

1 **RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS**

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3 **OKANOGAN COUNTY**

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5 **APRIL 3,2023**
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8 **9:00 AM Review Commissioners Agenda and Consent Agenda**
9 **9:15 AM Public Comment Period**
10 **9:30 AM Commissioners' Staff Meeting**
11 **10:30 AM Briefing Among Commissioners**
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13 The Okanogan County Board of Commissioners met for a regular meeting at 123 5th Avenue
14 North, Okanogan, Washington on March, 2023 with; Member, Commissioner Jon Neal; and the
15 Deputy Clerk of the Board, Crystal Hawley, present.
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18 Chairman, Commissioner Chris Branch attended via zoom.

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20 Vice-Chairman, Commissioner Andy Hover, was absent.

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22 AV Capture and Zoom provided audio and video accessibility for public interaction.
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24 **Review Commissioners Agenda and Consent Agenda**

25 The commissioners reviewed their agenda and consent agenda.
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27 Community Action is looking into more affordable housing. Commissioner Branch met with them
28 last week to look at the county's property on highland drive. The buildings look pretty solid and
29 could possibly remodel for low-income housing. The original purpose for the property was for
30 putting 911 dispatch there or adding more parking. Commissioner Branch thinks that the
31 commissioners should revisit the property. Rena from Community Action would be interested in
32 the property if the county wanted to surplus it.
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34 Commissioner Branch would like to invite Team Okanogan Animal Rescue to do a presentation
35 for the commissioners.
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37 **Public Comment Period**

38 A member from the public, Emily Sisson was present.
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40 There was no public comment
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42 Commissioner Neal was listening to the radio and Shelley Short said there was a potential to
43 withdrawal the funding for the Omak bridge. The bridge project would remove existing sidewalks
44 and railings from bridge, add structural support members and constructs driving lane/shoulder in
45 place of sidewalks. As well as, add separated bike/pedestrian structure.
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47 **Commissioners' Staff Meeting**

48 Emergency Management, Maurice Goodall, Fairgrounds Manager, Naomie Peasley, Planning
49 Director, Pete Palmer.
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52 Emergency Management

53 Emergency Manager, Maurice Goodall, asked if Commissioner Neal could sign his travel voucher
54 for his training.

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56 Mr. Goodall explained that the month of April is going to be colder than normal.

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58 Fairgrounds

59 Fairgrounds Manager, Naomie Peasley, explained that the FAC meeting is on Thursday. Ms.
60 Peasley explained that the bathroom is not done yet and the RV park is now open.

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62 She reached out to HR and is working towards a third maintenance guy.

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64 Planning Department

65 Planning Director, Pete Palmer, wanted to see if the commissioners had time for executive
66 session under potential litigation. Commissioner Neal said Ms. Palmer could come tomorrow after
67 HR Director/Risk Manager, Shelley Keitzman, meets with the commissioners at 2:00.

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69 Ms. Palmer wanted to give the commissioners a heads up that George Thornton on the planning
70 commission is moving forward to be the chairman. If so, he needs to get a letter of interest to
71 Lanie.

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73 With Commissioner Branch being out this Wednesday, the commissioners would like to change
74 the discussion regarding the Zone Code Revisions to April 12th at 1:00. Ms. Palmer said that
75 would work for her.

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77 **Briefing Among Commissioners**

78 The commissioners briefed among themselves.

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80 **HR Department-Shelley Keitzman**

81 HR Risk Manager, Shelley Keitzman, is hoping to get clarification on to the JVA double-time MOU.
82 The commissioners signed on March 21st and the union signed March 23rd. To made it easier on
83 the HR department, she was requesting that it starts on March 21st. The commissioners agreed
84 with Ms. Keitzman.

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86 The board adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

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