

March 8, 2021

The meeting of the Pend Oreille County Board of Commissioners was called to order at 9:00 a.m. in their meeting room. Present were Vice Chair Brian Smiley, Commissioner John Gentle, and Clerk of the Board Crystal Zieske. Chair Mike Manus was excused for the day. J. Gentle offered the invocation and led the flag salute.

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Joining the meeting via Zoom were County Clerk Tammie Ownbey, Newport Miner News Editor Don Gronning, and Bob Rumsey.

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B. Smiley gave updates on the Pend Oreille Region Tourism Alliance (PORTA)/U.S. Forest Service Ski Trail meeting and Timber Counties Caucus phone call. Joining via Zoom were those listed above and Associate Professor and County Extension Director Mike Jensen, Facilities Maintenance Supervisor Ben Eggleston and Eastern Washington Director for U.S. Senator Patty Murray John Culton. Notice was given that there would be no NETCHD update, and all virtual attendees left the meeting.

(3)

J. Gentle provided updates from WCIF Board of Trustees, WSAC, and LSC meetings. Joining the update in progress via Zoom was Becky Walrath.

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Human Resources Manager Terra Sirevog dropped in for an update. Joining via Zoom at the conclusion was David Sears.

(5)

The Board participated in a Zoom conference with lobbyist Zak Kennedy. In attendance via Zoom were Treasurer Nicole Dice, B. Rumsey, and D. Sears. Discussed were the schedule for proposed bills, criminal justice reform, health district regionalization, noxious weeds, and carbon bills.

(6)

Consent Agenda - Motion was made by J. Gentle to approve the Consent Agenda. Motion was seconded by B. Smiley. Motion carried unanimously. The Consent Agenda includes this week's Agenda, the Minutes of the Board's March 1, 2021 meeting and the following items:

Investment Earnings (year-to-date estimate, as of 3/5/21):	\$2,714.06
Investment Earnings (through February 28):	\$2,714.06

Payroll Change Notice:

Public Works Solid Waste-

Amanda Griesemer, Step 4, \$4,053.42/mo., Effective 3/01/2021

Counseling Services-

Jill Samuelson, Step 3, \$3,136.12/mo., Effective 3/01/2021

Stephanie King, After Hours DCR, Step 1, \$5,355.00/mo., Effective 3/16/2021

Prosecutor-

James Brooks Clemmons, Longevity, \$35.00/mo., Effective 3/01/2021

Treasurer's Office-

Kaitlynn Saunders, Deputy Accountant I, Step 1, \$2,632.15/mo., Effective 3/10/2021

Department of Social and Health Service and County Agreement on Data Security Requirements

*RESOLUTION NO. 2021-22, COMMISSIONERS' RECORDING*

Washington State Military Department E19-200 Amendment A FY18OPSG (*Amending C-2019-07*)

*CONTRACT NO. 2021-04, COMMISSIONERS' RECORDING*

SAM.gov Entity Registration

Annual Review of Pend Oreille County's Bloodborne Pathogens Exposure Policy

(7)

The Board participated in a webinar, Ethical Considerations for Local Government and Staff. Joining via Zoom were B. Rumsey and D. Sears.

(8)

J. Gentle was excused to attend WSAC Virtual Assembly.

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Due to lack of quorum, the Board recessed for lunch at 11:57 a.m.

(10)

J. Gentle gave a report from the WSAC Virtual Assembly. B. Rumsey was in attendance via Zoom.

(11)

Motion was made by J. Gentle to approve and sign the Final Plat for Linda's Moose Hollow. Motion was seconded by B. Smiley. Motion carried unanimously. Present via Zoom was B. Rumsey.

(12)

D. Sears joined the meeting via Zoom. T. Sirevog was present for a discussion on HR Manager salary studies.

(13)

Prosecuting Attorney Dolly Hunt was present via Zoom for a legal update. Also present via Zoom were B. Rumsey and D. Sears. Discussed were Washington State Supreme Court ruling on felony simple possession being unconstitutional and pending contracts.

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Public Comment –B. Rumsey and D. Sears were present but neither provided comment.

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Meeting continued to March 9.

March 9, 2021

The meeting resumed at 9:00 a.m. with M. Manus, B. Smiley, J. Gentle, and C. Zieske present.

(16)

Assistant County Engineer George Luft was present for an update. Also in attendance were Interim Public Works Director Teresa Brooks, County Engineer Don Ramsey, Solid Waste Coordinator Amanda Griesemer, and via Zoom were Bob Eugene, D. Sears, and B. Rumsey.

A. Griesemer presented a proposal from Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) to hold a collection event to manage bears. T. Brooks reported on a sidewalk trip/fall. She also asked to open up the doorway of Public Works' reception area, then noted that Road Union has requested to begin 10-hour days.

Motion was made by J. Gentle to approve signing the letter, authorizing Teresa Brooks to invest any surplus Public Works funds with the County Treasurer. Motion was seconded by B. Smiley. Motion carried unanimously.

A PowerPoint was shown, showing flooding on South Shore, then T. Brooks and A. Griesemer left the update.

Motion was made by J. Gentle to award the 2021 Road and Bridge Deck Sweeping to Selkirk Sealcoat for \$9,784.35. Motion was seconded by B. Smiley. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by B. Smiley to approve the consultant agreement for the 2020 Planning Study with J-U-B Engineers, Inc. Motion was seconded by J. Gentle. Motion carried unanimously.

Approval of the 2020 Planning Study Consultant Agreement with J-U-B Engineers, Inc.  
*RESOLUTION NO. 2021-23, COMMISSIONERS' RECORDING*

A video of the logging operations in Section 16 was shown, then discussion continued about the county forester and contract.

(17)

Bid Opening-SP 201, 2020 Pavement Preservation Project, LeClerc Road South: Milepost 6.3 to Milepost 15.5. Present were D. Ramsey, G. Luft, and Samuel Williams from Interstate Concrete & Asphalt, Co., and via Zoom were Engineering Technician/Contracting & Procurement Agent Mike Kirkwood, Scott Wood from Wood's Crushing & Hauling, D. Sears, and B. Rumsey. The hearing was opened, and the notice was read. Bids were received from Wood's Crushing & Hauling, Inc. of Sandpoint, ID for \$299,401.00; and Interstate Concrete & Asphalt, Co. of Sandpoint, ID for \$268,436.00.

D. Ramsey recommended the Board allow for the bids to be reviewed then brought back for award during next week's Public Works update. No comments were received. The hearing was closed.

(18)

Bid Opening-2020 Fairgrounds Safety Project. Present were M. Kirkwood, D. Ramsey, G. Luft, and via Zoom were Dustin M. Halme from Halme Builders, and B. Rumsey. The hearing was opened,

and the notice was read. Bids were received from Sinixt Construction of Inchelium, WA for \$47,700.16; and Halme Builders of Davenport, WA for \$102,315.00.

M. Kirkwood requested to take the bids and return next Tuesday and present the recommendation during the Public Works update. No comments were received. The hearing was closed.

(19)

Motion was made by B. Smiley to approve sending the letter to Brooks Clemmons in recognition of his five years of service to POC. Motion was seconded by J. Gentle. Motion carried unanimously.

(20)

Motion was made by J. Gentle to approve the Payroll Change Notices for Tom Tesch and Olly Murphy. Motion was seconded by B. Smiley. Motion carried unanimously.

Payroll Change Notice:

Public Works-Roads-

Tom Tesch, Temp Road Maintenance Technician to Road Maintenance Technician,  
Step 3, \$24.37/hr., Effective 3/16/2021

Community Development-

Olly Murphy, Natural Resource Planner, Resignation, Effective 3/19/2021

(21)

T. Sirevog was present at the Board's request for a HR update.

(22)

The Board recessed for lunch at 12:21 p.m.

(23)

National Weather Service Warning Coordination Meteorologist Andy Brown and Hydrologist Robin Fox were present via Zoom for a Spring Outlook presentation. Also present via Zoom were 911 Coordinator Steve West, Emergency Management Deputy Director JoAnn Boggs, Sheriff Glenn Blakeslee, and B. Rumsey. A PowerPoint presentation was shared on Northeast Washington/North Idaho weather.

(24)

ITS Director Shane Flowers was present for an update. An update was given on security for the exchange server. Joining the update in progress was D. Sears. Discussion included the new Public Records Officer position, ESRI contract renewal, county website, and ticketing system. The Board was in support of purchasing a new ticketing program.

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Correspondence Received:

3.2 B. Billingsley-2020 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Caseload Report

3.3 WSLCB-Letter re: Notification of Non-Retail Privileges, Marijuana Processor, Iron Lung Enterprises, 249 Juanita Lane, Elk

3.4 T. Johnson-Letter of Interest and Informational Statement for Parks Board Appointment

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Correspondence Sent:

B. Clemmons-Letter of recognition of five years of service to POC

(27)

As of this date, the Board approved vouchers for payment as listed and made available by the Auditor's Office. The following vouchers/warrants/electronic payments are approved for payment:

	<u>Salary and Claim</u>
Current Expense	\$ 70,235.85
Counseling Services	\$ 24,534.45
Fair	\$ 237.87
Law Library	\$ 298.33
Park	\$ 560.00
Road	\$ 28,843.63
Emergency 911 Communications	\$ 833.41
Low Income Housing/2060	\$ 812.99
Homeless Program/2163	\$ 1,790.56
Solid Waste	\$ 8,897.11
Risk Management	\$ 37,777.30
Equipment R&R	\$ 37,167.61
IT Services	<u>\$ 14,521.98</u>
TOTAL	<u>\$ 226,511.09</u>

Checks 194590 through 194677 totaling \$226,484.11 and Electronic Funds Transfer 33194 totaling \$26.98, dated March 8, 2021.

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Meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_  
Chair of the Board

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Clerk of the Board