

ASOTIN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

January 27, 2020

Regular Meeting

The Board of Commissioners in and for the County of Asotin, State of Washington, met this date. Present was Brian Shinn, Chairman; Jim Jeffords, Vice Chair and Chris Seubert, Member.

Regular meeting called to order at 9:00 a.m.

(1)

Shinn moved to approve the minutes of January 6, 2020 as written. Seubert seconded, motion carried.

(2)

Jeffords announced there will be two executive sessions added at the end of the meeting, one for personnel issues and one for contract negotiations.

(3)

Open to the Public: None

John Hilderbrand, County Sheriff:

(4)

Hilderbrand along with Jody Brown, Undersheriff presented a Justice Assistance Grant proposal and requested authorization to submit. Hilderbrand explained these will be funds used for the salary of ten proposed new entry level Corrections Officers for a total requested amount of \$597,930.00. Hilderbrand said these fund can be requested for equipment also, but this submittal is for salaries only.

Jeffords commented with regard to the time line, there will be taxes received until at least July, 2020. The Jail Committee is looking to hire an architectural firm as soon as possible but it still will be at least three years before we have a new facility.

Hilderbrand said there are other entities that have applied for and awarded these funds but have not received them yet because we are a sanctuary state.

Shinn said if we received \$597,000.00 for one year and hired ten new staff and then there is no money afterwards where are those funds now going to come from? The tax revenues are going to pay for the new facility not current staff.

Brown said we need the new staff before opening a new facility. Shinn said the consultant said the new facility could be opened with the current staff levels.

Chris Kemp, COO asked Brown if we were awarded the grant when are the funds released. Brown said in October.

Jeffords said it couldn't hurt to apply for the grant but if we don't get the money and have hired new staff what do we do with them.

Hilderbrand said we need the new staff and by applying for the grant the Sheriff's Department are trying to find ways to help with funding.

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Jeffords commented that the Board needs to meeting with the Sheriff, Undersheriff, Jail Commander and COO to discuss on-boarding of staff. Brown said he would be looking to proposal another grant next year if the Sheriff approves for equipment funding.

Seubert moved to authorize the Department of Justice, Justice Assistance Grant application. Shinn seconded, motion carried.

Gloria Hancock, Financial Analyst:

(5)

Hancock presented a resolution adopting simplified indirect costs rate plan for year ending December 31, 2018. Hancock explained it is for year ending 2018 as that was the last audit of financials so the rate is based on that for compliance.

Shinn moved to adopt Resolution No. 20-05 "A Resolution Adopting Simplified Indirect Cost Rate Plan for Year Ending December 31, 2018." Seubert seconded, motion carried.

(6)

Committee reports.

(7)

Board discussed the request to refill the Deputy Prosecuting Attorney position that will become vacant at the end of February. Seubert said he better understands the need to refill the position after the work session with Ben Nichols, Prosecuting Attorney, that is not just one Prosecuting Attorney vs one indigent defense attorney.

Shinn said he felt Nichols did give a good explanation but he is not convinced that with prosecutors they are forced to go to trial. Shinn said he believes that Curt Liedkie's attitude makes it difficult to hire and keep an indigent defense attorney. Shinn said he doesn't think it is a bad idea if the County gave up dependencies and Nichols did more work. Shinn said they might consider to refill the position for this year because it is budgeted for but he is not sure it will be budgeted for next year unless the Board sees some changes. Shinn said if they are going to approve to refill the position they need to do it now as it may be a hard position to refill. Jeffords said he was not sure if they did hiring process now if there still would be any time for overlap/training before it is a vacant position.

Seubert moved to authorize the Deputy Prosecuting Attorney position to be refilled. Shinn seconded, motion carried.

(8)

Shinn moved to follow the recommendation of the Veterans Relief Advisory Board and reappoint Johnie Brown and Randy Martz to another three year term to expire January 31, 2023. Seubert seconded, motion carried.

(9)

Open to the Public: None

(10)

Media: None

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Claims approved and ordered paid:

#001	Current Expense	\$	35,081.17
#101	County Road	\$	23,328.38
#104	County Fair	\$	2.92
#107	Veterans Relief	\$	498.10
#114	Paths & Trails	\$	96.00
#115	DUI County	\$	136.25
#124	Treasurers O&M	\$	39.52
#126	Building & Planning	\$	7,533.60
#127	E911	\$	188.15
#129	Community Services	\$	11,255.30
#146	Special Real Estate	\$	6,656.05
#410	Landfill	\$	1,136.11
#501	ER&R	\$	3,969.49
#502	Central Services	\$	6,809.14

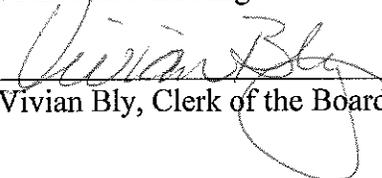
The following voucher (warrant) numbers are approved for payment:

295607 through 295707 for \$96,730.18

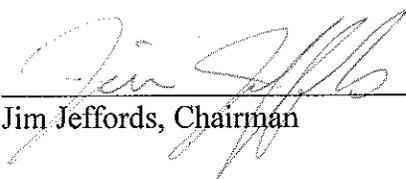
Executive session held at 10:32 a.m. for approximately twenty-one minutes regarding personnel issues per RCW 42.30.110(I).

Executive session held at 10:53 a.m. for approximately one hour, eight minutes regarding contract negotiations per RCW 42.30.140(4).

Board adjourned at 11:58 a.m. until their next scheduled meeting at 9:00 a.m., February 3, 2020.



Vivian Bly, Clerk of the Board



Jim Jeffords, Chairman

February 3, 2020