

1 **RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS**

2 **OKANOGAN COUNTY**

3 **AUGUST 1, 2022**

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8 **9:00 AM Review Agenda and Consent Agenda**
9 **9:15 AM Public Comment Period**
10 **9:30 AM Commissioners Staff Meeting**
11 **10:30 AM Executive Session RCW 42.30.110 (1)(i) Esther Milner**
12 **1:30 PM Discussion Fair Ideas-Fair Advisory Committee-Commissioner Branch**

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14 The Okanogan County Board of Commissioners met for a Public Hearing at 123 5th Avenue North,
15 Okanogan, Washington on August 1, 2022 with Chairman, Commissioner Andy Hover; Vice-
16 Chairman, Commissioner Chris Branch; Member, Commissioner Jim DeTro; and the Deputy
17 Clerk of the Board, Crystal Hawley, present.

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19 AV Capture and Zoom provided audio and video accessibility for public interaction.

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21 The pledge of allegiance was recited.

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23 **Review Agenda and Consent Agenda**

24 The commissioners reviewed their agenda and consent agenda.

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26 Commissioner Branch expressed his concerns about a gentleman that called last week using
27 profanities towards the commissioner. The gentleman was upset about the homeless in the
28 Okanogan Legion Park, because he was unable to bring his ten-year-old daughter to the park.
29 The gentleman also threatened to bring tons of people to tomorrow's meeting when the
30 commissioners are supposed to meet with Beaman. Commissioner Branch thought he would let
31 the other commissioners know, so they are aware of the situation.

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33 **Public Comment Period**

34 There was no public comment period.

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36 **Commissioners Staff Meeting**

37 Planning Director, Pete Palmer, Clerk of the Board, Lanie Johns, Fairgrounds Supervisor, Naomie
38 Peasley, Emergency Management, Maurice Goodall were present for staff.

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40 Planning Department

41 Planning Director, Pete Palmer provided her department update to the commissioners. Ms.
42 Palmer has been working through the Planning Department's fee schedule that was adopted this
43 last year and clarifying a few items. She will provide an updated version to the commissioners
44 once it is complete. The Health Department provided a report of the applications they received
45 for permits for onsite systems compared to whether or not they had site analysis associated with
46 them. They had 11 applications for permits that came in July, 5 of them did not have a site
47 analysis done on them.

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49 Emergency Management

50 Emergency Management, Maurice Goodall, provided his update to the commissioners. Mr.
51 Goodall explained that he will be putting a firepit burn band on soon. He is meeting with DNR this

52 evening and will have a date on when the burn band is happening after the meeting. Mr. Goodall
53 also wanted to bring to the commissioners' attention that he feels like it was unfair that his staff
54 doesn't get more of the Employee Retention Bonus as a result of Resolution 110-2022. His staff
55 worked during COVID by bringing the jail supplies and helping at the fairgrounds with COVID
56 vaccinations. The commissioners asked Mr. Goodall to provide proof that his staff worked
57 adequate hours being subjected to COVID.

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59 Fairgrounds

60 Fairgrounds Supervisor, Naomie Peasley, provided her update to the commissioners. The
61 fairground's tractor wheel bearing is bad, so Ms. Peasley is renting a tractor this week. There is
62 a lot to accomplish before fair and the fairgrounds cannot go without a tractor. The bleachers have
63 arrived and will be completely up by this weekend. But unfortunately, bleachers she ordered were
64 elevated and the ones delivered were not. Ms. Peasley called the company and asked for a full
65 refund on the difference. Ms. Peasley had asked the fair maintenance crew to see if they would
66 put the bleachers up, but it was too much for them to do the work on the fairgrounds and on the
67 bleachers, so she quickly hired someone. Commissioner Hover asked what was the cost to have
68 the bleachers put up? Ms. Peasley said \$4000 to put the bleachers up. She did some trading for
69 advertising to get that cost down.

70 Ms. Peasley wanted to let the commissioners know that the fairgrounds was awarded a \$15,000.
71 grant for fair and entertainment from Washington Event Association.

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73 Commissioners' Office

74 Clerk of the Board, Lanie Johns, provided her update to the commissioners. She met with Rina
75 with Okanogan County Community Action Council last week regarding homeless housing issues.
76 They had a very productive meeting going over different grant programs.

77 Ms. Johns let the commissioners know that the budgets have been submitted to the auditor office.
78 She will also be meeting with Will Keller, tomorrow, regarding the tiny homes project.

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80 **Executive Session RCW 42.30.110 (1)(i) Esther Milner**

81 Commissioner Branch moved to go into Executive Session under RCW 42.30.110 (1)(i) inviting
82 Esther Milner, Jenna R. Mandell-Rice and Tadas Kisielius at 10:35 for until 11:00. Motion was
83 second. All in favor? Motion carried.

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85 Commissioners extended executive session until 11:15

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87 Commissioners extended executive session until 11:25

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89 Commissioners extended executive session until 11:30

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93 Commissioners extended executive session until 11:40

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95 Commissioners ended executive session at 11:40 with no decisions made.

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97 **Discussion Fair Ideas-Fair Advisory Committee-Commissioner Branch**

98 Brock Hires, Emily Sisson, Ms. Jackson, Jr & Chantry Leslie, Kelli Evans, joined via Zoom and
99 Lori Caswell was in person.

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101 Commissioner Branch explained that there was a special meeting last week regarding Avian Flu
102 and how it might affect the fair. The Fair Advisory Committee talked about the pros and cons of

103 not allowing the poultry barn to happen this year and what the risk might be involved. Lori Caswell
104 said that the state veterinarian is recommending that counties suspend all poultry barns, but the
105 last case of Avian Flu in Okanogan County was last May. Kelli Evans explained that they have
106 one family that have pulled out and likely 2 in the end. We also have another family that will do
107 rabbits instead.

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109 **Motion- Poultry Barn**

110 Commissioner Branch moved to allow the fair to continue as planned with the poultry barn, with
111 the conditions that poultry barn's superintendent responds accordingly if the situation gets worse.
112 Motion was second. Motion was seconded, all in favor. Motion carried.

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114 **Motion- Summit Law Group Engagement Letter for the Sheriff Office Arbitration**

115 Commissioner DeTro moved to approve the chairman to sign the Summit Law Group engagement
116 letter for the Sheriff's Office arbitration. Motion was second. Any Discussion? Commissioner
117 Hover explained that Chief Civil Deputy Milner had deputized the Attorneys and Prosecutor Lin
118 was aware of it. Motion was seconded, all in favor, Motion carried.

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120 The board adjourned at 1:50 p.m.

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