

RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS

OKANOGAN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

February 11 2012

9:00 AM	Review Consent Agenda
9:30 AM	Briefing Among Commissioners
	a) Set Minimum Bid Amount on Surplus Real Property and Type of Auction (Set Auction Date?)
	b) Press Release – Wolf Reporting Website
	c) PAG Committee Applications
	d) Assignments Marketing, OCTC, & Economic Alliance
10:00 AM	Update – Planning
10:30 AM	Pateros School Government Class Sit-In Cancelled
11:30 AM	Open Space Tax Application – Maddux Open Space Timber 2012-11 – Angie Hubbard
11:45 AM	Citizens Comment Period
1:30 PM	Update – Juvenile Dept. - Dennis Rabidou

The Okanogon County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on February 11, 2013, with Chairman Jim DeTro, Commissioner Sheilah Kennedy, Commissioner Ray Campbell and Laleña “Lanie” Johns, Clerk of the Board present.

The Commissioners discussed how they would like to conduct the sale of surplus real property that was previously surplused.

Motion Open Auction for Sale of Surplus Real Property

Commissioner Campbell moved that the sale of surplus real property be sold through public auction and supervised/conducted by the county Treasurer in accordance with RCW 36.34.090. Motion was seconded and carried.

Update – Planning

Director of Planning, Treasurer Leah McCormack, Darlene Hajny

USFWS

Wolverine Listing

Invoking Coordination

Director Huston discussed the proposed Wolverine listing by USFWS. The same issues are present in the Wolf listing and he feels USFWS are using the same reasons for listing the Wolverine. Director Huston discussed coordination with the feds. If asked they must produce their science. Connecting the science with what is really happening is often not clear or something is missing in the science. What is the science showing that this particular habitat is critical to the animal? Director Huston suggested reminding them that extinction is an option under ESA. If economics of society is strongly affected, they must coordinate in order to mitigate. Commissioner Kennedy asked how we

balance their scientific data with our own in order to prove our point. Once we see it, we can take it to our own scientist to review.

Would the board like Director Huston to put together the reasons to invoke coordination in order to start the process? The Key point is to have a set of facts. Commissioner Campbell would like all interested parties involved as it is much more compelling.

WDFW

Review Questionnaire

Review agenda for Feb 25.

SEPA notice-boating area improvements

Director Huston suggested providing the questionnaire to the WDFW prior to their meeting with the board on February 25th.

The SEPA notice regarding boating area parking improvements on the Methow River was discussed. It is in Commissioner Campbell's district.

Exempt Well Workshop

Workshop report

Legislative Hearing

Director Huston discussed the Exempt Well workshop meeting he attended. He provided a verbal summary of his discussion with Commissioner McHart who also attend the workshop. He discussed Campbell Gwinn and the current RCW 90.44.050 to help the board understand the implications of the proposed legislation. Stock water remains exempt. Campbell Gwinn is the law of the land. There are many confusing interpretations. There are three parts of the local bill, Dimmer switch, project description and the water banking.

Commissioner Campbell stated those most affected by the bill should be much more involved than they are. The Legislative hearing was discussed. The board would like to discuss the bill further so it is very clear in their minds.

Commissioner Kennedy suggested Director Huston call into the meeting since it is only one hour.

Director Huston will call Senator Smith to talk about the Methow Watershed Council legislative proposal.

SEPA amendment review

Workshop report

Critical Areas Ordinance/SMP

Update

DOE discussion

BOCC Issues

Bill watch

Veranda Beach Development Agreement

Ex Parte contact

Director Huston warned the board against ex parte communication regarding the proposed Veranda Beach Development Agreement (VBDA.) No member of a decision-making body is allowed to engage in ex parte communication when quasi-judicial matters are pending. The board may want to schedule a public hearing in order to provide citizens for and against such matters an opportunity to comment, for instance, the proposed VBDA. If the board has received any telephone or email comments regarding the proposed VBDA, Director Huston suggested the board disclose such communication during the scheduled meeting with Veranda Beach next week.

Pateros School Government Class Sit-In Cancelled

Open Space Tax Application – Maddux Open Space Timber 2012-11 – Angie Hubbard

Natural Resource Planner Angie Hubbard

Planner Hubbard provided her staff report.

She stated Mr. Maddux is applying to transfer from Designated Forest to Open Space Timber tax assessment on 19 timberland acres. Professional forester, Mr. Clay Brown, has prepared a Forest Management plan. A cabin was recently built on the property. The Planning Commission recommended approval. Planner Hubbard discussed the criteria for establishing the tax classification.

Commissioners discussed the necessary conditions of approval including the weed plan.

Motion Resolution 20-2013 Open Space Timber Transfer Maddux Open Space Timber 2012-11

Commissioner Kennedy moved to approve resolution 20-2013 approving the Open Space Timber 2012-11 classification of Mr. Marvin Maddux subject to the conclusions of law, conditions of approval and adopting the findings of fact. Motion was seconded and carried.

Motion Authorize Chairman to Sign Maddux Application Notice of Approval

Commissioner Kennedy moved to authorize the chairman to sign the formal Application Notice of Approval for Maddux Open Space Timber 2012-11. Motion was seconded and carried.

Update – Juvenile Dept. - Dennis Rabidou

Juvenile Dept. Director Dennis Rabidou

Mr. Rabidou introduced himself. He provided a power point showing his organizational chart, mission, and partnerships. He discussed the BECCA program. He provided a booklet. (attached) with summaries of the programs.

Mr. Rabidou explained the future renovations of the Juvenile Center and what has been done so far to secure funding. He summarized PREA requirements.

Commissioner Kennedy asked what percentages of the juveniles are tribal. Mr. Rabidou stated around 40%. She asked why the tribe doesn't house them. Mr. Rabidou replied that the tribe's facility is not adequate and does not meet the standard. The heating system is not adequate and additionally they do not have the proper programs in place for the juveniles.

Commissioner Campbell asked whether the county is obligated to take the Tribal juveniles. Mr. Rabidou replied the tribe could not currently take them due to the inadequate facility issues. They do not reimburse the county for their juveniles. Mr. Rabidou explained it is more costly to bill them. He is working on how to set a fee and a process to apply charges.

Mr. Rabidou offered to engage with the tribe regarding the Tribes detention center. He will also ask how they might propose to reimburse the county for housing their juveniles.

The commissioners discussed the proposed renovations of the County Juvenile facility. Is it possible the plans are too extravagant? Mr. Rabidou clarified that the plans are preliminary and modifying them is certainly possible. Commissioner Campbell explained his concerns about the size. Mr. Rabidou explained the reasons for providing three separate housing pods for the juveniles and the need to have private meeting rooms.

Mr. Rabidou discuss the need for a new therapist and possibly joining with Grant County whose therapist is very effective. We currently have problems engaging families with their juvenile.

Commissioner Kennedy asked what portion of the services we provide are unfunded mandates and which are funded. Mr. Rabidou replied ART and FFT are funded by grants. BECCA is not completely funded however. Truancy is a big problem in this county. He has been working with the schools and engaging them more in communicating when a juvenile is truant or falling back into an unhealthy cycle. By rebuilding probation, it would allow his department to regionally support the schools. He feels there could be great success in doing so.

Commissioner Kennedy asked how Okanogan Behavioral Healthcare is involved with the juveniles. Mr. Rabidou explained his staff delivers services directly to the juveniles. Initially he met with OBHC to work with them on available treatments, but at that time Intensive Out Patient (IOP) treatments were done instead of outreach. He found the outreach was more effective, but because OBHC went with IOP and funding was cut, it too stopped. The current services received are not coming from OBHC. Quarterly meetings are set up with OBHC to help with assessments. However, even with the cuts the Juvenile Dept. has created a 10 week program that is very successful with evidence based services. The Outreach program follows up with the juveniles an additional 10 weeks afterward incarceration. The Functional Family therapy is another component to keeping the family engaged to prevent reoffending.

Commissioner Kennedy would like to see a list of issues and recommended solutions that the board can address.

The commissioners would like Mr. Rabidou to draft a letter in support of funding the Juvenile Detention Center that they can sign and present to the legislature. The capitol budget committee is talking about Eastern Washington infrastructure and how most of the budget is spent in Western Washington while Eastern Washington suffers. Commissioner Kennedy said the Ways in Means committee should be invited to our facility if our funding doesn't come through.

Dated at Okanogan, Washington this 19th day of February 2013.

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OKANOGAN, WASHINGTON**



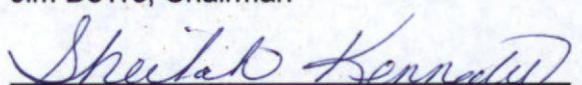
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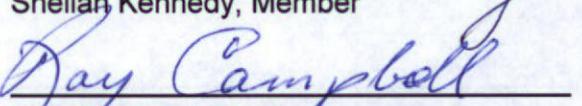
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