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**RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS**

**OKANOGAN COUNTY**

**AUGUST 21, 2023**

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<b>9:00 AM</b>	<b>Review Commissioners Agenda and Consent Agenda</b>
<b>9:15 AM</b>	<b>Public Comment Period</b>
<b>9:30 AM</b>	<b>Commissioners' Staff Meeting</b>
<b>10:30 AM</b>	<b>Discussion Code Revisions OCC 3.04 &amp; 3.04A-Esther Milner</b>
<del><b>11:30 AM</b></del>	<del><b>Update Fairgrounds-Naomie Peasley-Cancelled</b></del>
<b>11:45 AM</b>	<b>Briefing Among Commissioners-Discuss Individual Weekly Meetings &amp; Schedule</b>

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The Okanogan County Board of Commissioners met for a regular meeting at 123 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue North, Okanogan, Washington on August 21, 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.

**Review Commissioners Agenda and Consent Agenda**

The commissioners review their agenda and consent agenda.

**Public Comment Period**

Emily Sisson, Mike Maltais, Isabelle Spohn, Andi Hochleutner CWHBA and Steve Kelley was present for public comment.

Mr. Kelley expressed his concern that his friend is not getting funds that is send to him in jail.

There were no other comments.

**Motion**

Commissioner Hover moved to sign contract between Okanogan County Fair and Carol Sivak for the Horse Races in the amount of \$20,000. Motion was seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

**Motion**

Commissioner Hover moved to approve special voucher for \$20,000. Motion was seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

**Commissioners' Staff Meeting**

Emergency Management, Maurice Goodall, Planning Department, Pete Palmer, Commissioners' Office, Lanie Johns, were present for staff.

49 Emergency Manager, Maurice Goodall provided the update on the local fires in the area.  
50 A Canadian Fire named Crater Creek is advancing into Okanogan County in the general  
51 area between Snow Shoe Mountain and Hurley Peak. Okanogan County Emergency  
52 Management is monitoring the fire and in contact with DNR, US Forest Service, and the  
53 Loomis Fire Department.

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55 Mr. Goodall explained that the wind is pushing the fire out of the North-Northwest area.  
56 Anyone living in the area of Chopaka Valley, Toats Coulee, and Loomis should be aware  
57 of their surroundings and act early, if needed.

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59 **Motion-Executive Session**  
60 Commissioner Hover moved to go into executive session under RCW42.30.110(1)(i) for  
61 10 minutes at 9:40 inviting Esther Milner. Motion was seconded. All were in favor. Motion  
62 carried.

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64 Planning Director, Pete Palmer, provided her department update.

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66 **Motion-Contract with Kelley Connect**  
67 Commissioner Hover moved to approve and authorize the chairman to sign the new  
68 contract with Kelley Connect. Motion was seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

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70 Ms. Palmer explained that the Water Shed Contract is ending at the end of the year and  
71 wanted to get direction on creating a new contract.

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73 Ms. Palmer explained that somehow the county needs to close the loophole on building  
74 permits for residence and garage structures. There are folks that use their garage as their  
75 residence without having the correct permit. When a disaster hits, their insurance doesn't  
76 cover the structure as a residence.

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78 Isabelle spohn 10:14 AM  
79 When will you get to the annual review of departments' progress on the MHMP (per  
80 Commissioners' resolution?)

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82 Commissioner Branch explained that the Commissioners was working with Emergency  
83 Management.

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85 Isabelle spohn 10:24 AM  
86 I can see that after waiting for months, this MHMP is probably best addressed through  
87 the press.

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89 Ms. Johns wanted to let the Commissioners know that her Deputy Clerk had put in her  
90 two-week notice, her last day will be September 4<sup>th</sup> .

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92 **Discussion Code Revisions OCC 3.04 & 3.04A-Esther Milner**  
93 Ms. Milner explained that she would recommend repealing Chapter 3.04 Real Estate  
94 Excise Tax. Planning department only use RCW and WAC to get their information.

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96 Instead of listing all the provisions, Ms. Milner suggested that 3:04A should be in  
97 accordance to RCW and WAC.

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99 The Commissioners explained that they were good with the changes, but they asked Ms.  
100 Milner to go over it with the Assessor before any changes are made.

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102 **Briefing Among Commissioners-Discuss Individual Weekly Meetings & Schedule**  
103 The Commissioners briefed among themselves, discussing their weekly meetings and  
104 schedules.

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106 The board adjourned at 12:05 p.m.