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RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS

OKANOGAN COUNTY

DECEMBER 6, 2023

1:30 PM Discussion-Code Revisions-Planning Pete Palmer

The Okanogan County Board of Commissioners met for a regular meeting at 123 5th Avenue North, Okanogan, Washington on December 6, 2023 with Chairman, Commissioner Chris Branch; Vice-Chairman, Commissioner Andy Hover; Member, Commissioner Jon Neal; and the Clerk of the Board, Laleña Johns, present.

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

Discussion-Code Revisions-Planning Pete Palmer

Planning Director Pete Palmer provided the land use legend to be discussed. (attached) She provided some definitions to add as well as the special use section for high and low impact utilities. (attached)

Everything up to this point is being reviewed by Esther, Jenna and Tadas. The code will be presented to the planning commission and this will be the first time they see it. Any changes that have been made recently have been grammar related. She stated she's been working with Esther on addressing some of the definitions that Chelan and followed the same uses under government under district use chart. The utilities are added under special use section of the code and high and low impact of utilities. Waiver is to be recorded at auditor's office showing the lot is not buildable and can only be used for utility requirements. Commissioner Hover discussed height requirements and permitted uses around airports and what provisions would give regulations. Director Palmer stated unless it triggered SEPA we would rely on the height provisions in that specific area. Commissioner Neal thought the zoning should match the building requirements with the state aviation requirements for airports. This would be a special use and have conditional use permit requirements since if fit pretty close to the government services.

Energy facilities were added but none of the requirements were entered into the district use chart. They were eliminated from residential areas and anything under five acres including airport development areas.

Pointed out home occupations have permitted uses across the board. MRD 5s, MRD 20s and MRD 1s were discussed. Commissioner Hover asked what an energy facility definition was and what is the criteria if we are talking about solar. Director Palmer read from the draft code definitions.

The pop-up vending has been addressed.

The main issue may be water availability especially in the Methow Valley.

Commissioners discussed the court spelling out what we can and cannot do it has been adjudicated.

52 Director Palmer explained the timeline. She stated it will be ready for notice December 14 for the
53 public to comment on. She explained how comments would be categorized and addressed.
54 Commissioner Hover would like the comments to be sent to commissioners immediately.

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56 We are not required a comment period for SEPA because it is DNS and law does not require a
57 comment period. It was suggested that we do not have a comment period on SEPA but rather
58 have a comment period for the overall zone code amendment. It has been county practice to allow
59 SEPA comments but it wasn't something required.

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

62 Vouchers certified and audited by the Auditing Officer as required by RCW 42.24.080 and those
63 expense reimbursement claims certified as required by RCW 42.24.090 have been recorded on a
64 list, and made available to the Board. As of this date, the Board did vote, by unanimous vote, to
65 approve the special voucher in the amount of \$49,800 for Sheriff's vehicle purchase. Warrant
66 numbers as cited on the attached blanket voucher list. Motion seconded and carried.

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68 Commissioners reviewed the draft letter to the NCWLS Executive Director Barbara Walters about
69 the discontinuation of the Book Mobile service in remote regions of Okanogan County.

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71 **Motion Letter to North Central Washington Library Service-Barbara Walter Executive**
72 **Director**

73 Commissioner Hover moved to sign the letter to NCWLS regarding the book mobile services in
74 Okanogan County. Motion was seconded, all were in favor, motion carried.

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76 The board adjourned at 2:25 p.m.