

March 20, 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. J. Gentle offered the invocation and led the flag salute.

- (1) J. Gentle provided a report from Legislative Steering Committee (LSC) and POC Opioid Abatement meetings.
- (2) Motion was made by J. Gentle to approve the award of \$27,000 to POC Fire District 2 from ARPA funds, with a subrecipient agreement to be forthcoming before funds are reimbursed, for replacement heart monitors. Motion was seconded by R. Rosencrantz. Motion carried unanimously.
- (3) R. Rosencrantz reported on department visits, Spokane County Regional Interlocal Leadership Structure (SCRILS), and Economic Development Council (EDC) meetings. B. Smiley gave updates from Metaline Falls Town Council and EDC meetings.
- (4) Consent Agenda - Motion was made by R. Rosencrantz to adopt the Consent Agenda as prepared for March 20, 2023. Motion was seconded by J. Gentle. Motion carried unanimously. The Consent Agenda includes this week's Agenda, the Minutes of the Board's March 13, 2023 meeting and the following items:

Investment Earnings (year-to-date estimate, as of 3/17/23): \$186,524.15

Payroll Change Notice:

Sheriff's Office-

Caleb Whitney, Step 5, \$4,068.30/mo., Effective 4/1/2023

Rachel Lee, Step 6, \$4,375.81/mo., and Longevity, \$60.00/mo., Effective 4/1/2023

Michael Destito, Step 5, \$5,777.86/mo., Effective 4/1/2023

Jacob Erickson, Step 3, \$3,807.44/mo., Effective 4/1/2023

Counseling Services-

Becca Teeters, WISE Family Partner, Resignation, Effective 3/10/2023

Jennifer Stout-Willett, Clinical Director, Resignation, Effective 3/17/2023

Solid Waste-

Wyatt Mycock, Transfer Station Tech, Full-time, Step 1, \$3,594.75/mo., Effective 4/5/2023

Treasurer-

Kim Fields, Deputy Accountant I, Full-time, Step 2, \$3,293.84/mo., Effective 4/3/2023

Community Development-

Andy Huddleston, Senior Planner, Step 5, \$5,680.63/mo., to Interim Community Development Director, \$6,011.63/mo. (*Temporary adjustment of \$2.00/hr., due to performance of higher classification of work until Director returns from leave*), Effective 3/22/2023

2023 Unemployment Compensation Rate

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-23, COMMISSIONERS' RECORDING

Pend Oreille County County-Wide Planning Policies (Appendix E to R-2023-08)

Amendment No.1 To Agreement No. SEASMP-2123-PeOrCo-00152 Between The State Of Washington Department of Ecology and Pend Oreille County Community Development
AGREEMENT NO. 2023-13, COMMISSIONERS' RECORDING

Approval of temporary higher classification pay for Andy Huddleston, Interim Community Development Director (during Director leave), with increase of \$2.00/hr. per the applicable collective bargaining agreement

(5) Economic Development Director Jamie Wyrobek was present for an EDC update. Also present were Financial Manager Jill Shacklett, EDC Board Member/Newport Councilman Mark Zorica, Newport City Administrator Abby Gribi, Pend Oreille Valley Railroad Manager Kelly Driver, Newport Miner News Editor Don Gronning, and via Zoom were Auditor Marianne Nichols, EDC Treasurer Russ Pelleberg, EDC Board Member Sonya Scauftaire, and Newport Miner Publisher Michelle Nedved. Grant Writer Stacy Carter joined the meeting in progress.

J. Wyrobek reviewed the 2023 EDC Work Plan Deliverables.

(6) J. Gentle was excused to participate in the Washington State Association of Counties (WSAC) Virtual Assembly at 12:01 p.m.

(7) The Board recessed for lunch at 12:05 p.m.

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

(9) J. Gentle provided an update from the WSAC Virtual Assembly.

(10) Public Hearing-Conservation Land Taxation Applications. Present were Assessor Jim McCroskey, Claudia Krogh, and Cody Krogh, and present via Zoom was Community Development Director Greg Snow. The hearing was opened, and the notice was read. J. McCroskey reviewed applications for Claudia Krogh and Cody Krogh, with a recommendation to approve both with stipulations, such as weed control.

The Board had some questions, and discussion was held regarding roads and public benefit rating system. Comments were received from Cody Krogh. The hearing was closed.

(11) The Board met in executive session regarding pending litigation pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i) for 60 minutes from 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. Present via Zoom were Prosecuting Attorney Dolly Hunt and Attorney Beth Kennar, and in person was Human Resource Director Brenda Miller. Nancy Sutton joined the session via Zoom at 2:09 p.m. and left the meeting at 3:00 p.m. An additional 15 minutes was requested until 3:15 p.m. B. Miller left the meeting at 3:14 p.m.

(12) The Board met in executive session regarding pending litigation pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i) for 15 minutes from 3:15 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Present via Zoom were D. Hunt and Attorney Nathan Smith.

(13) Colville National Forest District Ranger Carin Vadala was present for a Forest Service update.

Topics of discussion were Stimson land exchange, Sullivan Strategy, Sullivan Lake day use, Noisy Creek bridge re-decking, construction of portage trail, wildfire season, strategic plan, and lands program.

(14) Public Comment –Andrew Feldman and Phyllis Kardos were present in person and Katherine Schutte, Bob Schutte, Beverly Schoen, Norm Smith, and S. Scaufaire were present via Zoom for comment. A. Feldman (EDC Contract), P. Kardos (General Comment), B. Schoen (Noise Nuisance), K. Schutte (EDC Council), B. Schutte (EDC), and S. Scaufaire (EDC) provided comment.

(15) Meeting continued to March 21.

March 21, 2023

B. Smiley convened the meeting of the Elected Officials and Department Heads at 9:00 a.m. Present were R. Rosencrantz, J. Gentle, C. Zieske, Commissioner Programs/HR Assistant Alicia Pereyda, Counseling Services Director Nicole Vangrimbergen, Emergency Management Deputy Director JoAnn Boggs, ITS Director Shane Flowers, Public Works Director Craig Jackson, Weed Control Coordinator Loretta Nichols, Sheriff Glenn Blakeslee, Treasurer Nicole Dice, J. Wyrobek, B. Miller, S. Carter, and present via Zoom were D. Hunt and Desktop Support Specialist Tech I Anthony Manez. A roundtable discussion was held.

(16) C. Jackson was present for a Public Works update. Also in attendance were Assistant Public Works Director Kyel Newberry, Fleet Accountant/Risk Manager Teresa Deal, Facilities Maintenance Supervisor Ben Eggleston, and present via Zoom were Office Manager/Cost Accountant Christy Parry, Solid Waste Coordinator Amanda Griesemer, and Engineering Technician/Contracting & Procurement Agent Mike Kirkwood.

T. Deal and B. Eggleston provided an update on the courthouse water damage. B. Eggleston gave a photo presentation of the build of Sheriff's Office evidence building.

M. Kirkwood requested a name change to Resolution 2020-125, as T-O Engineers have been acquired by Ardurra Group, Inc. Motion was made by R. Rosencrantz to approve the informational change to the T-O Engineers On-Call Environmental Services per Resolution 2020-125 to Ardurra. Motion was seconded by J. Gentle. Motion carried unanimously.

C. Jackson provided updates on Whisper Point bond, Mountain Meadow Dam emergency plan, Roberts Road rubbish removal, and Winter Maintenance Policy.

Engineering Department Manager Eric Roth joined the meeting in progress via Zoom and presented a video on Mill Creek. C. Jackson discussed USAF Survival School, possible fueling at casino, and personnel.

(17) 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 11:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. C. Zieske joined the meeting at 11:37 a.m. An additional 10 minutes was requested until 12:10 p.m. An additional 20 minutes was requested until 12:30 p.m.

(18) The Board recessed for lunch at 12:32 p.m.

(19) The meeting resumed at 1:19 p.m.

(20) R. Rosencrantz gave a report from the Newport City Council meeting.

(21) G. Blakeslee was present for a discussion on the new Investigator office. Also present was B. Eggleston, and via Zoom was L. Nichols. The maintenance and IT needs were discussed.

(22) The Board conducted their yearly review of counseling Services’ “Combating Medicare Parts C and D Fraud, Waste, and Abuse” and “Medicare Fraud & Abuse: Prevent, Detect, Report.”

(23) GIS Manager Josh Shelton and Sr. Analyst César Stoddard were present for a GIS update. Also present was S. Flowers. A demonstration of the GIS webpage was given, and discussion was held on their following work: addressing, Conservation District contracting, Road Department approach online permits, GIS-Mo asset management system, and the flood dashboard.

(24) B. Smiley gave an update from Parks Board meeting.

(25) Correspondence Received:

- 3.8 B. Fanning/Whisper Point Development-Letter re: Agreement Concerning Completion of Improvements At Whisper Point Development
- 3.9 NETCHD-3.22.23 Agenda & 1.18.23 Meeting Minutes
- 3.10 USDA-Letter re: Pacific Northwest National Scenic Trail
- 3.11 D. Reid-2022 2nd Quarter Caseload Report
- 3.12 D. Reid-2022 3rd Quarter Caseload Report
- 3.13 D. Reid-2022 4th Quarter Caseload Report
- 3.14 SCRILS-3.17.23 Agenda

(26) 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	\$ 20,705.99
Counseling Services	\$ 1,761.35
Fair	\$ 1,500.00
Road Retainage	\$ 16,575.40
Veterans Assistance	\$ 800.00
Emergency 911 Communications	\$ 2,106.61
Growth Management	\$ 11,381.24
Homeless Program/2163	\$ 3,981.09
American Rescue Plan Act	\$ 24,553.08
Solid Waste	\$ 1,832.24
Risk Management	\$ 4,868.93
Equipment R&R	\$ 39,262.52
IT Services	\$ 54,672.50
Sales/Excise Tax	<u>\$ 1,586.49</u>
TOTAL	\$ 185,587.44

Checks 209540 through 209603 totaling \$178,336.04 and Electronic Funds Transfers 45446 through 45448 totaling \$7,253.48, dated March 20, 2023. Includes Jr. Taxing Districts.


Chair


Vice Chair


Member

(27)
Meeting adjourned at 4:27 p.m.

APPROVED: 
Chair of the Board

ATTEST: 
Clerk of the Board