

April 25, 2022

The meeting of the Pend Oreille County Board of Commissioners was called to order at 9:01 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 Bob Rumsey and Connie.

(2)

R. Rosencrantz reported on the Newport City Council and Pend Oreille County Republicans (POCR) meetings. Brian Smiley gave updates from the Tri-Town and Parks Board meetings. J. Gentle gave reports from the Economic Development Council (EDC) meeting and the Sweet Creek Falls site visit. Steve Haroldson Minnich joined the meeting in progress.

(3)

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 April 18, 2022 meeting and the following items:

Investment Earnings (year-to-date estimate, as of 4/22/22): \$5,209.03

Payroll Change Notice:

Assessor-

Josh Tiede, Appraiser Trainee, Step 3, to Appraiser I, Step 3, \$3,569.84/mo.,  
Effective 4/16/2022

ITS-

Zachary Deiss, Step 5, \$5,873.79/mo., Effective 5/1/2022

Sheriff-Emergency Management/ITS-

Glennis Stott, Step 5, \$3,469.74/mo., Effective 5/1/2022

Counseling Services-

Rusty Mae Squires, Longevity, \$120.00/mo., Effective 5/1/2022

Request to Advertise and Hire: Four Counseling Services' Recovery Navigator positions,  
at Step 1-Step 3, DOE

Resolution Regarding Approval Of The 2022 Pavement Preservation HMA Contract-  
Interstate Concrete & Asphalt Company

*RESOLUTION NO. 2022-51, COMMISSIONERS' RECORDING*

Resolution Regarding Approval Of The 2022 Pavement Preservation HMA Contract-  
Inland Asphalt Company

*RESOLUTION NO. 2022-52, COMMISSIONERS' RECORDING*

Resolution Regarding Approval Of The 2022 Pavement Preservation HMA Contract-  
Wood's Crushing & Hauling, Inc.

*RESOLUTION NO. 2022-53, COMMISSIONERS' RECORDING*

Resolution Regarding Approval Of The 2022 Pavement Preservation HMA Contract-Poe Asphalt Paving, Inc.

*RESOLUTION NO. 2022-54, COMMISSIONERS' RECORDING*

Resolution Regarding Approval Of The 2022 Pavement Preservation HMA Contract-Central Manufacturing, Inc.

*RESOLUTION NO. 2022-55, COMMISSIONERS' RECORDING*

Court Security Equipment Grant Agreement CSE22010 with Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC)

*GRANT NO. 2022-05, COMMISSIONERS' RECORDING*

Underground Storage Tank Financial Responsibility Letter (to renew ER&R's Annual UST Business License)

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Motion was made by R. Rosencrantz to send a letter to Rusty Mae Squires in appreciation of her 15 years of service to POC. Motion was seconded by B. Smiley. Motion carried unanimously.

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Motion was made by R. Rosencrantz to send Steve West a letter of appreciation for 30 years of service to POC. Motion was seconded by B. Smiley. Motion carried unanimously.

(6)

Motion was made by R. Rosencrantz to send a letter of appreciation to Greg Snow for his dedication of five years of service to POC. Motion was seconded by B. Smiley. Motion carried unanimously.

(7)

Undersheriff Geoff Rusho was present for an update. Present was Commissioner Programs/HR Assistant Christine Rahoun and via Zoom were Civil Service Commission Chair Heather Green, B. Rumsey, and Connie. Discussed were the Dispatch Center, difficulty with full staffing, and a request for a potential hiring bonus and/or increased pay.

(8)

J. Gentle was excused to participate in the virtual Washington State Association of Counties (WSAC) Virtual Assembly, and the Board recessed for lunch at 11:51 a.m.

(9)

The meeting resumed at 1:15 p.m.

(10)

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

(11)

District Court Judge Robin McCroskey was present to discuss a promotion request. Also present was District Court Probation Officer Scott Cornwell, Human Resources Manager Terra Sirevog, and Sue Mauro, and via Zoom was Connie.

(12)

S. Mauro of Pend Oreille Historical Society was present for an update. Present via Zoom was Connie. Discussed were the Newport Museum and planned activities. S. Mauro provided a history of the museum, as well as POC towns, people, and buildings, and presented a large collection of historical books for review by the Board. Joining the update in progress via Zoom was Newport Miner News Editor Don Gronning. S. Mauro explained the Lindsey Home at POC Fairgrounds, and discussed social media and upcoming projects of the Historical Society.

(13)

T. Sirevog was present for an update. Present via Zoom were C. Rahoun, D. Gronning, and Connie. Discussed were the following positions: Public Works Acting Director, Interim County Engineer, Counseling Services Director, Grant Writer, Parks Board Director, and Co-Occurring Professional.

Motion was made by R. Rosencrantz to approve the updated job description of the Co-Occurring Counselor, and advertise and hire at Step 1-3, DOE. Motion was seconded by B. Smiley. Motion carried unanimously.

T. Sirevog presented a request to increase the Seasonal Inspector wage, as the current pay for entry-level was close to minimum wage. Motion was made by R. Rosencrantz, in response to the Board request, to increase the Seasonal Inspector wages by \$1.00 per hour for each position category, moving Seasonal Inspector Trainee to \$15.56, and Seasonal Inspector to \$17.75. Motion was seconded by B. Smiley. Motion carried unanimously.

(14)

J. Gentle was excused from 3:29 p.m. to 3:33 p.m.

(15)

Public Comment –Richard & Marci Culton and Linda NeVile were present in-person and Community Organizer Albert Merkle, Maddie Casto, Connie Kimble, D. Gronning, and Norm Smith were present via Zoom for comment. R. Culton (County easement at Scotia), L. NeVile (bitcoin), A. Merkle (Hwy. 20 Tucker property), and C. Kimble (Merkle property) provided comment. Cliff Bauer arrived to the meeting in progress and gave his three minute allotted time to L. NeVile (bitcoin).

(16)

Motion was made by R. Rosencrantz to approve the updated job description and request to advertise and hire a Counseling Service Director, with a salary range of \$85,000 - \$110,000 per year, DOE. Motion was seconded by B. Smiley. Motion carried unanimously.

(17)

Meeting continued to April 26.

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

(18)

Public Works Interim Director George Luft was present for an update. Also in attendance were Fleet Manager Brian Egland, and Forester Ryder Bricker.

R. Bricker presented POC Parks requests. Motion was made by B. Smiley to approve the Park Board's request to surplus the POC Park vault toilet and allow for its removal and sale. Motion was seconded by R. Rosencrantz. Motion carried unanimously.

R. Bricker recommended the removal of the failing bridge and railing at Sweet Creek. He stated that the Parks Board has approved the removal, to reduce liability. Further counsel will be sought before taking action. R. Bricker left the update.

B. Eglund provided an update on the chip spreader and possibility of purchasing a newer one from Chelan County. Solid Waste Coordinator Amanda Griesemer joined the meeting in progress, via Zoom.

A. Griesemer presented an agreement for collection of latex and oil-based paints and stains. Motion was made by R. Rosencrantz to approve the Solid Waste agreement with PaintCare Washington, LLC for the collection of latex and oil-based paints and stains to provide collection service free of charge to our residents, and allow the Chair to sign the agreement. Motion was seconded by B. Smiley. Motion carried unanimously.

Washington Architectural Paint Stewardship Program Moderate Risk Waste Drop-Off Site  
Operation Agreement Between PaintCare Washington LLC and Pend Oreille County-  
PC Contract No. 003647  
*AGREEMENT NO. 2022-24, COMMISSIONERS' RECORDING*

B. Eglund suggested a camera set up for County fueling stations, then left the meeting. G. Luft gave updates on Mountain Meadow Dam, collaborative meeting with Kalispel Tribe and Local Programs, recent foreman's meeting, road superintendent and Assistant PW Director positions, and Highway 20 viewpoint.

(19)

Public Hearing-Consider Increasing the Tipping Fees for Disposal of Solid Waste. Present were Robert Ring and Jennene Ring, and present via Zoom was A. Griesemer. The hearing was opened, and the notice was read. A. Griesemer reported that the proposal is to increase the tipping fees from \$149.00/ton to \$176.00/ton, with a minimum flat rate of \$12.75 for 0-140 pounds. She mentioned that there have been no increases since 2018, even with the increases every year from the County's vendor. J. Ring provided comments regarding the increased fees. Joining the meeting in progress via Zoom was Ernest Hood. E. Hood provided comments on the increased fees. The hearing was closed.

(20)

Counseling Services Acting Administrator Kris Martin was present for an update. Topics of discussion were current staffing, prevention program, and programs at Cusick School District.

(21)

Motion was made by B. Smiley to approve the Payroll Change Notice for George Luft in Public Works. Motion was seconded by R. Rosencrantz. Motion carried unanimously.

Payroll Change Notice:  
Public Works-

George Luft, Assistant Public Works Director, Step 5, to Acting Director (*Acting Interim Director until a Director is hired*), \$8,750.00/mo., Effective 4/16/2022

(22)

The Board recessed for lunch at 11:56 a.m.

(23)

The meeting resumed at 1:15 p.m.

(24)

Motion was made by B. Smiley to approve the Grant Writer job description at a salary of \$4,470.14 to \$5,020.99, Steps 1-3 DOE, and advertise and hire. Motion was seconded by R. Rosencrantz. Motion carried unanimously.

(25)

Motion was made by R. Rosencrantz, regarding 2022 rate increase resolution submitted by Amanda Griesemer for Solid Waste fees, to approve the Resolution Setting Fees For Solid Waste Disposal. Motion was seconded by B. Smiley. Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution Setting Fees For Solid Waste Disposal  
*RESOLUTION NO. 2022-56, COMMISSIONERS' RECORDING*

(26)

Motion was made by R. Rosencrantz, regarding subject to request to advertise tipping fees, to approve Solid Waste's request to advertise the Solid Waste rate increase, to be effective August 1, 2022. Motion was seconded by B. Smiley. Motion carried unanimously.

(27)

The Board met in executive session regarding pending litigation pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i) for 45 minutes from 1:30 p.m. to 2:45 p.m. Present via Zoom was Prosecuting Attorney Dolly Hunt.

(28)

Pend Oreille Valley Railroad Manager Kelly Driver was present for an update. Updates were provided on upcoming events, the North Pend Oreille Valley (NPOV) Lions Club Rails Riders and a motorcar group. Other topics were train cars in storage, car repairs, different models of train cars, staffing, utility core management, and rail conditions.

(29)

Counseling Services Clinical Director Jennifer Stout was present for a Mental Health Professionals restructuring proposal. Present via Zoom was K. Martin. A salary proposal was presented for master's level professionals. T. Sirevog joined the update in progress.

Motion was made by R. Rosencrantz to advertise and hire a Peer Counselor, Step 1-3 DOE, for the Better Health Together Criminal Justice Program. Motion was seconded by B. Smiley. Motion carried unanimously.

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Correspondence Received:

- 4.20 WSLCB-Letter re: Special Occasion License #071441-Pend Oreille County Democrats
- 4.21 Family Crisis Network-April Newsletter
- 4.22 L. NeVille-(hand-delivered during Public Comment)-Waterfowl Flyways & Birds Listing

(31)

Correspondence Sent:

R. Squires-Letter of Appreciation for 15 Years of Service to POC

S. West- Letter of Appreciation for 30 Years of Service to POC

G. Snow- Letter of Appreciation for 5 Years of Service to POC

(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	\$ 366,636.90
Counseling Services	\$ 95,794.41
Crime Victims Compensation	\$ 322.78
Fair	\$ 2,267.08
Park	\$ 3,232.21
Road	\$ 78,506.66
Timber Sales	\$ 1,845.62
Emergency 911 Communications	\$ 28,613.62
Homeless Program/2163	\$ 2,584.47
Public Facilities	\$ 3,603.82
Mental Health Tax	\$ 886.26
Solid Waste	\$ 20,052.39
Risk Management	\$ 462.27
Equipment R&R	\$ 54,053.83
IT Services	\$ 76,617.82
Sales/Excise Tax	\$ 4.85
Sheriff's Trust	<u>\$ 252.00</u>
TOTAL	\$ 735,736.99

Checks 202865 through 202892 totaling \$89,772.92 and Electronic Funds Transfers 40072 through 40081 totaling \$198,946.08, and Checks 202863 through 202864 totaling \$3,068.04, and Electronic Funds Transfers 39868 through 40071 totaling \$317,935.68, and Checks 202893 through 202970 totaling \$178,762.66 and Electronic Funds Transfers 40082 through 40083 totaling \$685.43, dated April 25, 2022. Includes Jr. Taxing Districts.

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Meeting adjourned at 3:52 p.m.

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

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