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RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS

OKANOGAN COUNTY

AUGUST 7, 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 Public Hearing-Budget Supplemental Appropriation-Methow Valley EMS

10:40 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 7, 2023 with Chairman, Commissioner Chris Branch; Member, Commissioner Jon Neal; and the Deputy Clerk of the Board, Crystal Hawley, present.

Commissioner Andy Hover was absent until 9:30 a.m.

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

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

Discussion- Emergency County Courthouse Closure- Cari Hall and Shelley Keitzman

Ms. Keitzman would like the commissioners to consider a resolution for employees in the Okanogan County Courthouse Building to be allowed to use administrative leave for one hour on August 2, 2023 and for their scheduled shift hours on August 3, 2023 and August 4, 2023.

Motion- Emergency County Courthouse Closure

Commissioner Neal moved to approve Resolution 100-2023 for allowing administration leave during the emergency county courthouse closure. Motion was seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Review Commissioners Agenda and Consent Agenda

The commissioners reviewed the agenda and consent agenda.

Public Comment Period

A member from the public, Emily Sisson was present.

There was no public comment.

Commissioners' Staff Meeting

Fairgrounds, Naomie Peasley, Planning Department, Pete Palmer, Emergency Management, Maurice Goodall were present for staff.

Commissioner Hover arrived at 9:30 a.m.

Fairgrounds Manager, Naomie Peasley, provided her department update and discussed the water issues going on at the fairgrounds. O'Connell Drilling will be coming out this coming Wednesday to blow out the well to temporarily fixing the water issue.

51 Ms. Peasley reached out to the Department Ecology to get an emergency well permit and was
52 hoping to drill a new well by Fair.

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54 The horse barns were delivered to the fairgrounds. Public Works would be able to do the ground
55 work for the barns the cheapest and could start this week. Commissioner Hover said he would
56 like to use the LTCF Fund, because the tribe is unable to meet until August 23, 2023 to approve
57 the funding.

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59 Ms. Peasley asked if she can move forward on the AC units. The commissioners agreed that she
60 could move forward.

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62 Ms. Peasley provided a list of things that needed to be addressed that is not included in her
63 budget. The commissioners reviewed and discussed the list. (attached)

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65 There was someone that trespassed at the RV Park and Ms. Peasley needed direction on what
66 to do. The person was arrested, but the RV is still at the fairgrounds and she has the space rented
67 out to someone else for this upcoming weekend.

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69 Commissioner Neal said that he would reach out to Randy's Towing and see if they can remove
70 the RV.

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72 Planning Director, Pete Palmer explained she has a meeting on the 28th with the Department of
73 Transportation to talk about travel control issues. She will let the commissioners know how it goes.

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75 Ms. Palmer was concerned about her employees' getting headaches and feeling nauseated in
76 her department. She would like to see if she could get the air quality tested.

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79 Emergency Management, Maurice Goodall, provided his department update. Mr. Goodall
80 discussed the fires within Okanogan County.

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82 Commissioner Branch thanked Mr. Goodall and said that he did a great job with in the closure of
83 the courthouse.

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85 **Public Hearing-Budget Supplemental Appropriation-Methow Valley EMS**
86 Commissioner Hover moved to adjourn as the BOCC and reconvene as the Methow Valley EMS
87 District. Motion was seconded all were in favor, motion carried.

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89 Commissioner Branch opened up the public hearing to the public. There was no comment.
90 Commissioner Branch closed the public hearing to the public and opened the hearing up to the
91 commissioners

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93 **Motion- Resolution 2-2023 Budget Supplemental Appropriation**
94 Commissioner Hover moved to approve Resolution 2-2023 a budget supplemental appropriation
95 in the amount of \$200,000. Motion was seconded. All were in favor. After discussion, motion was
96 carried.

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98 Commissioner Branch closed the public hearing.

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100 Commissioner Hover moved to adjourn as the Methow Valley EMS District and Reconvene as the
101 BOCC. Motion was seconded all were in favor, motion carried.

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Briefing Among Commissioners-Discuss Individual Weekly Meetings & Schedule

The commissioners briefed among themselves, discussing their weekly meeting.

The commissioners discussed the forest health and resilience.

Commissioner Branch explained that he made a couple trips to the fairgrounds to see the progress on the surplus items being moved out of the goat barn.

The commissioner discussed Rodeo Trail and its potential to upgrade to an all-weather road.

The board adjourned at 11:00 a.m.