

1 RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS

2 OKANOGAN COUNTY

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5 DECEMBER 19, 2023  
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8	<b>9:00 AM</b> Review Meeting Minutes for December 4 <sup>th</sup> , 5 <sup>th</sup> , 6 <sup>th</sup> , 11 <sup>th</sup> , & 12 <sup>th</sup> , 13 <sup>th</sup> , 2023
9	<b>9:15 AM</b> Public Comment Period
10	<b>9:30 AM</b> Continued 2024 Budget Hearing
11	<b>10:00 AM</b> Discussion
12	<b>10:30 AM</b> Update-County Auditor-Cari Hall
13	<b>11:00 AM</b> Bid Opening-Public Works Motor Fuel-Jerry Paul
14	<b>11:10 AM</b> Update-Public Works-Engineer Josh Thomson
15	<b>1:30 PM</b> Commissioners to set Wednesdays Agenda
16	<b>1:35 PM</b> Approve Meeting Minutes for December 4 <sup>th</sup> , 5 <sup>th</sup> , 6 <sup>th</sup> , 11 <sup>th</sup> , & 12 <sup>th</sup> , 13 <sup>th</sup> , 2023
17	<b>1:40 PM</b> Approve Consent Agenda
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19 The Okanogan County Board of Commissioners met for a regular meeting at 123 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
20 North, Okanogan, Washington on December 19, 2023 with Chairman, Commissioner Chris  
21 Branch; Member, Commissioner Jon Neal; and the Clerk of the Board, Laleña Johns, present.

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

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25 Vice-Chairman, Commissioner Andy Hover attended today’s meetings via zoom.

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27 **Review Meeting Minutes for December 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, & 12<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

28 Commissioners reviewed their meeting minutes.

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30 **Public Comment Period**

31 Ruth Hall, member of the public via zoom asked about the commissioners’ adoption of the county  
32 budget and she was amazed at the process although it has been confusing. She has learned just how  
33 much it costs to run the county. It has been a thorough and fair process in her opinion. She wished  
34 everyone a Merry Christmas. Commissioner Hover thanked her for her comments and said the board  
35 really tries to fund everything they possibly can including public safety.

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37 Commissioner Neal explained that he met with Scott Vejraska PUD Commissioner and discussed the  
38 PUD’s use of the county funds. He thought PUD may not use the funds due to the strings attached.

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40 **Continued 2024 Budget Hearing**

41 Treasurer Pam Johnson, Finance Manager Lisa Schreckengost

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43 Commissioner Branch opened up the continued hearing. He closed public testimony as Ruth Hall  
44 had no comment to provide.

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46 Ms. Schreckengost provided the budget spreadsheet on zoom for review and final changes.  
47 Commissioners went through various budget tabs to ensure edits discussed were made.

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49 Commissioner Branch opened up the hearing to commissioner discussion.

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51 **Motion Resolution 206-2023 Adopting the County’s 2024 Budget**

52 Commissioner Neal moved to approve resolution 206-2023 a resolution adopting the county’s 2024  
53 budget. Motion was seconded, all were in favor, motion carried.

54 Commissioners discussed Tim Meadow's losing leave at no choice to him and the commissioners  
55 were in favor of it carrying over rather than being paid out.

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57 Commissioners discussed the Public Health ARPA request #1. Commissioner Hover contacted  
58 Laurie Jones and asked for the Public Health back up documentation for the request in order to stay  
59 consistent with the other contractors for ARPA funds documentation.

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61 **Approve Consent Agenda**

62 Commissioner Hover moved to approve the consent agenda items as presented 1-9, Motion was  
63 seconded, all were in favor, motion carried.

- 64 1. Re-Appointment Letter-Methow Valley Communications District-Neil Rodstan
- 65 2. Re-Appointment Letter-Methow Valley Communications District-Becky Studen
- 66 3. Re-Appointment Letter-Methow Valley Communications District-Janet Varrelman
- 67 4. LTAC Contract #23-027-Oroville Chamber of Commerce-\$11,500
- 68 5. ARPA REQ #1-Salaries/Benefits, Equipment, Supplies, Overhead-Public Health
- 69 6. Award-Purchase of Trommel Screen, Dept. of Ecology Grant-Public Works
- 70 7. Agreement-2024 Okanogan County Professional/Technical/Clerical-Teamsters 760
- 71 8. Interlocal Agreement-Building Inspection Services-Okanogan County & Town of Twisp
- 72 9. Resolution 201-2023- Okanogan County 2024Public Infrastructure Project Prioritization

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74 Maurice Goodall dropped in and stated the policy for countywide ID cards requires the ID cards to be  
75 signed by the county's HR Director in accordance with the policy, but the courts are asking to sign  
76 their own.

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78 Commissioner Hover explained his thoughts and said the GR 36 happens in the aspect of judicial  
79 decisions not legislative. Commissioner Branch said if the Courts wish to request commissioners'  
80 consideration to deviate from the county's policy then a letter that states the courts reasons and citation  
81 of the law for why should be submitted so the commissioners can discuss and decide.

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83 **Motion MOU Sheriff's Association Non-Commissioned**

84 Commissioner Neal moved to approve the Memorandum of Agreement between Okanogan County  
85 Sheriff's Employee Association and Okanogan County for the non-commissioned collective bargaining  
86 employees. Motion was seconded, all were in favor, motion carried.

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88 **Approve Meeting Minutes for December 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>,6<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, & 12<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

89 Commissioner Neal moved to approve the meeting minutes for December 4th, 5th,6th, 11th, & 12th,  
90 2023. Motion was seconded all were in favor, motion carried.

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92 **Motion Resolution 207-2023**

93 Commissioner Neal moved to approve resolution 207-2023 authorizing annual leave in excess of  
94 240 hours of Tim Meadow's to be used in 2024. Motion was seconded, all were in favor, motion  
95 carried.

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97 **CANCELLED Bid Opening-Public Works Motor Fuel-Jerry Paul**

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99 **Update-Public Works-Engineer Josh Thomson**

100 Public Works Engineer Josh Thomson

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102 Engineer Thomson provided his agenda and discussed the items listed there.

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106 *Maintenance and Road Conditions*  
107 Engineer Thomson stated most of the county is getting rain. There are some areas getting wet snow  
108 but accumulation is not sticking around. There was a lot less overtime. Hoping the snow waits until  
109 after Christmas.

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111 *Budgets*  
112 Engineer Thomson previously submitted three changes to be made prior to adoption of the budget.  
113 Commissioner adopted the budget earlier this morning. A budget supplemental for ER &R is scheduled  
114 for next week for end of the year accounts.

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116 *CRAB Reports*  
117 Everything CRAB is electronic now and March & April reports do require BOCC electronic. Secure  
118 Access Washington is being required more and more. The Clerk of Board thought a motion in the  
119 meeting minutes authorizing the Chair to sign the reports electronically would satisfy as long as the  
120 signed reports record was kept in the BOCC meeting minutes.

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122 *Consent Agenda*  
123 Engineer Thomson briefly discussed items listed on the BOCC consent agenda.  
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125 Commissioner Hover asked about grooming of trails. Engineer Thomson discussed how snow mobile  
126 trails were maintained and where funds came from.

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