

February 28, 2022

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 John Gentle, Vice Chair Robert Rosencrantz, Commissioner Brian Smiley, 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 Emergency Management Deputy Director JoAnn Boggs, Sheriff Glenn Blakeslee, ITS Administrative Assistant/Civil Deputy Glennis Stott, Human Resources Manager Terra Sirevog, Commissioner Programs/HR Assistant Christine Rahoun, District Court Judge Robin McCroskey, Newport Hospital & Health Services (NHHS) COVID-19 Incident Commander/Public Information Officer Jenny Smith, Congresswoman Cathy McMorris Rodgers' Deputy District Director Andrew Engell, Jeff Taylor, and Bob Rumsey.

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Northeast Tri County Health District (NETCHD) Administrator Matt Schanz was present via Zoom for a COVID-19 update. Present via Zoom were those listed above and Counseling Services Director Annabelle Payne.

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R. Rosencrantz gave reports from Newport City Council meeting, Kalispel Tribe meeting regarding a footpath bridge, and TEDD meeting. B. Smiley discussed the super load delivery stalled at Box Canyon Hill and mentioned the mine status brought up at Congresswoman Cathy McMorris Rodgers' Roundtable meeting. J. Gentle reported from Martin Hall and Legislative Steering Committee (LSC) meetings. Present via Zoom was B. Rumsey.

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The Board participated in a Zoom conference with Potts & Associates lobbyist Zak Kennedy. In attendance via Zoom were Auditor Marianne Nichols, Treasurer Nicole Dice, and B. Rumsey.

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G. Blakeslee was present for a Sheriff's update. Present via Zoom were J. Boggs, G. Stott, C. Rahoun, and B. Rumsey. Discussed were resuming the Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) meetings in April, professional development training, and status of a new investigator position.

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The Board held a discussion on ARPA funds. Present were Financial Manager Jill Shacklett, M. Nichols, and G. Blakeslee. Present via Zoom were J. Boggs, G. Stott, and B. Rumsey. The group discussed setting aside funds for local non-profits and businesses and establishing criteria to rank outside agency requests.

(7)

J. Gentle was excused to participate in the virtual Washington State Association of Counties (WSAC) Virtual Assembly, and the Board recessed for lunch at 11:59 a.m.

(8)

The meeting resumed at 1:15 p.m.

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J. Gentle provided an update from the WSAC Virtual Assembly. Present via Zoom was B. Rumsey.

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T. Sirevog was present, at the Board's request, to discuss the county's salary structure. Present via Zoom was B. Rumsey.

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J. Shacklett was present for a financial update. Also present were M. Nichols and T. Sirevog, and present via Zoom was B. Rumsey. Colville National Forest Outdoor Recreation Planner Carmen Nielsen and Pend Oreille County Democrat Party (POCD) Chair Katherine Schutte joined the update in progress via Zoom.

(12)

Consent Agenda - Motion was made by B. Smiley to approve the Consent Agenda. Motion was seconded by R. Rosencrantz. Motion carried unanimously. The Consent Agenda includes this week's Agenda, the Minutes of the Board's February 22, 2022 meeting and the following items:

Investment Earnings (year-to-date estimate, as of 2/25/22): \$2,110.86

Request to Advertise & Hire: Seasonal Inspectors (Weed Control)

Pend Oreille County Cemetery District 2 Funds  
*RESOLUTION NO. 2022-26, COMMISSIONERS' RECORDING*

Interagency Data Sharing Agreement Between Pend Oreille County and the Office of the Washington State Auditor  
*AGREEMENT NO. 2022-16, COMMISSIONERS' RECORDING*

Set Public Hearing for Commissioner District Legal Descriptions Amendment for March 22, 2022, at 2:30 p.m.

(13)

Prosecuting Attorney Dolly Hunt was present via Zoom for a legal update. Present via Zoom were K. Schutte and B. Rumsey. Discussed was a potential Fair Association MOU.

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Colville National Forest District Ranger Carin Vadala was present via Zoom for a Forest Service update. Present were Pend Oreille County Republican Party (POCR) Chair Bill Deilke and Gerald Pelland, and via Zoom were Selkirk Sun Owner Sonya Scaufaire, B. Rumsey, C. Nielsen, K. Schutte, A. Engell, and an unidentified caller. Topics of discussion were a proposed Sullivan Lake Triathlon, a potential recreation roundtable being created, FS land exchange and a county road (Middle Fork) access, Sweet Ione objection period opening, infrastructure bill, and Great American Outdoors Act.

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Public Comment – Jeff Taylor, Dawn Taylor, B. Deilke, and G. Pelland were present and B. Rumsey, K. Schutte, and S. Scaufaire were present via Zoom. G. Pelland, J. Taylor, B. Deilke, S. Scaufaire, and K. Schutte provided comment.

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Meeting continued to March 1.

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

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Public Works Director Mary Jensen was present for an update. Also in attendance were Assistant Public Works Director George Luft, Fleet Manager Brian Egland, and Facilities Maintenance Supervisor Ben Eggleston.

a) B. Egland proposed selling the surplus superior broom to the Kalispel Tribe. Motion was made by B. Smiley to approve the sale of the 2011 Superior Broom VIN#811259 to the Kalispel Tribe in the amount of \$13,000.00, not including tax. Motion was seconded by R. Rosencrantz. Motion carried unanimously.

Sale of a Machine Between Pend Oreille County and the Kalispel Tribe  
*RESOLUTION NO. 2022-27, COMMISSIONERS' RECORDING*

b) The Solid Waste Manager salary was discussed, and the Board will continue to wait to hear back from HR on the union/non-union determination.

c) G. Luft recommended offering Versatile Industries the award for Smackout Pass Bridge Replacement. Motion was made by R. Rosencrantz to award the Smackout Pass Bridge Replacement CRP 843 project to Versatile Industries, Inc., the lowest responsive bidder, for the amount of \$679,040.47. Motion was seconded by B. Smiley. Motion carried unanimously. B. Egland left the update.

d) B. Eggleston recommended the award for the Fairgrounds Electrical project. Motion was made by B. Smiley to award the 2022 Fairgrounds Electrical Improvement Project to Clark Electric, LLC in the amount of \$123,801.15. Motion was seconded by R. Rosencrantz. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by R. Rosencrantz to reject the 2022 Fairgrounds Electrical Improvements bids from Norstar Heating & Cooling and Stallion Security Systems, LLC, as the bids were submitted past the time deadline of 11:00 a.m. on February 22, 2022. Motion was seconded by B. Smiley. Motion carried unanimously.

e) Motion was made by B. Smiley to approve the request to advertise and hire a full-time Facilities Maintenance Technician at Step 1-3. Motion was seconded by R. Rosencrantz. Motion carried unanimously.

f) Motion was made by R. Rosencrantz to certify the 2021 Road Fund Expenditures for Traffic Law Enforcement, 2021 Road Fund Expenditures for Fish Passage Barrier Removal and 2021 Annual Certification. Motion was seconded by B. Smiley. Motion carried unanimously.

g) B. Eggleston provided updates on a security door for Courthouse third floor and installation of District 2 shelving, then left the update. M. Jensen discussed a proposed Usk Bridge pedestrian trail, including the engineering, technical, and permitting challenges. The Board was in support of

continuing the discussion to solve the Usk Bridge issues, including adding the project to the county's Six-Year Transportation Improvement Program (STIP).

(18)

A. Payne was present via Zoom for a Counseling Services update. Present was J. Shacklett, and via Zoom were Clinical Director Jennifer Stout, Crisis Services Manager Charles Doyal, C. Rahoun, and M. Nichols. A. Payne proposed salary restructuring similar to the federal model and presented what this would look like for mental health professionals and community engagement specialists and noted adding a behavioral health professional class, at a later date. She recommended reclassifying the salary table and increase pay for master-level clinicians, in order to address recruitment, retainment, and internal wage compression.

(19)

Motion was made by B. Smiley to approve the hiring of a full-time investigator for the Sheriff's Office. Motion was seconded by R. Rosencrantz. Motion carried unanimously.

(20)

4-H Youth Development/Master Gardeners Volunteer Coordinator Beverly Sarles was present via Zoom for an update. An update was provided on the 4-H program, including training for livestock program, a partnership with North 40, and state scholarships. Also discussed were the SNAP-Ed program, Artist of the Month program, and community gardens.

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The Board discussed precincts.

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

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The meeting resumed at 1:15 p.m.

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Public Hearing-Private Road Name Hearing. Present via Zoom were GIS Manager Josh Shelton, GIS Analyst César Stoddard, and GIS Technician Dan Quinn. Present in-person were Gary Chantry and B. Deilke, and via Zoom was S. Scaufaire. The hearing was opened, and the notice was read. C. Stoddard presented a request to name a private access road Golden Sunset Way. He reviewed the property owner application and maps for a future eight parcel subdivision. No comments were received. The hearing was closed.

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Motion was made by B. Smiley to approve the Revision to the County Road Register, accepting the unnamed road and renaming it Golden Sunset Way. Motion was seconded by R. Rosencrantz. Motion carried unanimously.

(26)

N. Dice was present for a Treasurer's update. Also present were G. Pelland, B. Deilke, and via Zoom was S. Scaufaire. Discussed were sales and use tax on mining equipment coming into POC. Joining the update in progress via Zoom was K. Schutte.

(27)

The Board discussed the written request by POCR and POCD to increase precincts in POC to 33 and to adopt three precinct changes. Present were Elections Manager Liz Krizenesky, M. Nichols, J. Shacklett, B. Deilke, G. Pelland, and via Zoom were K. Schutte and S. Scaufaire. The Board stated they are not moving forward with the request to increase the number of precincts from 27, nor are they pursuing the precinct change recommendations. The Board requested that M. Nichols continue to finalize with GIS the precinct lines recommended at their January 11, 2022 meeting.

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T. Sirevog was present to discuss two Weed Control staffing requests. Present was G. Pelland and via Zoom was S. Scaufaire. A meeting with Weed Control Coordinator Sharon Sorby will be scheduled to review the requests next week.

(29)

Behavioral Health Criminal Justice Program Administrator Nicole Vangrimbergen was present via Zoom for a three-month update. Present were G. Blakeslee and G. Pelland, and via Zoom were D. Hunt, M. Nichols, A. Payne, R. McCroskey, and S. Scaufaire.

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Correspondence Received:

- 2.16 W. Deilke/K. Schutte-Letter re: Request to Increase to 33 Precincts
- 2.17 Family Crisis Network-2021 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Report
- 2.18 DNR/T. Cooper-SEPA Lead Agency & Mitigated Determination of Nonsignificance
- 2.19 POC Fair & Rodeo Association Board-3.1.2022 Agenda & 2.1.2022 Minutes
- 2.20 PO Conservation District-VSP 3.2.2022 Agenda & Work Group Minutes 10.7.2021
- 2.21 POC Park & Recreation Board-2.16.2022 Draft Minutes

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Correspondence Sent:

J. Hedrick/Versatile Industries, Inc.-Letter re: Smackout Pass Bridge Replacement Award

(32)

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	\$ 298,461.01
Counseling Services	\$ 71,978.29
Crime Victims Compensation	\$ 323.06
Fair	\$ 157.46
Park	\$ 42,205.44
Road	\$ 90,273.48
Timber Sales	\$ 2,111.48
Emergency 911 Communications	\$ 30,893.41
Low Income Housing/2060	\$ 1,927.98
Homeless Program/2163	\$ 1,589.97
Public Facilities	\$ 13,007.98
Mental Health	\$ 1,613.86
American Rescue Plan Act	\$ 1,365.14

Capital Projects	\$ 0.34
Solid Waste	\$ 18,794.91
Risk Management	\$ 462.75
Equipment R&R	\$ 15,932.61
IT Services	<u>\$ 30,839.55</u>
TOTAL	\$ 621,938.72

Checks 201717 through 201718 totaling \$3,399.77 and Electronic Funds Transfers 38876 through 39079 totaling \$306,290.20, and Checks 201720 through 201748 totaling \$86,256.64, and Electronic Funds Transfers 39080 through 39089 totaling \$191,070.37, dated February 25, 2022. Includes Jr. Taxing Districts.

Checks 201749 through 201781 totaling \$83,472.88 and Electronic Funds Transfer 39091 totaling \$6.63, dated February 28, 2022.

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Meeting adjourned at 3:58 p.m.

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

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