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**RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS**

**OKANOGAN COUNTY**

**AUGUST 22, 2022**

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**9:00 AM Review Agenda and Consent Agenda**  
**9:15 AM Public Comment Period**  
**9:30 AM Briefing Among Commissioners**  
**11:00 AM Commissioners Staff Meeting**  
**12:00 PM WA. St Asso of Counties Virtual Assembly -Commissioners May Attend**

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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 August 22, 2022 with Chairman, Commissioner Andy Hover; Member, Commissioner Jim DeTro; and the Deputy Clerk of the Board, Crystal Hawley, present.

Vice-Chairman, Commissioner Chris Branch was absent.

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

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

**Review Agenda and Consent Agenda**

The commissioners reviewed their agenda and consent agenda.

**Public Comment Period**

Lona Fritts, Dione Asmassen, Marty Robbins, Chris McCone, Kianne Watson, members from the public were present.

Dione Asmassen, explained that she wanted to come today regarding Mike Egerton. There seems to be a conflict of interest with Mr. Egerton, it doesn't look right that he has his own food vendor booth and him being the fairgrounds vendor superintendent. Mr. Egerton is very controlling with the food vendors. Ms. Asmassen is frustrated that Mr. Egerton is very rude and she believes that he should step down as the fairground vendor superintendent.

Ms. Asmassen also explained that the fairgrounds has money for barns and five years ago commissioner Hover said that if the fair got the people here, the commissioners would build the barns. Ms. Asmassen asked if the fairgrounds could at least get one set of barns? Commissioner Hover explained public comment was for comments not questions, but he was going to reply to Ms. Asmassen. He said that when he talked about getting that style of barns with The Boots and Saddle Club, they were opposed to that. They wanted actual built barns. Commissioner Hover explained that if the fairgrounds and the Boots and Saddle Club can get together and agree on something, he doesn't see the commissioners disagreeing with them.

Marty Robbins was concerned that Mike Egerton was out to get Naomie Peasley over the concession stands on the north end of the fairgrounds. Ms. Robbins said that Ms. Peasley didn't do anything wrong. Mr. Egerton denied Ms. Robbin's daughter's vendor application, because it was a conflict of other vendors. They then cut the Fair Advisory meeting off and

50 wouldn't allow anymore comments. Ms. Peasley did call her daughter, but they are cousins  
51 and she didn't say anything wrong.

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53 Lona Fritz, provided pictures of the fairgrounds horse barn. She was shocked to see that  
54 there were only 45 stalls out of 90 left of horse stalls. They have enlarged the stalls. The were  
55 bolts and screws all over. She believes it is unsafe for the horses. She would like a building  
56 inspector the come down and inspect the west side of the barn to be sure it is safe for  
57 occupancy. She doesn't mind the improvements, but it is unsafe. Also, some stalls are filled  
58 with manure and need to be cleaned. The horse exhibitors are required to leave the fair with  
59 clean stalls. Some of the boards holding the water source for the horses were removed and  
60 have not been put back.

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62 Chris McCone, explained that the fairgrounds have lost vendors because how Mike Egerton  
63 treats them. Mr. McCone said that the large BBQ vendor absolutely refuses to come to the  
64 fair unless Mr. Egerton leaves. He understands there needs to be a certain amount of  
65 competition, but at what point does that become picking and choosing who your competition  
66 is.

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68 Kianne Watson, expressed that the management at the fairground's board is lacking and she  
69 would like to see the commissioners be involved more, as well as the community. As far as  
70 the horse barns, she feels that the larger horse barn is better. When she was a little girl, she  
71 used to be scared going into small stalls with her horse. She was always afraid of her horse  
72 squishing her against the stall. Now, with the larger stalls, there is room to move around, as  
73 well as an emergency door.

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75 **Motion- Executive Session**  
76 Commissioner DeTro moved to go into executive session under (i) to discuss with legal  
77 counsel inviting Esther Milner and Shelley Keitzman until 10:05. Motion was seconded. All in  
78 favor, Motion carried.

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80 Executive session ended at 10:05 with no decisions made.

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82 **Motion- Executive Session**  
83 Commissioner DeTro moved to go into executive session under (f) to evaluate a complaint  
84 inviting Shelley Keitzman until 10:20. Motion was seconded. All in favor, Motion carried.

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86 Executive session ended at 10:20 with no decisions made.

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88 **Briefing Among Commissioners**  
89 The commissioners briefed among themselves.

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91 **Motion Resolution 116-2022**  
92 Commissioner DeTro moved to approve Resolution 116-2022 creating an additional vehicle  
93 licensing deputy position within the Auditor's Office. Motion was seconded. All in favor, Motion  
94 carried.

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96 **Commissioners Staff Meeting**  
97 Maurice Goodall, Emergency Management, Pete Palmer, Planning Director, Lanie Johns,  
98 Clerk of the Board

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100 Emergency Management

101 Maurice Goodall, Emergency Management, provided his department update. The week has  
102 been fairly calm, besides last Friday there were lighting strikes that came through the area  
103 causing four fires in district eight. There was a twenty-one-acre fire in Riverside that was put  
104 out fairly quickly. Some power outages were also caused by the lighting.

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106 Commissioner Office

107 Lanie Johns, Clerk of the Board, followed up with the commissioners about the code  
108 publishing legal review of the county code and the county process to address consistencies  
109 and inconsistency's that have been identified. Ms. Johns would like to know who is taking  
110 the lead on this revision that was outlined in the review? What are the commissioners  
111 expected timeline? Who is to be involved and what budget, if a budget is needed? She would  
112 like the commissioners to start thinking about it, because it is still hanging out there that was  
113 started and needs to be completed. Commissioner Hover suggested use of a Non-  
114 Departmental BARS line for the expense service agreement since the code amendment  
115 benefits all departments.

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117 Ms. Johns wanted to let the board know she needed to update the description on the seasonal  
118 temporary ground's worker, she has corrected it and HR received a copy. The position will  
119 be advertised in the paper and on the county's website.

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121 Oroville EMS District assessment audit is under way. Ms. Johns did receive some questions  
122 from the State Auditor regarding reserved, unreserved, beginning and ending balances  
123 worded in Eden.

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125 ADT was here to repair the superior court room door and clerk room door. Commissioner  
126 Hover asked Ms. Johns to make sure the Sheriff's Office was aware just incase it triggers an  
127 alarm.

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129 Community Action reached out and asked if the current Public Service CV1 Grant could be  
130 changed to also be used for purchasing a replacement refrigerator/cooler. Ms. Johns  
131 contacted Commerce and it can be a CDBG Public Service CV1 eligible cost under certain  
132 guidelines, because it is needed for the operation of the food bank.

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134 Planning Department

135 Pete Palmer, Planning Director, explained that last week she was asked by Council Member,  
136 Norma Sanchez last week to attend the meeting at Omak District regarding vandalism, theft,  
137 and nuisance within the county and eastside Omak. Ms. Palmer was there with the two Chief  
138 of Polices from the Tribe, Tribal Mental Health, Omak Chief, and Sheriff Tony Hawley, along  
139 with other tribal staff. They talked a lot about the impacts of the new state laws on  
140 enforcements and why they feel like people are feeling like law enforcement isn't doing their  
141 job. When asked, Ms. Palmer express that if all three different jurisdictions would respond in  
142 Omak and then decide what jurisdiction would take the incident, this would help the response  
143 time to go smoother.

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145 Ms. Palmer would also like to commend Sheriff Hawley for explaining the new laws in a way  
146 that is understandable. The Washington State House Bill 1310 that was implemented the last  
147 couple of years and some of the bills that support it that restricts law enforcement from doing

148 their job as far as pursuing vehicles and thefts in progress. Sheriff Hawley was able to not  
149 down play it, but give light to what law enforcement is facing.

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151 **Motion- Scanning Agreement**

152 Commissioner DeTro moved to approve and authorize the chairman to sign the scanning  
153 agreement and between Okanogan County- Office of Planning and MODUS Technology, Inc.

154 Motion was seconded. All in favor, Motion carried.

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156 The board adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

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