

March 4, 2024

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 Robert Rosencrantz, Vice Chair John Gentle, Commissioner Brian Smiley, and Acting Clerk of the Board Lyndsie Halcro. J. Gentle offered the invocation and led the flag salute.

(1) Consent Agenda-Motion was made by J. Gentle to approve the Consent Agenda. Motion was seconded by B. Smiley. Motion carried unanimously. The Consent Agenda includes this week's Agenda, the Minutes of the Board's February 26, 2024, meeting and the following items:

Payroll Change Notice:

Public Works-Roads-

Reed Bailey, Road Maintenance Tech, Resignation, Effective 3/1/2024

Public Works-Building and Grounds-

Rylan Hastings, Temp Facilities Maintenance, Resignation, Effective 3/22/2024

Public Works-Solid Waste-

David Leliefeld, Transfer Station Tech, Step 1, \$3,702.60/mo., Effective 3/1/2024

Request to Advertise & Hire, Steps 1-3 DOE: Crisis Services Manager (Internally)

Spokane County Community Services, Housing, And Community Department, Spokane Regional Behavioral Health (SCRBH) Division Of Administrative Services Organization Contract 23ASO2768(1) (Amending R-2023-83)

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-045, COMMISSIONERS' RECORDING

Letter of Appreciation Years of Service: Glenn Blakeslee (25 Years)

Letter of Appreciation Years of Service: Caleb Whitney (5 Years)

(2) R. Rosencrantz provided updates from the Local Emergency Planning Committee, Tri-County Economic Development District, and Cusick Work Session.

(3) The Board hosted a discussion on Stimson/Trust for Public Land Project. Present via zoom were Bill Clarke, Peter Dykstra, Wade Pierce, Erik Brubaker, Laurie Benson, and Gregory Hitchcock.

(4) Community Development Director Greg Snow was present for an update. Present via Zoom was Administrative Assistant Savannah Widger. A report was provided on proposed updates on development regulations, construction projects, recent bills, and building permit applications.

(5) J. Gentle provided an update on current legislative bills from the WSAC Legislative Steering Committee meeting.

(6) The Board recessed for lunch at 11:30 a.m.

(7) The meeting resumed at 1:30 p.m.

(8) Tri-County Superior Court budget amendment discussion. Present were Auditor Marianne Nichols, Financial Manager Jill Shacklett, and Sheriff Glenn Blakeslee, and present via Zoom were Superior/Juvenile Court Administrator Pam Ray, Judge Lech Radzinski, Ferry County Commissioners Brian Dansel, Robert Dean, and Michael Heath; and Stevens County Commissioner Wes McCart, Chief Deputy Auditor Jill Jacobs, and Clerk of the Board Jonnie Brown.

(9) Cusick/Usk Wastewater and Water Discussion. Present were G. Snow, Senior Planner/Assistant Director Andy Huddleston, G. Blakeslee, and Cusick Councilmembers Everett Alford and Roger Brown, and present via Zoom were Civil Deputy Glennis Stott, 911 Coordinator Steve West; Kalispel Tribe Executive Director of Public and Governmental Affairs Curt Holmes, Public Works Director Julia Whitford, Public & Governmental Affairs/Community Relations Strategist Mark Zorica, Information and Outreach Coordinator Mike Lithgow, and Associate Planner Madi Campbell; Phyllis Kardos, Pend Oreille Political Circus, Gretchen Koenig, Selkirk Sun, and Newport Miner News Editor Don Gronning,

(10) Prosecuting Attorney Dolly Hunt was present for a legal update. Topics included Comp Plan, load limits, and an upcoming MOU.

(11) Motion was made by J. Gentle for the Clerk to use Commissioner stamp tomorrow at Commissioner meeting in Metaline. B. Smiley seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

(12) The Board met in executive session to evaluate the qualifications of applicant(s) for public employment, pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(g) for 30 minutes from 3:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Present was Human Resource Director Brenda Miller.

(13) Action resulting from Executive Session: Motion was made by B. Smiley to authorize Human Resources to offer the Director position to Shannon Tappana. Motion was seconded by J. Gentle. Motion carried unanimously.

(14) Public Comment - no members of the public were present for comment.

(15) Meeting continued to March 5.

March 5, 2024 – Metaline Town Hall

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

(16) Public Works Director Craig Jackson was present for an update. Also in attendance were District 3 Foreman Paul Miller and Maintenance Tech Jim O'Donnell, and present via Zoom were Support Specialist Mike Kirkwood, Fleet Accountant/Risk Manager Teresa Deal, Solid Waste Coordinator Amanda Griesemer, County Engineer Jesse Larson, and Office Manager/Cost Accountant Christy Parry.

Motion was made by B. Smiley to approve Public Works' request to advertise internally for five days, then externally, if necessary, to hire one permanent Road Technician for District 1 at Step 1-2 DOE. Motion was seconded by J. Gentle. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by B. Smiley to approve Public Works to advertise for sealed bids for the 2024 Maintenance Gravel purchase, with bid opening on March 26, 2024, at 1:30 p.m. Motion was seconded by J. Gentle. Motion carried unanimously.

M. Kirkwood reported on road restrictions. C. Jackson gave updates on Requests for Qualifications, on-call engineering contract, and new Usk Bridge application process. J. Larson provided information on County Road Administration Board road levy certification. An update on road maintenance was provided. A. Griesemer reported on House and Senate bills affecting solid waste operations. P. Miller gave an update on District 3 maintenance and staffing.

(17) The Board conducted an interview for the Hotel/Motel Tax Advisory Board. Present was the candidate.

(18) Motion was made by B. Smiley to appoint Rhonda McKenzie to the Hotel/Motel Tax Advisory Board and send her a letter of appointment. Motion was seconded by J. Gentle. Motion carried unanimously.

(19) R. Rosencrantz reported on the Newport City Council meeting.

(20) Public Comment-Bill Bisson and Metaline Clerk Kelly Flanagan were present, and Selkirk Sun was present via Zoom. K. Flanagan provided comment (Town of Metaline happenings).

(21) The Board recessed for lunch at 11:14 a.m., and J. Gentle was excused for the remainder of the day.

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

(23) Public Hearing-Pend Oreille County EMS District. Present were Metaline Councilwoman Janet Sullivan, Fire District 2 Commissioner Chris Curkendall, FD2 Assistant Chief Blake McAnerin, FD2 Fire Division Chief Brad Martin, FD2 EMS Division Chief Chris Cato, Selkirk Sun Owner Sonya Scaufaire, and K. Flanagan. Present via Zoom were Mayor Eva Marie Warren, Selkirk Sun, S. West, and FD2 Deputy EMS Chief Erik Gallanger. The hearing was opened, and the notice was read.

Comments were received from C. Cato, C. Curkendall, E. Warren, B. McAnerin, S. Scaufaire, E. Gallanger, and B. Martin. Joining the hearing in progress were Port of Pend Oreille Executive Director Kelly Driver and Economic Development Director Jessica Garza. The hearing was closed.

(24) Potential EMS District Workshop. Present were J. Sullivan, C. Curkendall, B. McAnerin, B. Martin, C. Cato, S. Scaufaire, K. Flanagan, K. Driver, and J. Garza. Present via Zoom were Selkirk Sun, S. West, E. Warren, and E. Gallanger.

(25) Teck Mine General Manager Rob Cronoble & Environmental Superintendent Bruce Howard were present for a discussion. Also present were K. Driver, J. Garza, S. Scaufaire, K. Flanagan, and via Zoom were E. Warren, S. West, and Selkirk Sun.

(26) Correspondence Received:

- 3.1 Stimson Lumber Company-Letter re: Interest in Purchasing Adjoining Property
- 3.2 POC Fair & Rodeo Association-3.5.24 Agenda & 2.6.24 Minutes

(27) Correspondence Sent:

G. Blakeslee-Letter of Appreciation for 25 Years of Service to POC

C. Whitney-Letter of Appreciation for 5 Years of Service to POC

R. McKenzie-Letter of Appointment to the Hotel/Motel Tax Advisory Committee

(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	\$ 37,523.15
Counseling Services	\$ 9,435.75
Park	\$ 1,096.97
Veterans Assistance	\$ 10,099.46
Solid Waste	\$ 17,248.43
Equipment R&R	<u>\$ 12,384.42</u>
TOTAL	\$ 87,788.18

Checks 216766 through 216809 totaling \$87,331.59, and Electronic Funds Transfer 51582 totaling \$456.59, dated March 4, 2024.

(29) Meeting adjourned at 3:19 p.m.

APPROVED: 
Chair of the Board

ATTEST: 
Clerk of the Board

march 4 minutes by acting Clerk
Lyndsie Halcro
