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RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS

OKANOGAN COUNTY

AUGUST 14, 2023

9:00 AM Review Commissioners Agenda and Consent Agenda
9:15 AM Public Comment Period
9:30 AM Commissioners' Staff Meeting
10:30 AM Discussion-Pano AI Wildfire Detection System-Thompson Consulting Group-
Kate Babbo
11:30 AM Briefing Among Cmrs-Discuss Individual Weekly Meetings & Schedule

The Okanogan County Board of Commissioners met for a regular meeting at 123 5th Avenue North, Okanogan, Washington on August 14, 2023 with Chairman, Commissioner Chris Branch; Vice-Chairman, Commissioner Andy Hover; Member, Commissioner Jon Neal; and the Deputy Clerk of the Board, Crystal Hawley, present.

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

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

The commissioners discussed the process for the Fairgrounds Contracts.

Review Commissioners Agenda and Consent Agenda

The commissioners reviewed their agenda and consent agenda.

Public Comment Period

Isabelle Spohn and Emily Sisson were present via zoom for public comment.

There were no comments from the public.

Commissioners' Staff Meeting

Emergency Management, Maurice Goodall, Maintenance Department, Joe Poulin, Commissioners' Office, Clerk of the Board Laleña "Lanie" Johns, were present for staff.

Emergency Management

Emergency Manager, Maurice Goodall, updated the commissioners on the fires within Okanogan County, other than that, he had nothing else to report.

Maintenance Department

Joe Poulin, discussed with the commissioners getting started on the remaining Admin Building HVAC Systems. The Virginia Grainger is also needing HVAC System repairs in the near future.

Commissioner Branch requested that Mr. Poulin get additional quotes for the Virginia Grainger Building since the 2021 quotes were old.

50 Mr. Poulin explained that the county has set aside 200k for paving and concrete work for the
51 stair replacement and asked if paving the alley was apart of the quote. The commissioners
52 would like to know if the city owns the alley.

53 Mr. Poulin also said that the jail roof has some leaks and will be needing fixed real soon.

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55 The maintenance department would like to request getting a plow truck and blade for the
56 maintenance. The commissioners asked if Mr. Poulin would provide quotes on what it would
57 cost.

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59 The Clerk of the Board discussed other needed maintenance projects such as jail kitchen
60 upgrades #160 \$250,000 budgeted, jail HVAC engineering #160 \$140,000 budgeted, admin
61 HVAC #160 \$120,000, Hancock building flooring request, Treasurer & Prosecutor offices
62 carpet replacement, courthouse annex flat roof repairs, VG parking lot rehab and courthouse
63 parking lot rehab. The commissioners asked if the TD&H on call engineering firm had geo
64 techs who could do some core drilling on the VG lot to determine the extent of the undermining
65 that appears to contribute to the sink holes.

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67 The Clerk of the Board explained that she has completed the preliminary county budgets and
68 they have been submitted to the auditor on time. She asked for direction on the fair and
69 fairgrounds budgets since she had received those from the auditor's office. The
70 commissioners would like the Clerk of the Board to go ahead with last year's numbers since
71 the budgets are due today and later they will look into it more.

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73 **Motion**

74 Commissioner Neal moved to allow the Clerk of the Board to order and pay for food on her
75 county credit card on August 15, 2023 since the Board is meeting with MJ Neal Architects
76 and working through the lunch hour with no time to get lunch on their own. Motion was
77 seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

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79 The Clerk of the Board requested the commissioners consider a step increase to the
80 commissioners Administrative Secretary position from a step one to a step three. She
81 explained the hourly cost at step one is \$17.45 an hour the step three hourly cost is \$19.24
82 per hour. She hoped to provide the position with a competitive wage to prevent staff
83 movement when other positions open up.

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85 **Discussion-Pano AI Wildfire Detection System-Thompson Consulting Group-Kate
86 Babbo**

87 Kat Williams, Dylan Streeter, Eli Loftis, Kate Babbo, Chief Mike Warden, Emily Sisson, Joe
88 Colter, and Maurice Goodall were present.

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90 Ms. Williams explained she is the Director of Government Development with Pano. Her goal
91 is the keep fires small and keep firefighters safe. Pano is a combination of tech, AL and IOT.

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93 Ms. Williams said that Pano Stations are deployed on high vantage points and continuously
94 scan the landscape using 360-degree, ultra-high-definition cameras and artificial intelligence
95 to spot, evaluate, and signal wildfire activity within a 15-mile radius. Pano enables an informed
96 rapid response to knock down bushfires and maintain safety. It uses deep learning AI and
97 computer vision to automatically detect, verify and classify wildfire events in real time. Pano
98 software enables real-time viewing and triage of wildfire alerts, and built-in communication

99 tools to get information out to the field. Rapid confirmation of potential fires matters just as
100 much as initial detection. When the camera detects a threat from any source, it automatically
101 alerts fire monitoring professionals and provides intelligent, auto-centered images with
102 enhanced zoom, speeding confirmation of the event and triangulation of the exact fire
103 location.

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105 Once a fire is confirmed, Pano helps fire monitoring professionals quickly disseminate
106 information to their extended team in real time. With built-in alerts and mobile notifications,
107 first responders always have up-to-date time-lapse imagery and key information on fire
108 location and movement—empowering them to respond to wildfire events with greater
109 accuracy and control. Multiple agencies can view these cameras and won't interfere with
110 another.

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112 Chief Warden explained that he wouldn't want another system, he would want it to intergraded
113 into the system the county already has.

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115 Ms. Williams replied and said that it is possible to intergrade into another system.

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117 The cost would be \$50,000 per station per year.

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119 The commissioners thanked Ms. Williams and Mr. Colter for coming in and doing their
120 presentation.

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122 **Briefing Among Commissioners-Discuss Individual Weekly Meetings & Schedule**

123 The commissioners discussed their weekly schedules and meetings.

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125 Commissioner Branch asked Commissioner Hover what he thought about moving the office's
126 Administrative Secretary from a step one to the step 3 because he is doing a great job and a
127 quick learner. All the commissioners agreed to have the Clerk of the Board create a resolution
128 for the step increase and provide to the board for approval.

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130 **Motion- Racehorse Barn Construction Contract**
131 Commissioner Neal moved to approve construction of the racehorse barn in the amount of
132 \$34,234.20. Motion was seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

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134 **Motion- Executive Session**
135 Commissioner Hover moved to go into executive session at 11:45 a.m. under RCW
136 42.30.110(1)(i) inviting Albert Lin and Esther Milner for 15 minutes. Motion was seconded. All
137 were in favor. Motion carried.

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139 Executive Session ended at 12:00 with no decisions made.

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141 **Motion- Executive Session**
142 Commissioner Hover moved to go into executive session at 12:00 a.m. under RCW
143 42.30.110(1)(g) for 10 minutes. Motion was seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

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145 Executive Session ended at 12:10 with no decisions made.

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149 **Motion- Executive Session**

150 Commissioner Hover moved to go into executive session at 12:15 a.m. under RCW
151 42.30.110(1)(i) inviting Shelley Keitzman and Esther Milner for 10 minutes. Motion was
152 seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

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154 Executive Session ended at 12:25 with no decisions made.

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156 The board adjourned at 12:30 p.m.