

March 21, 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. C. Zieske offered the invocation and led the flag salute.

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Joining the meeting via Zoom were Bob Rumsey and Larry Simmons.

(2)

B. Smiley gave an update from the Parks Board meeting. R. Rosencrantz reported from the Economic Development Council (EDC), Northeast Tri County Health District (NETCHD), and Spokane County Regional Interlocal Leadership Structure (SCRILS) meetings. J. Gentle provided reports from EDC, Merkle Standard site visit, and Legislative Steering Committee (LSC).

(3)

Human Resources Manager Terra Sirevog was present for an update. Also present was Financial Manager Jill Shacklett, and via Zoom were Commissioner Programs/HR Assistant Christine Rahoun, B. Rumsey, and L. Simmons. Topics included POC COVID-19 Safety Plan and the Solid Waste Manager position.

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Bid Opening-2022 Sweet Creek & Goat Launch Delivered Log Sale. Present was Forester Ryder Bricker and via Zoom were L. Simmons and B. Rumsey. The hearing was opened, and the notice was read. A bid was received from RK Machine of Metaline Falls, WA for:

<u>Bid Price/ Mbf Net Scale</u>	<u>Destination</u>
\$298	Usk, WA
\$317	Priest River, ID
\$324	Laclede, ID
\$333	Chilco, ID
\$375	Naples, ID
\$333	Springdale, WA
\$317	Kettle Falls, WA
\$311	Arden, WA
\$349	Red Cedar Logs—Kettle Falls, WA
\$375	Red Cedar Logs—Naples, ID
\$400	Oversize—Princeton, ID
\$407	Oversize—Thompson Falls, MT
\$410	Cedar Poles—Oldtown, ID
\$430	Cedar Poles—Sandpoint, ID
<u>Price/Ton</u>	<u>Destination</u>
\$46	Hewlog—Usk, WA
\$46 or Market	Pulplog—Usk, WA

and a late bid received after deadline from Vaagen of Colville, WA, that was not opened. No comments were received. The hearing was closed.

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R. Bricker requested time to look at the bids to determine shipping costs to the different mills and will present an award recommendation later.

(6)

Motion was made by R. Rosencrantz for the Solid Waste Manager position to approve the updated job description, title change from Solid Waste Coordinator to Solid Waste Manager with salary adjustment to match duties assigned to that position and area comparables, at Step 2, effective March 16, 2022. Motion was seconded by B. Smiley. Motion carried unanimously.

(7)

Counseling Services Director Annabelle Payne was present for an update. Present via Zoom were Crisis Services Manager Charles Doyal, Clinical Director Jennifer Stout, L. Simmons, and B. Rumsey. C. Doyle provided a Behavioral Health Crisis Overview.

(8)

The Board met in executive session to review the performance of a public employee pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(g) for 10 minutes, from 11:52 a.m. to 12:02 p.m. Present was A. Payne. An additional two minutes was requested until 12:04 p.m.

(9)

J. Gentle was excused to participate in the virtual Washington State Association of Counties (WSAC) Virtual Assembly, and the Board recessed for lunch at 12:05 p.m.

(10)

The meeting resumed at 1:15 p.m.

(11)

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

(12)

C. Zieske provided a second reading of the draft ordinance, An Ordinance Amending Ordinance No. 2021-02 And Correcting The Scrivener's Errors To The Legal Descriptions Of The Updated Boundaries Of The Commissioner Districts Of Pend Oreille County, Washington As Required By Law.

(13)

Motion was made by B. Smiley to approve the updated Pend Oreille County COVID-19 Safety Plan. Motion was seconded by R. Rosencrantz. Motion carried unanimously.

(14)

Motion was made by R. Rosencrantz to thank Mary Beth Murphy for her service to the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board since 2017 and accept her resignation effective March 10, 2022 and send her a letter to that effect. Motion was seconded by B. Smiley. Motion carried unanimously.

(15)

An award recommendation was provided by R. Bricker. Motion was made by R. Rosencrantz to award the 2022 Sweet Creek and Goat Launch Wildlife Viewing Station Delivered Log Sale contract for logging services to RK Machine. Motion was seconded by B. Smiley. Motion carried unanimously.

(16)

C. Zieske gave a report on the county-sponsored 2nd Harvest food distribution, in which 252 families received free groceries. Joining via Zoom was B. Rumsey.

(17)

The Board met in executive session to review the performance of a public employee pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(g) for 55 minutes, from 2:00 p.m. to 2:55 p.m. T. Sirevog joined the session at 2:34 p.m.

(18)

The Board met in executive session regarding pending litigation pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i) for 30 minutes from 3:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Present via Zoom were Prosecuting Attorney Dolly Hunt, Community Development Director Greg Snow, and Attorneys Nathan Smith and Brian Kistler.

(19)

Colville National Forest District Ranger Carin Vadala was present for a Forest Service update. Present via Zoom was Congresswoman Cathy McMorris Rodgers' Deputy District Director Andrew Engell. Topics of discussion included: Sweet Ione objection process, sales for Boulder Park and Sx^wuytn Trail Project, vegetation management project at Slate, dock replacement, forest-user maps, Middle Fork ATV, Frater Lake, host at Bead Lake, Sullivan Lake triathlon, wilderness fellows, Pee Wee Falls, Mill Pond recreation site, Passport in Time program, and prescribed burns.

(20)

Public Comment –Norm Smith, A. Engell, and L. Simmons were present via Zoom, but did not provide comment.

(21)

Consent Agenda - Motion was made by B. Smiley to approve the Consent Agenda, including the addition of Payroll Change Notice for Amanda Griesemer. Motion was seconded by R. Rosencrantz. Motion carried unanimously. The Consent Agenda includes this week's Agenda, the Minutes of the Board's March 14, 2022 meeting and the following items:

Investment Earnings (year-to-date estimate, as of 3/18/22): \$3,139.13

Payroll Change Notice:

Counseling Services-

Anita Waterman, Behavioral Health Counselor, From Full-Time to 3/5th time,
\$27.75/hr., Effective 03/29/2022

ITS-

Daniel Quinn, GIS Tech, Resignation, Effective 3/31/2022 (*End of Two-Year Grant*)

Roads-

Eric Roth, Senior Design & Construction Engineer, Resignation, Effective
3/25/2022

Ryan Rogers, Promotion from Road Maintenance Technician to Transportation
Technical Specialist, Step 1, \$4,285.33/mo., Effective 3/16/2022

Public Works-Buildings & Grounds-

Rylan Hastings, Temp Facility Maintenance, Resignation (*End of Temp Season*),
Effective 2/28/2022

Public Works-Solid Waste-

Amanda Griesemer, Solid Waste Coordinator/Assistant to Director to Solid Waste Manager, Step 2, \$4,783.37/mo., Effective 3/16/2022

Coordinated Care Of Washington 916001357 ARPA 2021 Q3-4 Letter Of Agreement
RESOLUTION NO. 2022-34, COMMISSIONERS' RECORDING

Pend Oreille County and TWGC-The Wesley Group
CONTRACT NO. 2022-07, COMMISSIONERS' RECORDING

(22)

Meeting continued to March 22.

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

(23)

R. Rosencrantz gave an update from Newport City Council meeting. Joining via Zoom were A. Griesemer and Larry.

(24)

Public Works Director Mary Jensen was present for an update. Also in attendance via Zoom were C. Rahoun, A. Griesemer, and Larry.

Motion was made by B. Smiley to advertise and hire Road Maintenance Technician, up to Step 2, depending on experience. Motion was seconded by R. Rosencrantz. Motion carried unanimously.

M. Jensen explained the change of funding for CRP 843. Assistant County Engineer George Luft joined the meeting in progress and provided more details. Motion was made by R. Rosencrantz to approve and sign a modification for the funding of the Smackout Pass Bridge Replacement CRP 843, with an increase of \$87,436.00, funded by Federal Lands, with no cost to the County to complete the project, barring any unforeseen project costs. Motion was seconded by B. Smiley. Motion carried unanimously.

Federal Highway Administration Assistance Agreement-CRP 843 Smackout Pass Bridge Replacement

AGREEMENT NO. 2022-18, COMMISSIONERS' RECORDING

A. Griesemer gave a follow-up presentation on the proposed 2022 rate increase for solid waste disposal, to recoup the yearly rate increases from the vendor, Republic Services. The Board was in full support of proceeding, and it was determined to hold a public hearing on the proposal.

M. Jensen provided information resulting from a citizen request for lowering the speed limit on Deer Valley Road. Photos were shown of a Spring Valley rockfall, which damaged the crack seal. G. Luft presented information on the vacating surveyor position.

(25)

The Board met in executive session to review the performance of a public employee pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(g) for 19 minutes, from 10:06 a.m. to 10:25 a.m.

(26)

Bid Opening-2022 Garden Avenue Parking Lot Paving, Phase I. Present were Engineering Technician/Contracting & Procurement Agent Mike Kirkwood, Facilities Maintenance Lead Technician Ben Eggleston, Samuel Williams from Interstate, and Scott Wood from Wood's. The hearing was opened, and the notice was read. Bids were received from Shamrock Paving, Inc. of Spokane, WA for \$190,298.79; Wood's Crushing & Hauling, Inc. of Sandpoint, ID for \$136,608.64; and Interstate Concrete & Asphalt, Co., of Sandpoint, ID for \$145,228.28. No comments were received. The hearing was closed.

(27)

M. Kirkwood requested to take the bids, review them for completeness, and present an award recommendation next week during the Public Works update.

(28)

Merkle Standard Chief Operating Officer Monty Stahl was present for an informational update. Also present were Chief Strategy Officer & Co-Founder Joshua Zappala, Head of Finance Steve Woods, Ponderay Data Center General Manager Todd Behrend, Project Manager Russ Pelleberg, Auditor Marianne Nichols, Assessor Jim McCroskey, Economic Development Director Jamie Wyrobek, WSU Ferry County Extension Director Trevor Lane, Ed.D., Pend Oreille Valley Railroad Roadmaster Corey Ives, Phyllis Kardos, and Gretchen Koenig, and via Zoom were Treasury Manager Theresa Schoener, Accountant III/Revenue Specialist Nicole Phillips, Accountant II/Tax Specialist Laycie Stevens, Senior Planner Andrew Huddleston, POVA Manager Kelly Driver, Selkirk Sun Owner Sonya Scauflaire, Sheryl Miller, Daniel Erbling, Andy Armantrout, Ed Styskel, Justin Dean, Andrew Miller, Christian Meador, Teri Ford Dwyer, Sean, A. Engell, and N. Smith. J. Shacklett joined the meeting in progress, and x joined via Zoom. A PowerPoint presentation was given by M. Stahl, then Merkle Standard staff answered questions from the Board and J. McCroskey.

(29)

The Board recessed for lunch at 12:06 p.m.

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The meeting resumed at 1:15 p.m.

(31)

Motion was made by B. Smiley to approve the Payroll Change Notice for Carissa Shaw for Counseling Services. Motion was seconded by R. Rosencrantz. Motion carried unanimously.

Payroll Change Notice:

Counseling Services-

Carissa Shaw, Behavioral Health Counselor, Step 4, \$3,786.22/mo., Effective
4/5/2022

(32)

ITS Director Shane Flowers was present for an update. An update was provided on Microsoft contract renewal, computer purchases, payroll timesheet training, finishing paperwork for bid submittals for security cameras, website design, and the upcoming public kiosk for County Courthouse.

(33)

Public Hearing-Commissioner District Legal Descriptions Amendment. Present were Elections

Manager Liz Krizenesky, M. Nichols, Gerald Pelland, Bill Deilke, Tammy Newman. Present via Zoom was GIS Manager Josh Shelton. The hearing was opened, and the notice was read. M. Nichols and J. Shelton explained the need to correct the scrivener’s errors made in the legal descriptions of the commissioner districts. C. Zieske provided a third reading of the proposed ordinance. Comments were received from G. Pelland, noting some mistakes are still present with spacing, spelling, and grammar. J. Shelton will work on finalizing the legal descriptions for future action from the Board. The hearing was closed.

(34)

The Board met in executive session to review the performance of a public employee pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(g) for 30 minutes, from 3:28 p.m. to 3:58 p.m. Present was E. Roth.

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Correspondence Received:

- 3.7 NEW RTPO-3.23.2022 Agenda & 1.26.2022 Minutes
- 3.8 T. Kardos, Sr.-Letter re: Concerns, Comments & Questions about Bitcoin-type Currency
- 3.9 Hanson Living Trust-Application for an Appeal of Decision
- 3.10 G. Pelland-Suggestions for Corrections to Legal Descriptions of Commissioner Districts

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Correspondence Sent:

M. Murphy-Letter of Appreciation for Service on Parks & Recreation Advisory Board

(37)

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	\$ 44,525.53
Counseling Services	\$ 1,480.55
Fair	\$ 681.90
Homeless Program/2163	\$ 2,578.10
Solid Waste	\$ 203.54
Equipment R&R	\$ 96,786.52
IT Services	\$ 3,237.24
Sheriff’s Trust	\$ 306.00
Sales/Excise Tax	<u>\$ 6.40</u>
TOTAL	\$149,805.78

Checks 202189 through 202242 totaling \$149,607.41 and Electronic Funds Transfer 39371 totaling \$199.71, dated March 21, 2022. Includes Jr. Taxing Districts.

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Meeting adjourned at 4:18 p.m.

APPROVED: _____
Chair of the Board

ATTEST: _____
Clerk of the Board