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RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS

OKANOGAN COUNTY

DECEMBER 6, 2022

9:00 AM Review Meeting Minutes November 28, & 29, 2022
9:15 AM Public Comment Period
10:00 AM **Public Hearing Lake Management District – Certify the Rolls – Pete Palmer**
10:30 AM Update – Communications/Dispatch – Mike Worden
11:00 AM Update – Public Works – Josh Thomson
1:30 PM Discussion Tunk Basin – Planning – Pete Palmer
2:30 PM Approve Commissioner Proceedings November 28, & 29, 2022
2:45 PM Approve Consent Agenda
3:00 PM Quarterly Update – Tonasket Forest Ranger District – Matt Marsh

The Okanogan County Board of Commissioners met for a regular meeting at 123 5th Avenue North, Okanogan, Washington on December 6, 2022 with Chairman, Commissioner Andy Hover; Vice-Chairman, Commissioner Chris Branch; Member, Commissioner Jim DeTro; and the Clerk of the Board, Laleña Johns, present.

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

Review Meeting Minutes November 28, & 29, 2022

Commissioners were provided the meeting minutes for review and edits.

Public Comment Period

Commissioner Hover asked for public comment.

Paul Sisson commented about whether the commissioners would continue their discussion of the justification of allocation of County ARPA funds to fire district #6 related to the fire hall overrun request. He said he had additional rationale to relay if needed. Commissioner Hover stated he is waiting to hear back from the county auditor on this use. Mr. Sisson asked if the county was taking the standard allowance, yes, for government services. He discussed the rules relating to allowable transfers to a subrecipient such as a fire district and the final rule includes provisions for funding these types of unit expenses. Commissioner Branch stated in his research he found other counties were using their ARPA funds for buildings. He read responses that indicate the building overruns would qualify as long as the expense is going towards a government service. The category has broad uses. General construction is not eligible unless related to the pandemic.

Mr. Sisson stated the limitations on this particular use of the revenue loss is those limitations listed. He read from the list. Commissioner Hover said we don't know until we know for sure, so confirmation from the auditor is critical to moving forward with the request.

Public Hearing Lake Management District – Certify the Rolls – Pete Palmer

Commissioner Branch moved to adjourn as the BOCC and reconvene as the Lake Management District. Motion was seconded, all were in favor, motion carried.

Commissioner Hover opened up the hearing to staff. Planning Director Pete Palmer provided her staff report. The purpose of the hearing is to hear objections to the special assessment levied against the property within the boundaries of the district as required by RCW 36.61.120. The

53 BOCC has the authority to correct, revise, raise, lower, change, or modify the special assessment
54 roll or any part thereof and shall confirm and approve a special assessment. All objections to the
55 assessment must be filed in writing prior to the hearing. The Planning Department received no
56 written objections regarding the assessment. The Clerk of the Board received no written
57 objections within the comment period as result of the published notice directing comments be
58 submitted to her. However, a letter from Diane Hartwig dated June 30, 2022 was received in June
59 outside the objection period for the public hearing. (attached) Director Palmer read the letter. Ms.
60 Hartwig asked to be removed from the roles.

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62 Commissioner Hover opened up the hearing to the public Ruth Hall and Paul Sisson had no
63 comment.

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65 Director Palmer staff report recommended removal of parcel 5930000201 belonging to James
66 Harvey and adding parcels 5930000103 & 5930000102 belonging to Thomas & Catherin
67 Peressini created by a boundary line adjustment of #3258177.

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69 Commissioner Branch discussed the board of equalization. He said properties on the shoreline
70 would have access to enjoy the lake and still has value. The Lake Management District was
71 requested by those on the lake for milfoil control. He doesn't enjoy the idea of treating the weed
72 with chemicals. He does recognize all the arguments and stated they are relatively mute and the
73 fact foreigners can sign a petition for annexation. Just because the land owner is absent doesn't
74 mean they are not subject to the assessment or don't pay taxes. He noted the comment was
75 submitted outside the comment period. Commissioner Hover stated this has come up before, and
76 just because you don't like it isn't a reason to stop it when the majority voted for it. 2023 is the last
77 year to collect the assessment. Assessment affects 376 parcels. The board will need to go through
78 the process to continue the assessment beyond 2023 if that is what they want to do.

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80 **Motion Resolution 190-2022 Lake Management District**

81 Commissioner Branch moved to approve resolution 190-2022. Motion was seconded, the
82 resolution includes the roles and parcels to be added and removed. All were in favor, motion
83 carried.

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85 **Update – Communications/Dispatch – Mike Worden**

86 Chief Communications Deputy Mike Worden provided his update.

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88 Chief Worden explained 9 of the 13 positions are filled and explained the efforts to recruit
89 applicants. Some efficiencies in navigating the county website to job openings have been made.
90 Listing openings on Indeed and will work more to generate candidates. The training process if 4-
91 6 months depending on candidate. Adjusting the trainer premium was discussed. Possible
92 solutions were discussed.

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94 Is the BOCC open to him discussing the possible options with the group? Commissioner Branch
95 explained his participation in these types of group discussions and the difficulties that happen.

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97 Commissioner Branch gave the status of the Coroner Sheriff Storage Equipment shed in terms
98 of where the city is with it. The floodplain is included in the shoreline set backs but it does
99 complicate the situation and interpretation of the city and the tribes. Is there something Chief
100 Worden should be doing in the process? Commissioner DeTro explained what he did to place a
101 building in the flood plain. Commissioner Branch said yes, he can give Chris Johnson the planner
102 with the city a call once in a while. The letter was sent to the legislators and Commissioners

103 thought Chief Worden could follow up with Rep. Maycumber and follow up with a description of
104 the project.

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106 **Approve Consent Agenda**

107 Commissioner Branch moved to approve the consent agenda items, 1-11. Motion was seconded, all
108 were in favor, motion carried.

- 109 1. Interlocal Agreement – Building Inspection Services – Town of Twisp
- 110 2. Interlocal Agreement – Mazama Hydrant Project – Fire District #6
- 111 3. Grant Agreement – Mazama Hydrant Project – ARPA – Fire District #6
- 112 4. Agreement – LTAC# 23-008 – 2023 Lodging Tax – Capital Improvements – Methow Trails
- 113 5. Agreement – LTAC# 23-009 – 2023 Lodging Tax – Marketing & promotion – Methow Valley Sports Trails
- 114 6. Agreement – LTAC# 22-010 – 2022 Lodging Tax – Marketing & Promotion – Molson Museum
- 115 7. Agreement – LTAC# 23-016 – 2023 Lodging Tax – Capital Improvements – Omak
- 116 8. Agreement – LTAC# 23-017 – 2023 Lodging Tax – Capital Improvements/VIC – Omak
- 117 9. Reappointment – Five County Joint Resolution – NCW Libraries – Denise Sorom
- 118 10. Fairgrounds Facility Use Rental Contracts Signature Acknowledgments – Francisco Garcia; Carlton
119 Complex Long-Term Recovery Group; Esther Mansal; Emergency Management & Bureau of Reclamation;
120 Adelida Fonseca; PUD; Pamatz Family; Family Health Centers; WA ST FFA; Verania Bustos; Jennifer
121 Ramirez; Rotary Club; Marcia Ruiz; NCESD; Quince; Ok Co Child Development Assoc; Okanogan School
122 11. Resolution 191-2022 – Therapeutic Court Coordinator – Sales Tax Fund 143

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124 **Motion Resolution 193-2022**

125 Commissioner Branch moved to approve resolution 193-2022 the Jr. Taxing District 2023 levies.
126 Motion was seconded, all were in favor, motion carried.

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128 **Motion Re-Appointment Letter-FAC-Chantry Leslie**

129 Commissioner Branch to approve the reappointment letter of Chantry Leslie to position #6 on the
130 Fair Advisory Committee. Motion was seconded, all were in favor, motion carried.

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132 **Motion Special Occasion Liquor License- Fairgrounds 3/4/2023-Marilynn Taylor**

133 Commissioner Branch to approve the special occasions liquor license of the Omak Elks Lodge
134 hosting on March 4, 2023 at the Okanogan County Fairgrounds 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Motion
135 was seconded, all were in favor, motion carried.

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137 **Motion Special Occasion Liquor License- Fairgrounds 3/11/2023-Zach Meyer**

138 Commissioner Branch to approve the special occasions liquor license of the Okanogan Athletic
139 Booster Club hosting on March 11, 2023 at the Okanogan County Fairgrounds from 5:00 p.m. to
140 midnight. Motion was seconded, all were in favor, motion carried.

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142 **Motion Letter of Agreement Teamsters Professional, Technical, Clerical-GWI**

143 Commissioner Branch to approve the Letter of Agreement between Okanogan County and
144 Teamsters Local Union 760 regarding a general wage increase and change to the Professional,
145 Technical, Clerical employees collective bargaining agreement rates. Motion was seconded, all
146 were in favor, motion carried.

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148 **Motion Letter of Agreement Teamsters Solid Waste Division -GWI**

149 Commissioner Branch to approve the Letter of Agreement between Okanogan County and
150 Teamsters Local Union 760 regarding a general wage increase and change to the Solid Waste
151 Division employees collective bargaining agreement rates. Motion was seconded, all were in
152 favor, motion carried.

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155 **Motion Letter of Agreement Teamsters Administration -GWI**
156 Commissioner Branch to approve the Letter of Agreement between Okanogan County and
157 Teamsters Local Union 760 regarding a general wage increase and change to the Administration
158 employees collective bargaining agreement rates. Motion was seconded, all were in favor, motion
159 carried.

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161 **Motion A19 Request for Reimbursement DAHP Grant Courthouse Exterior Renovation**
162 Commissioner Branch to approve the DAHP A19 request #2A, a grant reimbursement request in
163 the amount of \$149,065.88 for Pioneer Waterproofing Courthouse Exterior Renovation project
164 and authorize the chairman to sign. Motion was seconded, all were in favor, motion carried.

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166 **Motion A19 ARPA Request -Camera Project- District Court**
167 Commissioner Branch to approve the ARPA A19 request #1, a request in the amount of \$3,092.33
168 for District Court Camera Installation project and authorize the chairman to sign. Motion was
169 seconded, all were in favor, motion carried.

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171 **Motion A19 ARPA Request -County Chip Seal Local Roads- Public Works**
172 Commissioner Branch to approve the ARPA A19 request #1, a request in the amount of \$249,000
173 for Okanogan County Chip seal of local roads project and authorize the chairman to sign. Motion
174 was seconded, all were in favor, motion carried.

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176 **Motion Authorization to Purchase Refreshments for Public Records Training**
177 Commissioner Branch to approve the request to purchase refreshments using the county credit
178 card not to exceed \$100 for the event on December 7, 2022 and authorize the chairman to sign.
179 Motion was seconded, all were in favor, motion carried.

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181 **Motion - Voucher Approval - Commissioners**
182 Vouchers certified and audited by the Auditing Officer as required by RCW 42.24.080 and those
183 expense reimbursement claims certified as required by RCW 42.24.090 have been recorded on a
184 list, and made available to the Board. As of this date, the Board did vote, by unanimous vote, to
185 approve the regular vouchers in the amount of \$267,033.52 and Payroll vouchers in the amount
186 of \$1,171,147.58. Warrant numbers as cited on the attached blanket voucher list. Motion seconded
187 and carried.

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189 **Motion – Special Voucher Approval - Commissioners**
190 Vouchers certified and audited by the Auditing Officer as required by RCW 42.24.080 and those
191 expense reimbursement claims certified as required by RCW 42.24.090 have been recorded on a
192 list, and made available to the Board. As of this date, the Board did vote, by unanimous vote, to
193 approve the regular vouchers in the amount of \$3,747.79. Warrant numbers as cited on the
194 attached blanket voucher list. Motion seconded and carried.

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196 **Motion Public Health Voucher**
197 Commissioner moved to approve the Public Health Vouchers including regular vouchers in the
198 amount of \$22,968.95 and payroll vouchers in the amount of \$56,966.65. Warrant numbers as
199 cited on the attached blanket voucher list. Motion was seconded, all were in favor, motion carried.

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201 **Update – Public Works – Josh Thomson**
202 Engineer Thomson provided his agenda and discussed the items listed there.

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205 *RCW 43.19A.150 – Compost Procurement Ordinance Draft*
206 A draft ordinance for compost procurement was scheduled for Tuesday, December 27 at
207 10:30 am.

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209 *Maintenance and road conditions*
210 More snow is expected on Friday.

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212 Bridge load ratings, one weight restriction
213 Engineer Thomson discussed the work on these items.

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215 **Motion Cameron Lakes Rd Project ROW funds**

216 Commissioner DeTro moved to approve the Local Agency Agreement Supplement #1 to
217 agreement LA-10284 for the Cameron Lake Road Right of Way and authorized the chairman to
218 sign. Motion was seconded, all were in favor, motion carried.

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220 Filled the position of Engineer Assistance and Engineer Thomson

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222 Commissioner Hover stated he received the needed info from the auditor's office could consider
223 the Fire District #6 cost overruns in the amount of \$251,073.58. He asked if the board wanted to
224 move forward with funding the request. He asked the Clerk of the Board to prepare the letter to
225 the Fire District #6 stating the county's intent for board consideration next week.

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227 Karen Harris, member of the public was present taking notes.

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229 **Discussion Tunk Basin – Planning – Pete Palmer**

230 Planning Director shared what was previously discussed and requested at Planning Commission
231 meetings. More numbers were requested of parcels affected by the green zone and how many
232 parcels of each size was in the area. During the November 28 Planning Commission meeting the
233 commission heard testimony from different people.

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235 The Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on it (again) at their regular meeting on
236 January 23, 2023 and BOCC will hold their meeting within 14 days on February 6, 2023 at 1:30
237 p.m.

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239 If more subdivisions are allowed in the Tunk Basin we stand the chance of impairing senior water
240 rights, said Commissioner Hover. Director Palmer felt at the recent hearings that more people
241 would comment on that, instead people were concerned about their property rights and concerned
242 about their future ability to sell their property and sub divide.

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244 Commissioner Hover stated he did not agree that more subdivisions be created in the Tunk Basin.
245 The commissioners discussed exempt segregations and putting a statement that water is not
246 available on those.

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248 Director Palmer explained in general when the applicant wants to develop a lot and when they
249 need to demonstrate available water for their development.

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251 Director Palmer explained email exchanges that she is concerned about demanding that she gets
252 the communications and the info has been sent to her, but the last email was read about the
253 ongoing requests for the info regarding Tunk Valley. Director Palmer will request that an official
254 public records request be sent. Commissioner DeTro stated follow a public records request

255 format. Commissioner Branch replied that a request for something that does not exist is not a
256 valid request, neither can a request be standing for future records that do not exist.

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258 Commissioner Hover explained the Claim for Expenses for tools personally purchased by the
259 Fairgrounds Manager from the Camp host. He said has the receipt from the camp host.
260 Commissioner Branch said a reprimand should be given since the board has requested over and
261 over again when these types of things come up, they should first be discussed with the board and
262 that process didn't happen. Commissioner Hover said it was a "good" deal Commissioner DeTro
263 said it was a "good" deal but these things walk away.

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265 Commissioner Hover exited to attend another meeting upstairs.

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267 **Approve Commissioner Proceedings November 28, & 29, 2022**

268 Commissioner DeTro moved to approve November 28, 2022 meeting minutes. Motion was
269 seconded, all were in favor, motion carried.

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271 Commissioner DeTro and Commissioner Branch discussed various personal and business type
272 topics. Commissioner Branch said he will likely move into Commissioner DeTro's his office.

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274 **RESCHEDULED Quarterly Update – Tonasket Forest Ranger District – Matt Marsh**

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276 The board adjourned at 2:54 p.m.

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