

May 16, 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.

(1)

R. Rosencrantz gave an update on preparations for the Mental Health/Chemical Dependency Advisory Committee (MHCDAC) meeting. B. Smiley gave updates from Metaline Falls and Metaline Town Council meetings. Selkirk Sun Owner Sonya Scaufaire and Bob Rumsey joined the meeting in progress via Zoom. R. Rosencrantz provided a summary from the county-sponsored Supervisor's Road Map Training, "Harassment, Discrimination, & Retaliation Prevention for Supervisors," with a supplemental report by C. Zieske, who then also reported on Washington Association of County Officials (WACO)-sponsored "Focus on Ethics." J. Gentle provided a summary from the Washington State Association of Counties (WSAC) Legislative Steering Committee (LSC) Planning Committee meetings.

(2)

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 11:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Present were Human Resources Manager Terra Sirevog, Public Works Acting Director George Luft, and Don Ramsey.

(3)

T. Sirevog was present to discuss Parks Director duties and compensation. Present via Zoom were S. Scaufaire and B. Rumsey.

(4)

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 May 9, 2022 meeting and the following items:

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| Investment Earnings (year-to-date estimate, as of 5/13/22): | \$8,619.79 |
| Investment Earnings (through April 30 <i>Revised</i>): | \$5,209.03 |

Payroll Change Notice:

Public Works-Roads-

Jeremy Jeske, Road Maintenance Technician, Step 1, \$22.68/hr., Effective 5/16/2022

Sheriff-Communications-

Christina Garayalde, Longevity, \$150.00/mo., Effective 6/1/2022

Counseling Services-

Anita Waterman, Behavioral Health Counselor, Step 4, \$27.75/hr., to MHP, Step 1, \$30.59/hr., Effective 5/16/2022

Sabrina Newton, Co-Occurring Counselor, Full-time, Step 4, to 3/5th Time, Step 4, \$30.17/hr., Effective 5/16/2022

Request to Promote: Anita Waterman-Behavioral Health Counselor to Mental Health Professional (MHP), completed all credentialing requirements by WA State Department of Health

(5)

The Board recessed for lunch at 11:58 a.m.

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The meeting resumed at 1:15 p.m.

(7)

G. Luft was present for a Public Works update. Also in attendance were Assistant Public Works Director Kyel Newberry, Fleet Manager Brian Egland, Forester Ryder Bricker, and via Zoom was B. Rumsey.

J. Gentle presented the WA State County Road Administration Board (CRAB) Certificate of Good Practice to G. Luft to present to the County Engineer. B. Egland proposed the purchase of the used chip spreader from Chelan County, with the purchase agreement currently being reviewed by counsel, then he left he update.

G. Luft reported that the Usk and Ione Bridges Rehabilitation negotiations with Nicholls Kovich Engineering have been completed. He discussed the upcoming Road Maintenance Summit, potential City of Newport interlocal agreement, and the foreman's meeting held this morning. G. Luft mentioned a mechanic had given two weeks' notice, and T. Sirevog joined the update in progress.

R. Bricker discussed Newport Lake State Park and a potential land swap with a property owner for public access. Also reviewed were the Parks Director job description and compensation awaiting union approval, and the job reclassification project.

(8)

Financial Manager Jill Shacklett was present via Zoom for an ARPA financial report. Joining the meeting via Zoom were Treasurer Nicole Dice and B. Rumsey. Also discussed were fair expenses, current revenue, and cash flow.

(9)

The Board met in executive session regarding pending litigation pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i) for 15 minutes from 3:00 p.m. to 3:15 p.m. Present via Zoom was Prosecuting Attorney Dolly Hunt. An additional 10 minutes was requested until 3:25 p.m. An additional 5 minutes was requested until 3:30 p.m.

(10)

Colville National Forest District Ranger Carin Vadala was present for a Forest Service update. Present via Zoom was B. Rumsey. Topics of discussion included Northeast Washington Tourism events, Boulder Park and Little Tacoma sales, and Batey-Bould. A publication listing successes of Northeast Washington Forestry Coalition (NEWFC) was distributed. B. Smiley inquired about permitting for the Katherine Maupin Memorial Ride in Ione. C. Vadala also mentioned bears out of hibernation.

(11)

Motion was made by R. Rosencrantz to approve the hiring of Dawson Baldwin as a Seasonal Field Inspector at a rate of \$15.56/hour, effective May 16, 2022, and approve the Payroll Change Notice. Motion was seconded by B. Smiley. Motion carried unanimously.

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Dawson Baldwin, Seasonal Field Inspector, \$15.56/hr., Effective 5/16/2022

(12)

Motion was made by B. Smiley to approve ITS's request to purchase replacement Crossmatch fingerprint scanning screen and software upgrade from HID for the corrections facility at a cost of \$10,178.32, plus taxes. Motion was seconded by R. Rosencrantz. Motion carried unanimously.

(13)

Public Comment –Diversified Diver Specialties Owner Randall Polito and Gerald Pelland were present for comment, and Town of Metaline Clerk Kelly Flanigan, Steve Haroldson, and B. Rumsey were present via Zoom. R. Polito (flowering rush 2022 contract), K. Flanigan (border closure and letter collaboration), S. Haroldson (CUP and authority), and G. Pelland (CUP procedures) provided comment.

(14)

Motion was made by B. Smiley to approve the Park Board's request for removal of Sweet Creek upper trail bridge and middle trail railing, based on safety, liability, continued maintenance, and cost, which shall only occur after the proper cautionary signage is installed. Motion was seconded by R. Rosencrantz. Motion carried unanimously.

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Meeting continued to May 16.

May 17, 2022

The meeting resumed at 10:00 a.m. with J. Gentle, R. Rosencrantz, B. Smiley, and C. Zieske present at the Metaline Waterfront Park for the county-sponsored 2nd Harvest food distribution, along with over a dozen volunteers.

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The Board recessed for lunch at 1:05 p.m.

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The meeting resumed at 2:15 p.m.

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The Board met at Pend Oreille Conservation District's (POCD) Metaline Shoreline Reclamation Project site. Also present was POCD District Manager Alex Case-Cohen.

(19)

Correspondence Received:

- 5.15 WA State County Road Administration Board (CRAB)-Letter re: Certificate of Good Practice
- 5.16 POC Park & Recreation Board-5.18.222 Agenda & 4.20.22 Minutes
- 5.17 A. Morningstar-Letter re: POC Library Board of Trustees
- 5.18 WSLCB-Letter re: Special Occasion License #082846-American Legion Post 217

- 5.19 R. Polito/Diversified Diver Specialties-Statement of Qualifications
- 5.20 POC EDC-5.18.22 Agenda & 4.20.22 Minutes

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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> |
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| Current Expense | \$ 186,393.28 |
| Counseling Services | \$ 3,230.62 |
| Fair | \$ 66.11 |
| Law Library | \$ 74.32 |
| Road | \$ 155,303.52 |
| Emergency 911 Communications | \$ 973.20 |
| Homeless Program/2163 | \$ 1,753.69 |
| Solid Waste | \$ 62,591.11 |
| Equipment R&R | \$ 21,230.45 |
| IT Services | \$ 15,482.54 |
| Sheriff’s Trust | \$ 291.50 |
| Sales/Excise Tax | <u>\$ 2,253.90</u> |
| TOTAL | \$ 449,644.24 |

Checks 203284 through 203358 totaling \$445,347.84 and Electronic Funds Transfers 40351 through 40353 totaling \$4,296.40, dated May 16, 2022.

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Meeting adjourned at 3:22 p.m.

APPROVED: _____
Chair of the Board

ATTEST: _____
Clerk of the Board