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**RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS**

**OKANOGAN COUNTY**

**AUGUST 9, 2023**

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10 **4:00 PM Executive Session RCW 42.30.100 (1)(i)**

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11 The Okanogan County Board of Commissioners met for a regular meeting at 123 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
12 North, Okanogan, Washington on August 9, 2023 with Chairman, Commissioner Chris Branch;  
13 Vice-Chairman, Commissioner Andy Hover; Member, Commissioner Jon Neal; and the Clerk of  
14 the Board, Laleña Johns, present.

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

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17 Chief Rick Balam explained some information regarding the courthouse emergency situation last  
18 week. The final determination of the substance was that it was benign, based on the lack of what  
19 was found they will not be continuing with the investigation. He wanted to make sure the  
20 commissioners were informed. Commissioner Hover asked if the responsible person was going  
21 to be investigated. Chief Balam explained why the investigation would not continue.

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23 **Motion Executive Session RCW 42.30.110 (1)(i)**

24 Commissioner hover moved to go into executive session at 4:11 p.m. for 15 minutes inviting Chief  
25 Civil Deputy Esther Milner and Risk Manager Shelley Keitzman to discuss RCW 42.30.110 (1)(i).  
26 Motion was seconded, all were in favor, motion carried.

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28 Executive session ended at 4:26 p.m.

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30 Commissioner Branch asked if the board wished to take formal action on Naomie Peasley's recent  
31 resignation.

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33 **Motion Acceptance of Resignation Letter or Naomie Peasley**

34 Commissioner Hover moved to formally accept the resignation of Naomie Peasley. A letter will be  
35 prepared and signed by the chairman. Motion was seconded, all were in favor, motion carried.

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37 Commissioners discussed the three bids submitted for the race horse barn ground work from:

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39 Public Works \$12,508-start this week  
40 D. Hall Services \$43,293.28 start asap  
41 Arch Excavation \$14,092 start asap

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43 The fairgrounds recommended Public Works bid.

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45 **Motion Bid Acceptance Fairgrounds Race Horse Barns Ground Work**

46 Commissioner Hover moved to accept the bid of Public Works in the amount of \$12,508 to perform  
47 the ground preparation work for the race horse barns. Motion was seconded, all were in favor,  
48 motion carried.

51 Commissioner Branch explained some work at the fairgrounds to clear some trees so the power  
52 line is not obstructed. He was also involved in assessing one of the wells and it was determined  
53 to be at 120 gallons per minute test and the plan is to clean it out. Meter readings showed  
54 consistency in the amount of water being pumped and thought it was sufficient amount of water  
55 for the fairgrounds needs. Right now, drilling a well before the fair is a bit too much.  
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57 The Clerk of the Board relayed that Jim Cortner Architect would like to meet and go over  
58 deliverables which are at about 65% complete for the Justice building complex. She will schedule  
59 him as soon as possible. The Clerk of the Board also relayed that Room One is putting together  
60 a magazine style publication for their community celebrating Room One's 25<sup>th</sup> year. They would  
61 like to recognize and honor Okanogan County support and partnership in their work and use the  
62 county logo in their magazine. Commissioners thought that would be really nice and permitted  
63 the use of the county logo for that purpose. The Clerk of the Board will provide the logo to Room  
64 One for the magazine.  
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66 The board adjourned at 4:47 p.m.