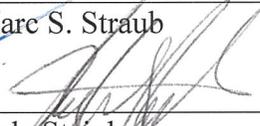
The minutes are hereby read and approved.



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