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**RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS**

**OKANOGAN COUNTY**

**APRIL 26, 2022**

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**9:00 AM Commissioners' Staff Meeting**  
**10:00 AM Update Long Term Recover Group – Carlene Anders**  
**11:00 AM Public Hearing Speed Limit Changes Multiple Roads -All Cmr Districts-PW**  
**To Follow Update Public Works-Engineer Josh Thomson**  
**1:30 PM Commissioners to set Wednesday's Agenda**  
**1:35 PM Public Comment Period**  
**To Follow Commissioners to set Wednesday's Agenda**  
**To Follow Approve Commissioner Proceedings- April 18-19th**  
**To Follow Approve Consent Agenda**

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The Okanogan County Board of Commissioners met for a Public Hearing at 123 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue North, Okanogan, Washington on April 26, 2022 with Chairman, Commissioner Andy Hover; Vice-Chairman, Commissioner Chris Branch; Member, Commissioner Jim DeTro; and the Clerk of the Board, Laleña Johns, present.

AV Capture provided audio and video of the meeting held today, while ZOOM provided best audio and video accessibility and public interaction.

The meeting started by reciting the pledge of allegiance.

**Commissioners' Staff Meeting**

Fairgrounds Manager Naomie Peasley, Emergency Management Maurice Goodall, Planning Director Pete Palmer

The Clerk of the Board provided an update of the Courthouse Exterior Renovations project stating the required plan holders meeting last week with one contractor, Pioneer Waterproofing Company, who intends to submit a bid by May 3.

Ms. Peasley provided her fairgrounds update and followed up on several items the board previously requested. About 100 camping applications have been submitted for this year's fair. Media announcement will be made next week.

Commissioner Hover said the RFP advertisement for the Livestock Sale Services does need to be published and it was suggested FAC review results to provide their recommendation to the BOCC.

Ms. Peasley said there are issues with the Fairgrounds security equipment making it difficult for staff and renters to access the Agriplex.

Ms. Peasley provided a drawing of the proposed grandstands pad showing a 4-inch gravel base where the old grandstand footprint is and where the new grandstands will be placed. The gravel will extend to the restrooms. Contractors will be asked to attend a mandatory site visit for the project. The ADA access near current grandstands still exists but will be upgraded at some point. A pedestrian rail is included in the Public Safety grant to meet OSHA guidelines of the grant. The costs of the new grandstands are not included in the grant. The project is going to cost more than the \$45,000 that is budgeted. Informal quotes have not been requested but Commissioners would like to see them once

53 received. Commissioner Hover asked about the three aluminum grandstands at \$33,000 each. Ms.  
54 Peasley said those are on hold.

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56 Ms. Peasley said orders for the RV pedestal project are 40 weeks out. Some underground irrigation  
57 pipes were damaged and caused some flooding on the track.

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59 Director Palmer provided her staff documents which included the selection process for the Shorelines  
60 Management Program Periodic Review and Update. Highland Associates was recommended based  
61 on the scoring matrix completed by her and her staff.

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63 Director Palmer said last night's Planning Commission meeting was good and many appreciated  
64 Commissioner Branch's report and discussion on the short courses available.

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66 **Motion Highlands Associates Periodic Review Contract Negotiations.**  
67 Commissioner DeTro moved for Planning to move forward with contract negotiations with Highlands  
68 Associates for the Shoreline Management Program Periodic Review and Update as recommended  
69 by the Planning staff. Commissioner Branch abstained from the vote. Motion was seconded,  
70 Commissioner DeTro and Commissioner Hover voting yeah, Motion carried.

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72 Commissioner Branch discussed the importance of the Planning Commission attending a short  
73 course in Planning for agencies partially planning under GMA together with the BOCC as a joint  
74 endeavor. He suggested the end of May before review of the zoning code.

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76 Methow Valley News contacted Commissioner Hover and Public Health regarding an interview about  
77 the County's CARES ACT finding that he will attend later.

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79 Commissioners discussed the Fair Fund 112 as an enterprise fund and reasons the Fair was required  
80 to pay rent for the fair. The rule doesn't allow one fund to benefit another without showing something  
81 for it. Commissioners discussed moving the Fair under the Fairgrounds current expense fund to avoid  
82 charging the rental fees to the Fair. Taking away the rental fee would allow the Fair to be better. The  
83 fairgrounds is making money which allows more money to go towards upgrades. Commissioners feel  
84 it would boost the FAC moral and would enable a better fair. Our track is exceptional now that the  
85 new rails and surface are complete. Maintaining it is important. Commissioner Branch discussed that  
86 people using the track should have paid passes with them. Track usage then should be monitored to  
87 ensure people using the track have paid their pass fee. Commissioner Hover suggested the  
88 commissioners do an accountability audit of the documentation of who has passes without appearing  
89 like they are policing people. Commissioner Branch suggested executive session to discuss further  
90 under RCW 42.30.110 (1)(g).

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92 **Update Long Term Recovery Group (LTRG) – Carlene Anders**  
93 Maurice Goodall and Lori Caswell with Emergency Management, LTRG members Carlene Anders,  
94 Jessica Farmer, Aimee Bandworth, and Gary Hanson

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96 Ms. Anders introduced the members of the group attending the meeting today. She provided power  
97 point slides of her presentation regarding the Okanogan County Long Term Recovery Group work  
98 and community services, which Commissioner Branch operated via zoom and she relayed.

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100 Commissioner Hover commended the recovery group on the excellent job and effort throughout the  
101 years. There are still items the county needs to figure out to streamline donations and animal care  
102 the county can help with.

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104 The group is looking at options for the next couple years and would love to be part of the voice and  
105 pieces that help coordinate resiliency in the county. County Emergency Management has been very  
106 helpful and responsive. Ms. Anders thanked the commissioners for their continued support, use of  
107 the fairgrounds and landfill. LTRG is a model for other counties and groups involved in disaster  
108 recovery really look up to the group.

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110 The commissioners thanked the group and appreciated all the work the group has put into the many  
111 communities.

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113 **Public Hearing Speed Limit Changes Multiple Roads -All Cmr Districts-Public Works**

114 Engineer Josh Thomson, Jo Ann Stansbury, Ruth Walker, Emily Sisson, Findthe right Passion,  
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116 Commissioner Hover opened up the hearing asking for staff report. Ms. Stansbury provided her staff  
117 report and read through the history and timeline for the speed limit changes on multiple roads.  
118 (attached)

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120 An email comment was received from Robert Prichard (attached) and another from Yvonne Dodge  
121 272D Lost River Rd , Mazama (attached)

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123 Ms. Stansbury said some of the roads listed on the staff report were listed on the public notice but  
124 were not included in the resolution that directed the engineer to report, the roads are currently  
125 listed in the ordinance to be adopted and will make the currently posted speed limit official.

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127 Engineer Thomson reported on the consideration of the speed limit changes. Up until this point the  
128 county would deal with a couple roads at a time and this current process is a more systematic way to  
129 address public safety. He explained what the point system calculation is based on such as roads with  
130 farm and commercial approaches. There are now more guidelines now moving forward.

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132 Public safety money is used for those roads to post new speed limit signs. All roads listed on  
133 Attachment A were posted 50 mph and will now be posted according to the ordinance.

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135 Commissioner Hover closed the hearing to staff and opened up to the public.

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137 Ruth Hall, Chiliwist area, asked if Old 97 between Malott and Brewster was recommended to change  
138 via this ordinance. No, Engineer Thomson stated. Ms. Hall was hoping the segment of Old 97 going  
139 through Malott would remain at 35 mph. She asked if it was possible to post a lower speed limit for  
140 night time due to most deer caused accidents happening at night. She saw that Montana has a  
141 reduced speed limit at nighttime.

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143 **Motion Ordinance 2022-5 Speed Limit Changes Multiple Roads**  
144 Commissioner Branch moved to approve ordinance 2022-5 reducing the speed limits on multiple  
145 county roads as listed in the ordinance attachments. Motion was seconded, all were in favor, motion  
146 carried.

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148 Commissioner Hover asked about possibly placing deer signs on county roads. Engineer Thomson  
149 replied that signage had been previously explored but it was recommended that a countywide study  
150 be done to provide back up documentation where signs are placed. A sign would be placed in every  
151 deer area identified in the study. The state has switched to high kill zones, but they have done the  
152 studies. Engineer Thomson isn't sure who would collect the kill data on our roads and it would difficult  
153 to collect. Commissioner Hover thought the Mule Deer Foundation could help collect data.

154 Commissioner Branch explained some of the current foundation projects and the work being done to  
155 create the highway crossings.

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157 **Update Public Works-Engineer Josh Thomson**

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159 *Maintenance and Road Conditions*-Work progressing as planned.

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161 *Areas 3&5 shops*-We have one approved septic design for the shop and Engineer is working on the  
162 other one with the building plans to be submitted today to the building department.

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164 *Bridge B-4 Replacement*-solutions still being worked out for the issues previously discussed, but  
165 moving ahead with pavement on Thursday.

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167 *Talks Foster Bridge*-Yakama Nation still working on processes. The ideas to add rip rap for the  
168 erosion issue was disallowed as that part would need to go through a separate permitting process.  
169 There is enough erosion for the engineer to think the riprap should be done but it would have to be a  
170 fully permitted project in order to use any other funding.

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172 The 2023 Gravel Crush project was discussed and the authorization to go to bid will be considered  
173 next week. Public Works is also putting a fuel escalation clause in the bid.

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175 *State funded Salmon Creek Road drainage project at MP 3.0*. Engineer Thomson isn't confident this  
176 will be accomplished this year. CRAB is not willing to increase funding, which makes it tough.  
177 Approval to go to bid will be presented next week as well.

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179 *WATV Routes Request*-A meeting was set up for May 2 at 9:00 a.m. to discuss.

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181 Commissioner DeTro mentioned a complaint he received about debris blowing around at the landfill.  
182 Engineer Thomson said the material used to cover is placed at the end of the day. Staff does spend  
183 a lot of time trying to keep the debris from flying around during the day.

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185 Engineer Thomson stated someone called to look for county support to extend sewer in the West  
186 Lake area two miles from Oroville as they wanted to build a hotel. They were going to discuss their  
187 request with the City of Oroville. Commissioner Branch explained some situations when the CDC  
188 helped people near the reservoir, it would need to be a big project if they were involved.

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190 Recessed until 1:30 p.m.

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192 **Public Comment Period**

193 No public comment was provided.

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195 **Motion - Voucher Approval - Commissioners**

196 Vouchers certified and audited by the Auditing Officer as required by RCW 42.24.080 and those  
197 expense reimbursement claims certified as required by RCW 42.24.090 have been recorded on a  
198 list, and made available to the Board. As of this date, the Board did vote, by unanimous vote, to  
199 approve the regular vouchers in the amount of \$915,366.97. Warrant numbers as cited on the  
200 attached blanket voucher list. Motion seconded and carried.

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205 **Motion Public Health Voucher**  
206 Commissioner DeTro moved to approve the Public Health Vouchers including regular vouchers in  
207 the amount of \$311,075.44. Warrant numbers as cited on the attached blanket voucher list. Motion  
208 was seconded, all were in favor, motion carried.

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210 **Motion Letter Washington State Liquor and Cannabis Board-Leroy Farm LLC**  
211 Commissioner DeTro moved to authorize the letter to Washington State Liquor and Cannabis  
212 Board approving marijuana operations of Leroy Farm, LLC. Motion was seconded, all were in  
213 favor, motion carried.

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215 **Motion Letter Washington State Liquor and Cannabis Board-Pure Extracts LLC**  
216 Commissioner DeTro moved to authorize the letter to Washington State Liquor and Cannabis  
217 Board approving the marijuana operations of Pure Extracts LLC. Motion was seconded, all were  
218 in favor, motion carried.

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220 **Approve Commissioners' Proceedings- April 18-19, 2022**  
221 Commissioner DeTro moved to approve the commissioners' proceedings of April 18 and April 19,  
222 2022. Motion was seconded, all were in favor, motion carried.

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224 **Commissioners to set Wednesday's Agenda**  
225 No meeting was needed on Wednesday.

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227 **Approve Consent Agenda**  
228 Commissioner DeTro moved to approve the consent agenda items 1-4, as presented. Motion was  
229 seconded, all were in favor, motion carried.

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231 **1. Ratify Fire District #1 Letter to Dept. of Enterprise Services for Brush Truck Surplus Application**  
232 **2. Resolution 57-2022 PUD Privilege Tax Distribution**  
233 **3. Resolution 58-2022 Authorizing Reclassification to TF Operational Support Specialist**  
234 **4. Resolution 59-2022 Authorization for Temporary Staff Support-Treasurer's Office**

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236 The board adjourned at 2:03 p.m.

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