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RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS

OKANOGAN COUNTY

DECEMBER 5, 2017

7 9:00 AM Commissioners' Staff Meeting
8 10:00 AM Update – Human Resources / Risk Management – Tanya Craig and/or Debi Hilts
9 10:30 AM Meet & Greet – Mazama Advisory Group – Jim Gregg
10 11:00 AM Update – Public Works – Josh Thomson, Ben Rough
11 1:30 PM Public Hearing – Consider Vacation of Roads - #123 Byers Rd, #131 No Name Rd, #218 Monse Rd.
12 3:00 PM Discussion – OCTN Senior Meal – Jennifer Fitzthum
13 4:00 PM Public Hearing – Departmental Supplemental Appropriations – Building Department & Jail
14 4:10 PM Citizen Comment Period
15 4:45 PM Approve Consent Agenda
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17 The Okanogan County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on December 5,
18 2017, Chairman Commissioner Jim DeTro, Commissioner Andy Hover, and Clerk of the
19 Board Laleña Johns, present. Commissioner Chris Branch away on personal time.
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21 Commissioners DeTro convened at 9:00 a.m.
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23 **Commissioners' Staff Meeting**

24 David Gecas, Josh Freel, Debi Hilts, Perry Huston
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26 The commissioners discussed the fairgrounds 2018 budget to try and ensure the facility is
27 viable. Mr. Freel stated that the grounds were designated as the county's emergency
28 center, therefore it cannot be completely shut down.
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30 Commissioners reduced the operations budget so it matched the expected revenue. There
31 was hope to move the 127 fund to current expense with the least amount of impacts to
32 current expense.
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34 **Update – Human Resources / Risk Management – Tanya Craig and/or Debi Hilts**

35 Cancelled due to Union negotiations.
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37 George Thornton member of the public came in at 10:35 a.m. taking hand written notes.
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39 **Meet & Greet – Mazama Advisory Group – Jim Gregg**

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42 Mr. Gregg introduced himself. The Clerk of the Board projected the Mazama Advisory
43 Group website. Ms. Karen gave some history of the Group. Planned developments,
44 commercial proposals are some of what the group advises but mostly they do what the

45 community wants. Mr. Gregg said the Group continued advising even after Early Winters
46 failed. They continued to work with Planning Departments to minimize impacts and still keep
47 goals and desires intact. It is important to have the Okanogan County Commissioners and
48 Planning Commission involved. Subunit A is what it should be called. The membership is
49 appointed by the commissioners.

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51 Rick Ladoux is interested in being appointed to the Mazama Advisory committee.

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53 Mazama junction was one area being developed at the same time by 4 developers. MAC
54 helped facilitate the projects and came up with the Mazama plan for the immediate core
55 area. They are looking at the intersection in the core where five roads convene, it was
56 thought a round-a-bout would help there. The Methow Trails area is to be addressed too in
57 the core plan. Commissioner Hover asked if the Core plan is referenced in the Comp Plan,
58 and if it should be. It is not.

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60 The Group wants to be extensions of the county's hands and they try to get members that
61 represent the entire area from realtors, recreationists, business owners, etc.... it is a grass
62 roots generated group. The Group wants to ensure certain natural characteristics, habitat,
63 and conservation of natural areas are kept intact as those are what keep people visiting,
64 enjoying, and living there.

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66 **Update – Public Works – Josh Thomson, Ben Rough**

67 Mr. Rough provided his agenda. He went through recruitments and open positions.

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69 The Solid Waste Budget was discussed. It was delayed due to the Solid Waste Comp plan
70 taking time. The Solid Waste Committee did meet and do recommend adoption.

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72 The recycle buy-back program was discussed. The Solid Waste Committee isn't sure we
73 should have a buy-back program as it competes with private business, doesn't affect
74 whether or not the materials wind up in the lakes, roadways, or streams. The committee did
75 recommend terminating the buy-back program. It was not put into place via resolution or
76 plan. Mr. Rough would prefer the commissioners agree before moving forward. He will bring
77 it up next week when there is a full board.

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79 The SWAC bylaws are changing. Mr. Rough explained what is being changed to streamline
80 the process of making changes, structure of SWAC membership, which will have to be
81 adopted by resolution. He will draft a proposal.

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83 Mr. Rough explained he met with Parametrix regarding the adoption of the interim plan.
84 January 12 is deadline for comments.

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86 Snow grooming program started December 1, but due to no snow there will be no
87 grooming. The new snow groomer should arrive tomorrow. Public Works will go through it
88 and maybe take it out in order to provide some training on its use.

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90 Mr. Rough presented mandatory GPS being implemented statewide. The groomers will
91 have to be installed for continuous operation. They are discussing moving the Bonaparte
92 park soon and may wish to meet among the agencies with the request for a letter of
93 support.

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95 Engineer Thomson provided his agenda.

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97 Road and Maintenance conditions were discussed.

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99 Army Corp meeting next Tuesday about easements on Elmway and Mazama.

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101 Engineer Thomson explained two major projects are happening in 2018 where we must foot
102 the cost up front then get reimbursed later on. They are federally funded. The schedule is
103 hopefully long enough for the Peter Dan road so the impact won't happen at one time. It is
104 unknown how the road levy shift will affect the projects but it will be tight.

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106 **Public Hearing – Consider Vacation of Roads - #123 Byers Rd, #131 No Name Rd,
107 #218 Monse Rd.**

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109 OCC #123 Byers Road

110 Commissioner DeTro opened the hearing up for staff. Jo Ann Stansbury gave her staff
111 report.

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113 Engineer reported on the vacation DNR deeded a small portion to the county and that is
114 included with the information. It does not abut a body of water. The vacation would not
115 change any road usage.

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117 OCC #131 No Name Road

118 Commissioner DeTro opened the hearing up for staff. Jo Ann Stansbury gave her staff
119 report. Engineer Thomson gave his engineer report. There are indications where the road
120 was at one time and doubts it was passable, does not abut a body of water, and
121 recommends the county vacate the road.

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123 OCC #218 Monse Road

124 Jo Ann Stansbury gave her staff report. Engineer Thomson gave his engineer report. The
125 road was recommended to be vacated.

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127 How does the deeded property affect this vacation it reverts back to DNR as the property
128 owner of the property on both side. Commissioner Hover stated in hearing no objections
129 against the vacation and finding the road not useful and the public will be benefited by the
130 vacation as it cleans up our road log.

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132 **Motion Order OCR #123 Byers Road**

133 Commissioner Hover moved to approve the order to vacate OCR #123 Byers Road. Motion
134 was seconded, all were in favor, motion carried.

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136 **Motion Order OCR #131 No Name Road**

137 Commissioner Hover moved to approve the order to vacate OCR #131 No Name Road.
138 Motion was seconded, all were in favor, motion carried.

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140 **Motion Order OCR #218 Monse Road**

141 Commissioner Hover moved to approve the order to vacate OCR #218 Monse Road.
142 Motion was seconded, all were in favor, motion carried.

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144 Director Huston requested executive session.

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

147 Commissioner Hover moved to go into executive session at 2:10 p.m. for 30 minutes
148 inviting Director Huston and David Gecas to discuss legal matters to which the county may
149 be a party. Motion was seconded, all were in favor, motion carried.

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151 Executive session ended at 2:40 p.m. no decisions were made.

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153 Mr. Gecas presented an agreement for special counsel for consultation on land use matters

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155 Commissioner Hover moved to approve the agreement for professional services by Mark R.
156 Johnsen as special deputy prosecutor for Okanogan County regarding

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158 **Motion Agreement Special Deputy Prosecutor Land Use Matters**

159 Commissioner Hover moved to approve the agreement.

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162 **Discussion – OCTN Senior Meal – Jennifer Fitzthum**

163 Commissioner Hover attending union negotiations.

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165 Her program has been providing senior meals since 1975.

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167 The meeting was set so the two new commissioners could hear from OCTN about the need
168 for funds and who will be impacted if the funds are not realized. Unfortunately,

169 Commissioners Branch was not available. The county's 2017 budget did not provide the
170 support for senior home delivered meals program this year so the commissioners wanted to
171 hear from OCTN about the need and what support TRANGO provides. They don't just
172 provide the nutrition services but they also provide other services to the seniors. There has
173 been no increase to the senior meal program for over seven years. The revenue is not
174 keeping up with the costs for the program.

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176 Ms. Fitzthum provided OCTN estimated budget report for 2017. The support the county
177 gives is for the senior meal program that is home delivered meals. OCTN budgeted for
178 38,000 meals but the need has increased to over 40,000. Increased costs to provide the
179 meals is to be considered. Aging and Adult care has not increased their contribution.

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181 Commissioner Hover asked how TRANGO helps OCTN. TRANGO has to help out or OCTN
182 would go out of business. TRANGO picked up the match requirement for grants OCTN
183 receives. Commissioner Hover stated TRANGO budget is huge, but for us \$7500 is a big
184 impact. He wondered if TRANGO could legally help with the support needed for senior
185 meals programs. They do support the bus program. If we cannot get them to support that
186 portion of OCTN budget then we will figure it out then. The transportation side of the
187 business is not to be mingled with the nutrition part. There is no budget that can be moved
188 over for the meals program. Shifting from the congregant meal scenario to a private meal
189 time. At the end of October they have served about 26000 meals but estimate about 38,000
190 by the end of the year which means they are short in the fund needed. The commissioners
191 will definitely support OCTN for 2018, but will need to discuss further 2017 funding.

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193 **Public Hearing – Departmental Supplemental Appropriations – Building Department**
194 **& Jail**

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196 Commissioner DeTro opened the hearing up for staff. Mr. Higbee made himself available for
197 questions.

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199 Commissioner DeTro opened up to public with no public providing testimony. He opened up
200 for commissioner discussion.

201 Commissioners discussed the appropriation for overtime and that was already calculated
202 and won't affect the carry over. The commissioners do wish to discuss this with the Sheriff.

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204 **Motion Resolution 202-2017 Supplemental Appropriation Jail Building**

205 Commissioner Hover moved to approve 202-2017 a supplemental appropriation regarding
206 Jail and Building departmental budgets in the amount of \$146,739. Motion was seconded,
207 all were in favor, motion carried.

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211 **Resolution 207-2017 Union Groups**

212 Commissioner Hover moved to approve resolution 207-2017 requesting review of health
213 care authority in order to add a new union group to the existing insurance plan. Motion was
214 seconded, all were in favor, motion carried.

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216 Commissioner DeTro authorized the letter to PEBB regarding application for coverage and
217 authorized the attestation instrument.

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219 Commissioners signed a letter to Jim Pena regarding the Smoke Jumpers Base. Pateros,
220 Winthrop and Twisp have also agreed to sign the letter.

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222 **Citizen Comment Period**

223 No citizens to comment.

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225 **Approve Consent Agenda**

226 Commissioner Hover moved to approve the consent agenda items 1-10. Motion was
227 seconded, all were in favor, motion carried.

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1. Commissioners' Proceedings November 27 & 28, 2017
2. Lease Agreement – Sheriff Dispatch – Jackass Butte – David Townsend
3. Bid Award Recommendation – 2017 Traffic Sign & Post Materials – Traffic Safety Supply Co.
4. A-19 Approval – Fairgrounds Bathroom Project – BTO Construction
5. Interlocal Agreement – Funding of Fire Prevention, Firewise, and Education Project – Okanogan Conservation District
6. Contract – 2018 LTAC Marketing & Promotion #18-003 – Cascade Loop
7. Contract – 2018 LTAC Marketing & Promotion #18-006 – Conconully Chamber of Commerce
8. Joint Resolution 2017-33 North Central Regional Library Trustee Appointment – Katherine Meade
9. Resolution 201-2017 – Adopting the Fairgrounds Facility Fee Schedule and Policies for Fee Waivers
10. Resolution 204-2017 Renaming Communications District No. 1 to Television Reception District No. 1

239 Commissioners adjourned for the day at 4:30 p.m.

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