

AICAB MEETING MINUTES
July 12, 2018 @ Johnson Farm Archival/Stephenson Building

Members Present:

Joe Howells, Dave Albertson, Dave Jacobsen, Pat Owen, Elizabeth Emerick, Larry Nelson, & Wade Winkler; Absent: Lauren Kirby, Buzz Thome

Call to Order and Verification of Quorum:

The regular session was called to order by Chair Joe at approximately 6:30pm and a quorum was declared. The pledge of Allegiance was observed.

Introduction of Guests:

Mark Lindquist: Pierce County Prosecuting Attorney

James Lynch: Pierce County Prosecutor's Office Communication and PR Consultant

Sherriff Pastor: Pierce County Sherriff

Joe Brown: Pierce County Sherriff's Department Sargent

Lauren Behm: Pierce County Ferry and Airport Administrator

Nick Lacsina: Pierce County Ferry and Airport Management Analyst

LJ Rohrer: Pierce County Council Chair's (Doug Richardson) assistant

Adoption of Agenda:

It was moved, seconded, and unanimously agreed to approve the agenda as written.

Adoption of Minutes:

It was moved, seconded, and unanimously agreed to approve the April minutes as written.

Treasurers report

Dave Jacobsen – don't have formal report, still don't have access to checking account. Will be asking for approval on that in a minute. There is a correction from last meeting on money owing, we don't owe for the website, this was actually paid up for three years. We actually have a balance and are also caught up on our rent. The only expense right now is the \$4 per month for the checking account. Not overdrawn and by next meeting I'll have all our folks up to date.

Wants to ask board to approval a resolution of expediency. We did this in April but we didn't do it completely. As the treasurer needs access to checking account and we have decided that the Chair and the Vice Chair should also have access. Had presented a resolution of expediency in April but we forgot to take the previous treasurer off the signature list and the bank needs the resolution to do that. Before you is a revised resolution of expediency that provides the treasurer, Chair, and Vice Chair with signature authority through 2018 and removes the previous treasurers access to the account. Ask that we do this by unanimous consent and then I can take it to the bank.

It was moved, seconded, and unanimously agreed to approve the resolution of expediency.

Guest Speakers Reports:

Mark Lindquist: Are using data driven prosecution in conjunction with the sheriffs office to keep repeat offenders off the streets. The three strikes law only applies to really bad criminals, not nonviolent crimes like burglaries.

Ann – crime is down how much?

ML: 16%

Amy – how long have you been doing the data driven?

ML: 2 years, we studied programs from back east to see what worked best. We are working to be innovative and confident that it is objective and constitutional.

Guest – how do you determine your effectiveness of your office? Are we helping to drive the crime rate?

ML: We measure success by how well we are serving our public. The best way to measure this is by attending local events. We also have focused resources on cases and are down to 600 from 1400. We track of every trial, and only 5% of cases go to trial, but we keep track to make sure things are being handled correctly.

Aysin – People in the community are uncomfortable with the crime rate here and don't feel like they are being taken seriously. There is also a feeling that things are not being handled correctly.

ML: We want to hold people accountable, this is why we are here so you now have a face with the prosecutor's office and know who to get ahold of.

Charlene – has watched the community change. I was illegally logged creating problems throughout the property and has spent a lot of time having to deal with this and other issues. I brought evidence with since I didn't get to go to court.

ML: Leave the information with Jerry and he will get back to you. James Lynch who is here tonight is also our contact person and would love to speak with you about this.

Sherriff Pastor: Here tonight to listen, but let me tell you a little bit about us: we are the second largest jurisdiction with 329 personnel. We have special units and special programs. We run the Pierce County Jail that has 1158 inmates as of this morning. One of the problems we have in the jail is the state under spends on mental health and there are too many people with mental health issues. This creates more risks for personnel and the mentally ill. Here with me tonight are Captain Jerry Lawrence, and Sargent Joe Brown. Jerry is in charge of investigations for the department and has been with us for 36 years. Joe is heading up a new community liaison deputy program. We have asked the County Council to hire more people so that we can link more closely with communities. Safety is a community problem that takes involvement from all parties. We need 54 more people, but that is a slow process, so what can we do right now? Officers are actually required to be responsive on their way to and from work, and are legally allowed to receive overtime pay for this, however, they almost never request it. So we need to look to do more and find ways to do more with your help.

You had a burglary at the fire department and some important items were taken. This is not just a hit against the fire department; it is a hit against the entire community. We have recovered one generator and are working to recover more. We also have video, but unfortunately it is not up to

par for use in court. However we are still working to refine the video to see if we can use it and are still working to find more of the stolen property. I am sorry it is not solved yet, it is something that we need to work on together.

Joe Brown – started the community liaison deputy program back in January. Me plus 5 others are coordinating the program and trying to take on the stuff that other staff don't have the time to handle at the time of the crimes. Have been dealing with homeless camps a lot in town. It is important to note that community involvement and stats are what is used to determine where the problems are so everyone should always call when there are issues as this will help them track the problems and try to help alleviate them. We are also working to get more resources to help solve problems.

Sherriff Pastor – This program is not for cum-ba-ya, the idea is to create a flow of information and a cooperative organizational kind of form to help alleviate issues. How do I measure my effectiveness? We are efficient as hell, but we are not effective. Council doesn't have piles of money so we are asking them for incremental increases. We need your help in doing all we can. If you take the trouble to call in, then they can see where the problems are growing.

Maragret – what number do we call to report?

Sherriff: Call 911 or the nonemergency number, this will put it in a central data base. Let's keep track of the crime rate.

Chief – have never responded to a bodily harm incident in the 17 years that he has been here.

Ann – is the meth problem continuing to be as big of a problem as it used to be?

Sherriff: the amount of meth labs is significantly reduced. We were the #2 county on the west coast for meth labs and we now have very few. This was accomplished with community involvement and education. Opioids are the new epidemic with overdoses becoming common.

Guest – understand that you all were playing around with software that helps to predict locations and types of crimes?

Sherriff: there is technology we can use that you may feel is invasive. In America we are less comfortable with cameras, but they can help us to be more effective.

Nannette – are you helping to educate the community on how to better protect their property, and help their neighbors?

Sherriff: as much as you might not like it you know you have to lock up your stuff, and relock up your stuff. We all need to.

Amy – what is Pierce County policy on using cameras for safety purposes?

Sherriff: Started with traffic cameras, but they are no longer in use due to privacy concerns. We rely a lot on private surveillance.

Fire Commisioner – is this a normal stretch of time to deal with thefts?

Sherriff: it is unfortunately to normal. Unfortunately we had a rough start to the year and had to deprioritize property crimes to deal with more violent crimes.

However, the fire department burglary is a fairly high priority property crime.

Amy – I assume these people know they are being watched?

Gary – some of the people have actually moved off the island due to the pressure. See something, say something.

Fire Commissioner – have we ever had random patrols?

Sherriff: yes we have in the past, but we don't currently have the resources.

Sherriff – I have been told I have one minute left. So we will have our community liaison deputies available to you. I encourage you to call things in. We will not be able to solve every problem, I am sorry but we just won't, however we are willing and anxious to work with you to help. This is a great place, let's make it even better.

Joe – Thank you Sherriff for a great presentation, and Sargent for your time. Alright we are going to go ahead and move into our next portion of the agenda. Please hold your questions until Lauren I done with her report and then we will go back to questions.

Report on Pierce County Ferry Committee Meeting on 6/21

Lauren: here to share information and to listen. Glad to see so many people here tonight.

Construction on the 2nd slip will be starting soon. Because of the fish window we have to do the construction in the summer. Wing walls and dolphins are being worked on and the walkway to the 2nd slip will be extended 70 feet to allow for easier access to the ferry in case of car ramp failure at the main slip. During construction the second boat cannot be docked there except on weekends. This affects the turnaround time which will now be 4 hours since the 2nd boat will now be docked in Olympia.

The Christine Anderson will be in drydock in September and we are working on contingency plans to have a walk-on back-up ferry in case of issues.

We are also not planning a fare increase for 2019. However we will likely be looking at a fare increase in 2020, we will know more at the beginning of 2019 on that.

Loading lanes camera in Steilacoom is terrible and they are working on getting that replaced. We will also angle it better to be able to see further up the lanes. We will also continue to evaluate on how to get a better image. Once the Steilacoom side is taken care of we will look at the Anderson side as well.

Larry: What is the timeline for the ferry lanes camera

Lauren: we are hoping to have it within the month.

Guest: The Anderson Island camera isn't working.

Lauren: will contact the IT department about that.

New Schedule Possibilities: We want to look at pushing the 7:40pm run to 7:55. When this run was added back in in 2016 it eliminated the training time for the afternoon crew. We would look to eliminate the 8:40pm swapping it for a 10pm that would be 7 days a week. This would also allow for additional maintenance time. Another option is to do the 7:55pm run moving the 8:40 to 8:55pm and continue to eliminate the 7:55 every first and third Tuesday of the month to allow for the necessary training time.

Amy: what about families and after school activities?

Aysin: Could it be 9:30? Could be beneficial for adults too.

Belua: is there more requirements for training?

Lauren: there are a lot of requirements from the coast guard. We have also lost 6 crew members this year to the state. However, training hour is really more focused on the coast guard requirements

Mike: I'd like you to talk about the number of late runs due to overloads and cars left behind by day and run. And also if there is way to mitigate those problems. Can you talk about those?

Kathleen: Before you go onto a new subject could I ask a question?

Lauren: I'm actually going to speak about levels of service and cars left behind so is it ok if we come back to that? I wrote your question down.

Mike: tonight? yes

Kathleen: Since the training is an issue, are you telling us that HMS would rather train personnel and lose them to the state rather than pay them well? Can we look at how being able to keep crew members might reduce the need for training?

Larry: The coast guard training is about repetitive training to keep the crew fresh and up to date so if there ever were an emergency they wouldn't have to try to rely on something they learned when they were hired and had no other practice doing.

Joe: Lauren, is that all you had on that topic? What is next?

Lauren: have some ridership numbers I was going to share.

Mike: instead of talking about ridership numbers can you talk about cars left behind?

Lauren: I don't have all of that data with me tonight.

Mike: you don't keep track of all that information?

Lauren: we do, I just don't have all of it with me tonight.

Joe: let's let Lauren finish and then we can take questions, thank you.

Lauren: like I said, last year we added the 8:40pm run back in in May. On a monthly average basis we have had 1000 riders on that run which is a 5% increase in ridership.

Mike: Ma'am, that doesn't speak to my questions. Maybe if you don't have the data we could wait until next time to discuss? I think it is really important that we deal with those issues as there are a lot of people being left behind.

Lauren: We aren't able to connect to wifi right now so I don't have access to those numbers. However what we were looking at early today I believe it was showing that there was about 10% of the runs had cars left behind for the summer months of 2017.

Mike: Oh well it has changed.

Lauren: For 2018? Well I believe we are showing about a 5% ridership increase through June so far this year. We can take a look at the cars left behind. We do publish those on the website as well.

Mike: And the late starts due to overloads? Does it show cars left behind by run? I'm curious to know how you can plan an efficient schedule if you don't know how many cars are being left behind per run?

Joe: let's get back on track – trying to find out what option is more favorable for the schedule. I would like to keep on this point, so let's stay right there for now.

Lauren: sure, I would like to say we have been looking at how to better track cars left behind and our level of service. We do need to devote more time to this. Waterborne transportation study has recommendations. We are looking at the data and are considering another WTS to better estimate current transportation.

Guest: Could we poll people to get a better representation from parents regarding the schedule?

Lauren: Great suggestion.

Dale: What about polling on the ferry?

Guest: Would like to show support for this idea to poll more people.

Belua: what is the frame work for making a decision?

Lauren – thinks doing a survey would be good and really important. Agree that we should take a multi prong approach to get feedback. I will try to gather as much data points as possible. The board is here to help make recommendations for what the community wants.

Rick: any lessons learned from the traffic and overloads from the 4th? Do you have the flexibility to do 2 boat runs to accommodate these issues that arise for holidays like this?

Lauren: that is a great question. I actually have a slide regarding the 4th of July, is ok if we address this when we get to it?

Charlene: do you have any data from any folks that are turning over on the ferry?

Lauren: I think you are probably right they have a really great benefits package because they are working for the state at that point. I don't have that data, I don't imagine HMS has that data but Steve did mention that the whole industry is becoming more competitive.

Guest: Would a majority vote from the community make the change happen?

Lauren: I try not to bring proposals that are not feasible for the crew to manage, but if there was a majority that wanted a specific schedule we would do what we could to meet that.

Amy: when does HMS contract expire? When would this schedule be implemented?

Lauren: 2021; We would also probably not make the schedule change until beginning of next year.

Nannette: you aren't looking at changing the morning schedule correct?

Lauren: we know that there has been some frustration with the gap between 12-2:20, but we are only looking at the evening portion of the schedule right now to deal with the training issue.

Guest: Is there a reason training can't happen at the end of the day?

Lauren: there are a lot of things that are already being handled at the end of the day?

Amy: Does our ferry allow for our crew to stay on board? No? Is that why we can't leave one boat on the island side?

Lauren: yes

Ann – WTS also recommended fare changes? Are we looking at implementing any of those changes to help manage the traffic?

Lauren: there has been a little bit of a work load issue that has created some of the delay but we are still looking at these.

Ann: Lots of growth in cars and not passengers which is the concern.

Belua: noticed heavy train traffic causing a lot of delays. Are we looking at that issue?

Lauren: good point, I do think the other point is that we don't allow enough time between runs

Joe: How are we doing on time? Do you have more to get through?

Lauren: I think we are doing ok but I want to make sure we get to the 4th of July. We can go through these really quickly and try to get back to questions, is that ok? Ok, cost of adding 10pm run \$92,000 annually (moving the 8:40 run to 10pm). Cost for two boat service is \$22,500, but it is generating 94,000, so that service is paying for itself.

Lauren: 4th of July – 2018 had ~200 more riders per day. Need to adjust two boat service based on when the holiday falls in the week. How do we drive the recreators to runs that aren't really used by commuters?

Ann: riders are people right? Can cars be separated out?

Guest: what about preferred loading for fulltime residents?

Lauren: have thought about it in terms of a reservation system but haven't spent much time with the specifics of how that might work.

Joe: it is 8:35, is there a priority to the items discussed tonight that we can work on and maybe have a special meeting to further address these?

Lauren: yes, we will work on designing a survey to get more input from the community. We can also discuss if a special meeting might be required. Where, are we on meeting our level of service and what are our ideas for helping on that? Also we are working on the monthly pass.

Joe: what about the preferred schedule and the survey?

Jim: any reason the restrooms were locked on the 4th at the dock at 7pm? Is there a reason why the boat gets loaded differently every time?

Lauren: I wasn't aware of that, I think HMS is the one that has the keys for that? Sure, so I'm not the loading expert, but I do know that what they are trying to do is load to distribute the weight evenly.

Joe: That might be a good question for HMS

Mike: I would like to ask that when you do come back you bring information on number of cars left behind per run per day. Could you also give us a breakdown on ticket sale types per month?

Lauren: Sure, also just so you know this information is also published on our website.

Chuck: can the county look at acquiring parking in town?

Guest: Ask people to prioritize in survey points that are most important. Also data by run may be more helpful to the community.

Margaret: Is it correct that the Ketron runs are by reservation only?

Lauren: The Ketron runs are built into the schedule, but they only make those stops if a reservation has been made.

Margaret: So if a Ketron reservation is made and they say they have 15 cars, I experienced this one day, and they take priority, is there a way to use the notification

system to let Anderson residents know? I watched an entire lane that would normally be on the ferry left behind that day and there was no warning that allowed people to maybe work around it?

Lauren: We have actually talked about that before and I think yes that is something that we look into that would be beneficial

Old Business:

Recommendation of Small Car Fare

Dave: concern is the logistics of it. The state has laser measuring, and they also issues stickers on the windshield. We are not nearly as sophisticated and generally only about 4% of the vehicles would be qualified.

Joe: the small car fare is just not feasible at this time.

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Joe: technically the county approves what we do; do we want to make a legislative change? Bylaws change? Dave would you look into that?

Website Update

Joe: Buzz is the one handling that and he is not here tonight.

Ferry Overloads and Line Management

Steilacoom Side: Wade: town administrator is open to looking at options for management, but wants everything written down to review.

Amy: Can there be input from the community for the Steilacoom recommendations?

Wade: Yes

A.I. Side: Dave: VIP cannot enforce, crew cannot enforce, so we probably would need an off duty officer. VIP is now coordinating with Riv for off duty cop coverage.

Joe: Any motions?

Guest: Any updates about road closure

Joe: will check into it and post an update on Facebook

New Business:

Letter from Councilman Doug Richardson on decisions by Department of Ecology

LJ: here tonight on behalf of Doug. SMP is in the new business – update is the state has given conditional approval with some additional requirements. Doug is not happy with this and has requested additional information as to why transporting to the other dump site is so cost prohibitive. I can share this info email form. The council will create an ordinance that will go to the community development committee and we want you all to come and be part of the hearing process. I know this has been a long hard battle that is important to the council, Doug, and your community a

Adjournment:

Meeting adjourned at 9:01pm

Next meeting will be Oct. 2nd