

August 16, 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 Chair Brian Smiley, Vice Chair John Gentle, and Clerk of the Board Crystal Zieske. B. Smiley offered the invocation and led the flag salute.

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Joining the meeting via Zoom were 911 Coordinator Steve West, Emergency Management Deputy Director JoAnn Boggs, Sheriff Glenn Blakeslee, Undersheriff Geoff Rusho, Newport Miner News Editor Don Gronning, Bob Rumsey, and David Sears.

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The Board reviewed the Voluntary Stewardship Program (VSP) workgroup workshop and field trips.

(3)

The Board met in executive session to evaluate the qualifications of a candidate for appointment to elected office pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(h) for 60 minutes, from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Present was C. Zieske. An additional 30 minutes was requested until 11:30 a.m. An additional 30 minutes was requested until 12:00 p.m.

(4)

J. Gentle was excused to attend WSAC Virtual Assembly, and the Board recessed for lunch at 12:00 p.m.

(5)

Consent Agenda - Motion was made by J. Gentle to approve the Consent Agenda. Motion was seconded by B. Smiley. Motion carried unanimously. Present via Zoom were D. Sears and B. Rumsey. The Consent Agenda includes this week's Agenda, the Minutes of the Board's August 9, 2021 meeting and the following items:

Investment Earnings (year-to-date estimate, as of 8/13/21): \$7,992.42

Payroll Change Notice:

Sheriff-Patrol-

Joshua Mason, Deputy Sheriff, Resignation, Effective 8/19/2021

Sheriff-Corrections-

Eric Krsak, Step 3, \$3,669.39/mo., Effective 9/1/2021

Dan Emert, Step 3, \$5,191.23/mo., Effective 9/1/2021

Memorandum of Understanding-Carson Van Valkenburg-Indigent Defense Services-
State v. Blake Vacations

AGREEMENT NO. 2021-34, COMMISSIONERS' RECORDING

Washington State Department of Commerce Grant Agreement with POC Prosecuting
Attorney through Office of Crime Victims Advocacy Community Services and Housing
Division for SFY 2022 Victim/Witness Assistance Grant
GRANT NO. 2021-03, COMMISSIONERS' RECORDING

(6)

J. Gentle provided an update from the WSAC Virtual Assembly.

(7)

Motion was made by J. Gentle to send a letter to Margie Fedderly, approving her request for reappointment to Board of Equalization. Motion was seconded by B. Smiley. Motion carried unanimously.

(8)

Financial Manager Jill Shacklett was present to discuss interdepartmental charges. Also present was Treasurer Nicole Dice, and via Zoom were D. Sears and B. Rumsey.

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Prosecuting Attorney Dolly Hunt was present for a legal update. Present via Zoom were B. Rumsey and D. Sears. Topics discussed were statewide Blake decision litigation, veterans preference, vaccination mandates, and VSP grant.

(10)

Colville National Forest District Ranger Carin Vadala was present for an update. Present via Zoom were J. Boggs, S. West, Congresswoman Cathy McMorris Rodgers' Deputy District Director Andrew Engell, D. Sears, and B. Rumsey. The Forest Service land exchange is entering the NEPA phase. C. Vadala notified the Board that the Southfork Boulder project has been awarded to a POC company. She stated that there have been about 15 fire starts since the August 3 lightning event, and strongly encouraged the public to report it if they see a possible fire. Discussed were the Passport in Time project (Gypsy Cabin) and the proposed new camping fee structures at recreation sites on the CNF, which are currently under the comment period.

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Public Comment –B. Rumsey and D. Sears were present but did not provide comment.

(12)

Meeting continued to August 17.

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B. Smiley convened the meeting of the Elected Officials and Department Heads at 9:15 a.m. Present were J. Gentle, C. Zieske, Public Works Director Mary Jensen, Human Resources Manager Terra Sirevog, Assessor Jim McCroskey, Auditor Marianne Nichols, G. Blakeslee, D. Hunt, J. Shacklett, N. Dice, and present via Zoom were Economic Development Director Jamie Wyrobek, County Clerk Tammie Ownbey, S. West, J. Boggs, Weed Specialist III Loretta Nichols, Counseling Services Director Annabelle Payne, District Court Administrator/Judicial Assistant Rachel Johnson, District Court Judge Robin McCroskey, and D. Sears.

(13)

The Board recessed from 10:22 a.m. to 10:32 a.m.

(14)

Mary Jensen was present for a Public Works update. Also in attendance was Fleet Manager Brian Eglund and via Zoom was D. Sears. M. Jensen requested approval of a timber sale. Motion was made

by J. Gentle to schedule the bid opening for September 7, 2021, at 11:30 a.m. and advertise for sealed bids for the 2021 Rustlers Gulch-Units 4 & 5/Pend Oreille County Park-Hazard Tree Timber Sale. Motion was seconded by B. Smiley. Motion carried unanimously.

M. Jensen's update included status of the Solid Waste Coordinator office build-out at Deer Valley Transfer Station, maintenance seal progress, and seal up of roof from bats and birds at District 1 mechanics shop. Different alternatives for ER&R office staff relocation to District 1 were presented, with costs ranging from \$10,000 to \$25,000. M. Jensen notified the Board of monthly meetings resuming with Kalispel Tribe, and also reported on staffing and vehicles.

(15)

Motion was made by J. Gentle to approve Kim Schoonover to remain at 4/5th time through December 31, to work on projects and cover vacations, using recently received Criminal Justice funding. Motion was seconded by B. Smiley. Motion carried unanimously.

(16)

Motion was made by J. Gentle to approve promoting Andrielle Flavel to Mental Health Professional, effective August 16, 2021, as she has recently completed all credentialing requirements by the Washington State Department of Health. Motion was seconded by B. Smiley. Motion carried unanimously.

(17)

The Board recessed for lunch at 12:02 p.m.

(18)

T. Sirevog was present for a HR update. Present via Zoom was D. Sears. Updates were provided on job openings and interviews, county-wide salary study, and insurance.

(19)

Motion was made by J. Gentle to approve the Payroll Change Notices for Brad Stratton, Brittany Taylor, and Andrielle Flavel. Motion was seconded by B. Smiley. Motion carried unanimously.

Payroll Change Notice:

ITS-

Brad Stratton, System Support Specialist II, Retirement, Effective 8/30/2021

Prosecutor's-

Brittany Taylor, Deputy Prosecutor, Resignation, Effective 8/20/2021

Counseling Services-

Andrielle Flavel, Behavioral Health Counselor, Step 1, to Mental Health Professional-Registered, Step 1, \$4,132.61/mo., Effective 8/16/2021

(20)

Weed Control Coordinator Sharon Sorby was present for a Weed Board assessment funding discussion. Also present were Weed Control Board Members Wes Bailey, Pamela Thomure, and Bob Hartley; Education & Outreach Coordinator Mary Malone, L. Nichols, J. Shacklett, M. Nichols, N. Dice, and via Zoom was D. Sears. S. Sorby presented a proposal for a weed assessment and informed the Board of a postcard mailing to property owners, with a survey response requested.

(21)

Motion was made by J. Gentle to approve the chair signing the Interagency Agreement IAA22067 Between Washington State Administrative Office of the Courts and Pend Oreille County Superior Court. Motion was seconded by B. Smiley. Motion carried unanimously.

Interagency Agreement IAA22067 Between Washington State Administrative Office of the Courts and Pend Oreille County Superior Court
AGREEMENT NO. 2021-35, COMMISSIONERS' RECORDING

(22)

Correspondence Received:

8.12 M. Fedderly-Letter of Interest in Reappointment to Board of Equalization

8.13 POC Park and Recreation Board-8.18.21 Agenda

(23)

Correspondence Sent:

M. Fedderly-Letter of reappointment to Board of Equalization

(24)

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	\$ 28,482.60
Counseling Services	\$ 391.35
Fair	\$ 3,128.04
Park	\$ 23,698.61
Road	\$ 311,604.26
Trial Court Improvement	\$ 4,771.54
Emergency 911 Communications	\$ 7,474.02
Homeless Program/2163	\$ 4,020.33
Solid Waste	\$ 5,948.66
Equipment R&R	\$ 17,512.49
IT Services	\$ 9,866.59
Sheriff's Trust	<u>\$ 240.00</u>
TOTAL	<u>\$ 417,138.49</u>

Checks 197899 through 197980 totaling \$411,782.81 and Electronic Funds Transfers 35913 through 35914 totaling \$5,355.68, dated August 16, 2021.

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Meeting adjourned at 4:23 p.m.

APPROVED: _____
Chair of the Board

ATTEST: _____
Clerk of the Board