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RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS

OKANOGAN COUNTY

DECEMBER 26, 2023

8 **8:15 AM** **Update-Superior Court-Dennis Rabidou**
9 **9:00 AM** **Executive Session-RCW 42.30.110(1)(i)-Esther Milner**
10 **To Follow** **Discuss Update-Interlocal Agreement Conservation District Water Banking, etc.-**
11 **Pete Palmer**
12 **9:15 AM** **Public Comment Period**
13 **9:30 AM** **Executive Session-RCW 42.30.110(1)(g) Employee Evaluation-Shelley Keitzman**
14 **10:00 AM** **Executive Session-RCW 42.30.110(1)(g)-Employee Evaluation-Lanie Johns**
15 **10:30 AM** **Executive Session-RCW 42.30.110(1)(g)-Employee Evaluation-Josh Thomson**
16 **11:00 AM** **Public Hearing-Budget Supplemental-Public Works**
17 **11:10 AM** **Update-Public Works-Engineer Josh Thomson**
18 **1:30 PM** **Executive Session-RCW 42.30.110(1)(g) Employee Evaluation-Pete Palmer**
19 **2:00 PM** **Executive Session-RCW 42.30.110(1)(g) Employee Evaluation-Karen Beatty**
20 **2:30 PM** **Executive Session-RCW 42.30.110(1)(g) Employee Evaluation-Chuck Ford**
21 **3:00 PM** **Executive Session-RCW 42.30.110(1)(g) Employee Evaluation-Dan Higbee**
22 **3:30 PM** **Executive Session-RCW 42.30.110(1)(g) Employee Evaluation-Maurice Goodall**
23 **4:00 PM** **Approve Consent Agenda**

25 The Okanogan County Board of Commissioners met for a regular meeting at 123 5th Avenue
26 North, Okanogan, Washington on December 26, 2023 with; Vice-Chairman, Commissioner Andy
27 Hover; Member, Commissioner Jon Neal; and the Clerk of the Board, Laleña Johns, present.

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

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31 Chairman, Commissioner Chris Branch attended via zoom.

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33 **CANCELLED Update-Superior Court-Dennis Rabidou**

34 The board met for the following meetings.

35
36 **Executive Session-RCW 42.30.110(1)(i)-Esther Milner**

37 Commissioner Hover moved to go into executive session at 9:00 a.m. until 9:15 a.m. inviting
38 Esther Milner and Pete Palmer to discuss RCW 42.30.110 (1)(i) current litigation. Motion was
39 seconded, all were in favor, motion carried.

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41 Executive session ended at 9:15 a.m. no decisions were made.

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43 **Public Comment Period**

44 Ms. Sheila Kennedy provided an emailed public comment about every business and car being
45 broken into that is on Rodeo Trail drive. (attached) Commissioner Hover read from the emailed
46 comment. Ms. Kennedy asked that the money for the Sheriff's equipment and Coroner storage
47 building be put towards more deputies and law enforcement to help protect the small businesses
48 and residents. She asked the BOCC to figure out a solution instead of using the money for the
49 building at \$13 million dollars. Commissioner Hover stated the funds are from a Bond and so no
50 money is coming from current expense for the building and that is where more deputies would be
51 paid from. Commissioner Branch noted more deputies is not sustainable even though the board
52 would like to increase the number of deputies. He said he understands the frustrations.

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54 Commissioner Hover stated it was recommended the board look at E. Wenatchee and Wenatchee
55 courtroom technologies. Judge Grim is putting together a wish list for superior court technology
56 improvements and he will work with Ms. Beatty in Central Services because upgrades would help
57 the public defenders' office in the short term. The will work on the plan or contract the work out to
58 an engineer to create a plan.

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60 **Discuss Update-Interlocal Agreement Conservation District Water Banking, etc.-Pete**
61 **Palmer**

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63 **Executive Session-RCW 42.30.110(1)(g) Employee Evaluation-Shelley Keitzman**
64 Commissioner Neal moved to go into executive session at 9:30 a.m. until 9:45 a.m. inviting
65 Shelley Keitzman under RCW 42.30.110 (1)(g) for employee evaluation. Motion was seconded,
66 all were in favor, motion carried.

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68 **Executive Session-RCW 42.30.110(1)(g)-Employee Evaluation-Lanie Johns**
69 Commissioner Neal moved to go into executive session at 9:45 a.m. until 10:00 a.m. inviting Lanie
70 Johns under RCW 42.30.110 (1)(g) for employee evaluation. Motion was seconded, all were in
71 favor, motion carried.

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73 Clerk of the Board asked the BOCC about the FYRE Homeless Housing request for remaining
74 2023 costs to be paid in January. Commissioners said a Budget supplemental in January from
75 the beginning fund balance for the remaining costs associated with their contract ending
76 December 31, 2023 was alright this time, but Commissioner Hover doesn't want to set a
77 precedence for rolling budget into the next year for these contracts. Commissioners were willing
78 to do it this one time.

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80 **Executive Session-RCW 42.30.110(1)(g)-Employee Evaluation-Josh Thomson**
81 Commissioner Neal moved to go into executive session at 10:30 a.m. until 10:15 a.m. inviting
82 Josh Thomson under RCW 42.30.110 (1)(g) for an employee evaluation. Motion was seconded,
83 all were in favor, motion carried.

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85 Executive Session ended at 10:15 a.m. no decisions were made.

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87 **Update-Public Works-Engineer Josh Thomson**
88 Engineer Thomson provided his agenda and discussed the items listed there.

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90 There was another fire in the recycle bin at Tribal Trails. It appeared to be set on purpose. It is
91 difficult to identify the culprit.

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93 Couple signs were run over on the flats.

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95 Engineer Thomson presented several items for commissioners' consideration.

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97 **Motion Mazama Bridge Conveyance Documents**
98 Commissioner Hover moved to approve all the conveyance documents for the Mazama Bridge
99 Habitat Acquisition Project including: Deed of Right to Use Land for Salmon Recovery Purposes;
100 Estimated ALTA Settlement Statement; Closing Agreement & Escrow Instructions (Escrow No
101 22-410514); Amendment to Escrow Instructions; Real Estate Excise Tax Affidavit between
102 Washington State Highway Department and Okanogan County; Quitclaim Deed (\$115,000), and
103 Deed of Right to Use Land for Salmon Recovery Purposes (PTN of Homestead Entry Survey No.

104 82, Parcel No. 9800820011) (Mazama Bridge Habitat Acquisition Grant Agreement Project No.
105 21-1183A) and authorize the vice chairman to sign where the chairman would sign. Motion was
106 seconded, all were in favor, motion carried.

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108 **Motion Resolution 210-2023 Temporary Engineer Tech Position**

109 Commissioner Hover moved to approve resolution 210-2023 authorizing a part time temporary
110 Engineer Tech position within public works not to exceed 70 hours per month for more than 5-
111 months. Motion was seconded, all were in favor, motion carried.

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113 **Motion Employment Agreement Logan Szafas**

114 Commissioner Hover moved to approve the employment agreement between Okanogan County
115 and Logan Szafas for the work of the Engineer Tech position on a temporary basis. Motion was
116 seconded, all were in favor, motion carried.

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118 **Public Hearing-Budget Supplemental-Public Works**

119 Commissioner Branch suggested Commissioner Hover run the hearing.

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121 Commissioner Hover opened up the hearing asking for staff report. Engineer Thomson explained
122 the needed budget supplemental appropriation within ER&R fund 501 was due to increased costs
123 and needing to show costs in this year's budget.

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125 Commissioner Hover opened up to the public, Ruth Hall, member of the public via zoom, had no
126 comment. Discussion opened to the board.

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128 **Motion Resolution 209-2023 Budget Appropriation within ER&R Fund 501**

129 Commissioner Hover moved to approve resolution 209-2023 a budget supplemental
130 appropriation within the ER&R fund 501 in the amount of \$276,600. Motion was seconded, all
131 were in favor, motion carried.

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133 **Motion Agreement AFSCME Local Union No. 846-B Prosecutor's Office & District Court**

134 Commissioner Hover moved to approve the agreement between AFSCME Local Union No. 846-
135 B and Okanogan County regarding the Prosecutor and District Court employees effective January
136 1, 2024 and December 31, 2026. Motion was seconded, all were in favor, motion carried.

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138 **Motion -Regular Voucher Approval - Commissioners**

139 Vouchers certified and audited by the Auditing Officer as required by RCW 42.24.080 and those
140 expense reimbursement claims certified as required by RCW 42.24.090 have been recorded on a
141 list, and made available to the Board. As of this date, the Board did vote, by unanimous vote, to
142 approve the regular vouchers in the amount of \$860,912.35. Warrant numbers as sited on the
143 voucher certification. Motion seconded and carried.

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145 **Motion – Special Voucher Approval - Commissioners**

146 Vouchers certified and audited by the Auditing Officer as required by RCW 42.24.080 and those
147 expense reimbursement claims certified as required by RCW 42.24.090 have been recorded on a
148 list, and made available to the Board. As of this date, the Board did vote, by unanimous vote, to
149 approve the special vouchers in the amount of \$6,183.52. Warrant numbers were: 228028-228031.
150 Motion seconded and carried.

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152 **Motion – Special Voucher Approval - Commissioners**

153 Vouchers certified and audited by the Auditing Officer as required by RCW 42.24.080 and those
154 expense reimbursement claims certified as required by RCW 42.24.090 have been recorded on a

155 list, and made available to the Board. As of this date, the Board did vote, by unanimous vote, to
156 approve the special voucher in the amount of \$55,000. Warrant number 228027. Motion seconded
157 and carried.

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159 **Motion - Regular Voucher Approval - Commissioners**

160 Vouchers certified and audited by the Auditing Officer as required by RCW 42.24.080 and those
161 expense reimbursement claims certified as required by RCW 42.24.090 have been recorded on
162 a list, and made available to the Board. As of this date, the Board did vote, by unanimous vote,
163 to approve the regular vouchers in the amount of \$1,336,510.10. Warrant numbers cited on the
164 attached certification. Motion seconded and carried.

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166 **Motion Resolution 211-2023 Authorizing Part-time Search and Rescue Coordinator Position**

167 Commissioner Hover moved to approve resolution 211-2023 Part-time Search and Rescue
168 Coordinator Position. Commissioner Hover discussed that this requirement was that it was a part
169 time position and that was in the resolution. All were in favor, motion carried.

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171 **Motion Letter Requesting State Appropriation Budget for Radio Improvement Project**

172 Commissioner Hover moved to approve the letter to the 7th & 12th district legislators regarding the
173 \$3 million dollars ask that would help pay for the radio improvement project and actual radios and
174 authorized the chairman to sign. Motion was seconded, all were in favor, motion carried.

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176 **Approve Consent Agenda**

177 Commissioner Hover moved to approve excluding item #7 until WSLCB can clarify section
178 regarding what the license includes. Motion was seconded, all were in favor, motion carried.

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- 180 1. Cattleguard Renewals-CGF#1-83, #59-73, #5-77-Public Works
 - 181 2. ARPA Request #8-Food, Shelter \$6,731.89-Community Action Council
 - 182 3. ARPA Request #8-Salaries, Equipment, Supplies \$23,740.12-Community Action Council
 - 183 4. ARPA Request #3-28ft Mobile Command Trailer \$330,087.76-Communications
 - 184 5. CDBG Request #17-Public Services, General Administration \$7,744.06-CAC
 - 185 6. Interlocal Agreement-OK County Water Bank-Conservation District & OK County
 - 186 ~~7. Special Occasion Liquor License-OK Athletic Booster Club-OK Fairgrounds~~
 - 187 8. Resolution 208-2023-Allocating ARPA Funds for Broad Band Project-OK PUD NO. 1

188 Commissioners recessed until 1:30

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190 **Executive Session-RCW 42.30.110(1)(g) Employee Evaluation-Pete Palmer**

191 Commissioner Neal moved to go into executive session at 1:30 p.m. until 1:45 p.m. inviting Pete
192 Palmer under RCW 42.30.110 (1)(g) for an employee evaluation. Motion was seconded, all were
193 in favor, motion carried.

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195 Executive Session ended at 1:45 p.m. no decisions were made.

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197 **Executive Session-RCW 42.30.110(1)(g) Employee Evaluation-Maurice Goodall**

198 Commissioner Neal moved to go into executive session at 1:50 p.m. until 2:05 p.m. inviting
199 Maurice Goodall under RCW 42.30.110 (1)(g) for an employee evaluation. Motion was seconded,
200 all were in favor, motion carried.

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202 Executive Session ended at 2:05 p.m. no decisions were made.

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206 **Executive Session-RCW 42.30.110(1)(g) Employee Evaluation-Karen Beatty**
207 Commissioner Hover moved to go into executive session at 2:05 p.m. until 2:20 p.m. inviting
208 Karen Beatty under RCW 42.30.110 (1)(g) for an employee evaluation. Motion was seconded, all
209 were in favor, motion carried.
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211 Executive Session ended at 2:15 p.m. no decisions were made.
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213 **Executive Session-RCW 42.30.110(1)(g) Employee Evaluation-Chuck Ford**
214 Commissioner Hover moved to go into executive session at 2:20 p.m. until 2:35 p.m. inviting
215 Chuck Ford under RCW 42.30.110 (1)(g) for an employee evaluation. Motion was seconded, all
216 were in favor, motion carried.
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218 Executive Session ended at 2:35 p.m. no decisions were made.
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220 **Executive Session-RCW 42.30.110(1)(g) Employee Evaluation-Dan Higbee**
221 Commissioner Neal moved to go into executive session at 2:35 p.m. until 2:50 p.m. inviting Dan
222 Higbee under RCW 42.30.110 (1)(g) for an employee evaluation. Motion was seconded, all were
223 in favor, motion carried.
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225 Executive Session ended at 2:50 p.m. no decisions were made.
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227 The board adjourned at 2:50 p.m.