

January 30, 2023

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 Robert Rosencrantz, Commissioner John Gentle, and Clerk of the Board Crystal Zieske. C. Zieske offered the invocation and led the flag salute.

(1) J. Gentle provided a report from Eastern Washington Council of Governments, Martin Hall, and Legislative Steering Committee. R. Rosencrantz gave updates from Tri-County Economic Development District Technical Advisory Committee (TEDD TAC), TEDD, Rural Resources, and Local Emergency Planning Committee meetings.

(2) Consent Agenda - Motion was made by R. Rosencrantz to approve the Consent Agenda prepared for January 30, 2022. Motion was seconded by J. Gentle. Motion carried unanimously. The Consent Agenda includes this week's Agenda, the Minutes of the Board's January 23, 2023 meeting and the following items:

Investment Earnings (year-to-date estimate, as of 1/27/23): \$63,984.11

Payroll Change Notice:

Sheriff-Patrol-

Makaila King, Step 2, \$5,143.52/mo., Effective 2/1/2023

Counseling Services-

Kris Martin, Business Office Manager, Sr., \$5,937.96/mo. to \$6,492.46/mo.

(*Re-evaluation of Existing Job*), Effective 2/1/2023

Treasurer-

Leeya Miranda, Deputy Accountant III, Discharge, Effective 1/25/2023

Samantha Cogswell, Accountant II, Step 3, \$3,748.33/mo., to Accountant III, Step 3,

\$3,882.19/mo. (*Promotion*), Effective 2/1/2023

ER&R-

Teresa Deal, Fleet Account/Risk Manager, \$5,529.53/mo. to Step 2, \$4,676.40/mo.

(*Remove temporary \$5.00/hr. pay increase, due to assuming Cost Accountant duties and training*), Effective 2/1/2023

Request to Advertise & Hire, Steps 1-3 DOE: Counseling Services Compliance Coordinator

Spokane County Community Services, Housing, And Community Department, Spokane

County Regional Behavioral Health (SCRBH) Division Of Administrative Services

Organization Contract 23ASO2713

*RESOLUTION NO. 2023-05, COMMISSIONERS' RECORDING*

Promotion: Samantha Cogswell from Deputy Accountant II/Tax Specialist to Deputy Accountant III/Revenue Specialist

(3) J. Gentle was excused for the remainder of the day at 10:27 a.m.

(4) Facilities Maintenance Supervisor Ben Eggleston and Maintenance Tech II Klayten Baldwin were present for an update on the courthouse roof leak.

(5) Sheriff Glenn Blakeslee was present for an update. Also in attendance was Chief Examiner/Clerk Alicia Pereyda. Topics included deployment of body worn cameras, investigator office space, upcoming visit to legislature on Law & Justice Day, and an animal cruelty case.

(6) The Board held an interview for Parks & Recreation Advisory Board. The applicant was present via Zoom.

(7) The Board recessed for lunch at 11:42 a.m.

(8) The meeting resumed at 1:15 p.m.

(9) The Board met in closed session pursuant to RCW 42.30.140(4)(b) for collective bargaining for 15 minutes, from 1:30 p.m. to 1:45 p.m. Present was Human Resource Director Brenda Miller.

(10) Prosecuting Attorney Dolly Hunt was present via Zoom for a legal update. Discussed was a potential EMS District.

(11) The Board met in executive session regarding potential litigation pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i) for 30 minutes from 3:15 p.m. to 3:45 p.m. Present via Zoom were Community Development Director Greg Snow, D. Hunt, and Attorney Nathan Smith. The Board concluded the executive session at 3:36 p.m. and resumed open session at 3:45 p.m.

(12) Public Comment –Steve Minnich and Mike Hanson were present in person and Norm Smith and G. Snow were present via Zoom for comment. M. Hanson (Comp Plan) and S. Minnich (Comp Plan) provided comment.

(13) Meeting continued to January 31.

#### January 31, 2023 – Metaline Town Hall

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

(14) Motion was made by R. Rosencrantz to allow the Clerk of the Board to use the signature stamp to signify Commissioner Gentle's approval on today's documents. Motion was seconded by J. Gentle. Motion carried unanimously.

(15) Public Works Acting Director George Luft was present for an update. Also in attendance were Assistant Public Works Director Kyel Newberry, Road District Superintendent Kevin Thomas, Fleet Accountant/Risk Manager Teresa Deal, D3 Foreman Paul Miller, and present via Zoom were Fleet Manager Brian Eglund, Engineering Technician/Contracting & Procurement Agent Mike Kirkwood, Engineering Department Manager Eric Roth, and B. Miller.

G. Luft requested approval to hire an additional Mechanic Apprentice and discussion was held on the budget, MOU, and training. Motion was made by R. Rosencrantz to approve the hiring of an additional Mechanic Apprentice, at Step 1, \$22.68 an hour. Motion was seconded by J. Gentle. Motion carried unanimously. B. Miller left the update.

  
Chair

  
Vice Chair

  
Member

T. Deal explained the total loss of a dump truck. Motion was made by R. Rosencrantz to declare T6275, a 2017 International dump truck, a total loss and direct Risk Management to invoice ER&R for \$81,156.54, the difference for replacement of T6275 with T5417, a 2022 International dump truck, and approve the resolution. Motion was seconded by J. Gentle. Motion carried unanimously.

Declare T6275, A 2017 International Dump Truck, A Total Loss and Direct Risk Management To Partially Fund Replacement Of T6275 With T5417, A 2022 International Dump Truck  
*RESOLUTION NO. 2023-06, COMMISSIONERS' RECORDING*

G. Luft and T. Deal described their request to discontinue crushed gravel supply from ER&R. The request was tabled until more financial information can be gathered. G. Luft provided updates on the Sullivan Lake rockslide, courthouse flood, and potential Mill Creek project.

(16) R. Rosencrantz provided updates from Pend Oreille County Republicans and Creative District meetings.

(17) The Board reviewed the volunteer interview. Motion was made by R. Rosencrantz to appoint Mike Lithgow to the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board and send him a letter to that extent. Motion was seconded by J. Gentle. Motion carried unanimously.

(18) Public Comment –Fire District 2 Commissioner Conrad Ervin, William Bisson, Ted Maxwell, and Metaline Clerk Kelly Flanagan were present for comment, and present via Zoom were Citizen and Newport Miner News Editor Don Gronning. C. Ervin (EMS District), W. Bisson (POC records/ Courthouse flooding), T. Maxwell (PORTA and Metaline Falls Garden), S. Minnich (Comprehensive Plan), and K. Flanagan (Metaline grants, development regulations, bank stabilization) provided comment.

(19) Associate Professor and County Extension Director Mike Jensen was present via Zoom for an update. Topics of discussion included personnel, Broadband Action Team grant, 4-H program, Food/Nutrition/Health education program in schools, office space, Bear Aware training, wildland fire training, and wildfires/homeless camps.

(20) Selkirk Sun Owner Sonya Scaufaire was present and discussed the Ione Creative District.

(21) The Board recessed for lunch at 11:29 a.m.

(22) The meeting resumed at 1:00 p.m.

(23) The Board discussed the upcoming week's agenda and consideration of action on Comp Plan.

Motion was made by R. Rosencrantz that prior to the Board of County Commissioners taking action on final determination of Comprehensive Plan to allow and take public comment, which comment shall be under the heading of an invitation to express their opinions on that plan to take public comment before action is taken. Motion was seconded by J. Gentle. Discussion was held. Motion failed 1-2, with R. Rosencrantz voting aye.

(24) The Board hosted a review of the potential EMS District formation. A roundtable discussion was held with the following speaking: Newport City Administrator Abby Gribi, FD2 Operations

Captain Brian Ferrante, POEMS Chief Paramedic Erik Gallanger, FD4 Chief Robert Webber, FD2 James Mundy, Sean Reagan, S. Scauflaire, and FD2 Captain Chris Cato, and speaking via Zoom were Auditor Marianne Nichols, Newport Hospital & Health Services CEO Merry-Ann Keane, and FD5 Chief Jay Foster. Also in attendance were FD2 Jared Hatch, Ken Jarrett, Devin Tope, FD4 Star Orman, C. Ervin, B. Bisson, K. Flanagan, and via Zoom were Johnnie Sylvester, Kelsey Hendershott, Selkirk Sun, and D. Gronning.

(25) Economic Development Director Jamie Wyrobek was present via Zoom to discuss a past EDC study of Teck Mine closure.

(26) Correspondence Received:

- 1.17 EWCoG-1.27.23 Agenda & 12.2.22 Minutes
- 1.18 Martin Hall-1.26.23 Agenda & 12.15.22 Minutes
- 1.19 TEDD-12.7.22 Minutes
- 1.20 TEDD/RTPO-1.25.23 Agenda & 12.7.22 Minutes
- 1.21 Department of Ecology/Toxics Cleanup Program-Brochure re: Airport Kwik Stop Cleanup Site: Proposed Soil Removal

(27) Correspondence Sent:

M. Lithgow-Letter of Appointment to Parks & Recreation Advisory Board

(28) 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	\$ 371,495.94
Counseling Services	\$ 110,536.58
Crime Victims Compensation	\$ 342.03
Fair	\$ 377.63
Park	\$ 1,186.09
Road	\$ 99,772.26
Veterans Assistance	\$ 27.82
Trial Court Improvement	\$ 10,635.38
Emergency 911 Communications	\$ 30,170.70
Extension Education	\$ 2.12
Growth Management	\$ 10.70
Low Income Housing/2060	\$ 10.70
Homeless Program/2163	\$ 24.61
Public Facilities	\$ 3,764.02
Mental Health Tax	\$ 954.22
Election Security Grant	\$ 67.50
American Rescue Plan Act	\$ 47.13
Solid Waste	\$ 19,063.73
Risk Management	\$ 1,061.92
Equipment R&R	\$ 45,549.52
IT Services	\$ 25,510.77
Sheriff's Trust	\$ 494.25
Sales/Excise Tax	\$ 346.68
TOTAL	\$ 721,452.30

Checks 208491 through 208519 totaling \$101,208.24 and Electronic Funds Transfers 44645 through 44652 totaling \$218,852.69, and Check 208490 totaling \$132.23, and Electronic Funds Transfers 44427 through 44644 totaling \$355,386.02, dated January 25, 2023. Includes Jr. Taxing Districts.

Checks 208520 through 208600 totaling \$105,008.17 and Electronic Funds Transfer 44653 totaling \$449.83, dated January 30, 2023.

(29) Meeting adjourned at 3:13 p.m.

APPROVED:   
Chair of the Board

ATTEST:   
Clerk of the Board