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RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS

OKANOGAN COUNTY

APRIL 19, 2021

9:00 AM Review Commissioners Agenda and Consent Agenda
9:15 AM Briefing Among Commissioners-Discuss Individual Weekly Meetings & Schedule
9:30 AM Discuss Jail Vehicle Purchase-Undersheriff Culp
10:00 AM Discussion Draft Resolution 47-2021 RCO Grant-Mazama Bridge Habitat Acquisition
11:00 AM Presentation Statewide Tourism Trend Map-Okanogan County Tourism Council
1:30 PM Update Planning
1:40 PM Discussion WRIA 49 Planning & Conservation District
3:30 PM Review Meeting Minutes

The Okanogan County Board of Commissioners met in Regular session at 123 5th Avenue North, Okanogan, Washington on April 19, 2021, with; Chairman, Commissioner Chris Branch; Vice-Chairman, Commissioner Andy Hover; Member, Commissioner Jim DeTro and the Clerk of the Board, Laleña Johns, present.

AV Capture provided audio and video of the meetings held today, while ZOOM provided best audio accessibility and public interaction.

Review Commissioners Agenda and Consent Agenda

Commissioners reviewed the agenda and offered no changes. Commissioner Branch will need to leave by 4:00 p.m. today.

Briefing Among Commissioners- Discuss Individual Weekly Meetings and Schedule

Commissioners discussed the feasibility study to relocate Superior & District courts & Juvenile Dept. to the Forest Service Building at a cost of \$50 million dollars. The information the board was looking at was not provided to the Clerk of the Board for the record. Additional discussion is needed between commissioners and courts to figure out where the funds will come from. Commissioner Hover stated the objective was to provide a single point entry. Commissioner Branch said the county would have to do a phased approach. We could borrow against the Juvenile tax, but it would not be 100% Juvenile use, so other funds would need to be identified.

Discuss Jail Vehicle Purchase-Undersheriff Culp

Since the prior two Jail vans used for food donation collection vehicle are none operational, a replacement needs to be considered. Undersheriff Culp said he received several bids for a pickup truck collection vehicle for the jail. The Jail was previously approved \$30,000 but with increased costs it won't be enough to cover the full cost of a truck.

The Undersheriff said he's been looking for a used vehicle in the \$30,000 price range, but hasn't found one. He sought informal bids for a 1-ton preferred diesel crew cab pickup truck. He provided the bids and the lowest responsive bid was \$36,800. A budget supplemental

48 adjustment would need to cover the additional costs. Commissioners reviewed the bids
49 provided. (attached)

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51 1-ton Diesel Flatbed Crew Cab Truck Bids at least a 2016 or newer, fewer than 75,000 miles

52	Alpine Motors Sandpoint ID	\$36,800	
53	Jess Ford Omak WA	\$36,993	
54	Commercial Truck Trader.com	\$39,950	\$53,988

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56 **Motion**

57 Commissioner Hover moved to approve the purchase of the 2017 Ford F-350 1-ton flatbed
58 Crew Cab pick-up truck from Alpine Motors in Sandpoint Idaho as the lowest responsive
59 bidder in the amount of \$36,650 plus taxes and other required costs. Motion was seconded,
60 all were in favor, motion carried.

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62 **Discussion Draft Resolution 47-2021 RCO Grant-Mazama Bridge Habitat Acquisition**

63 Commissioner Hover explained the acquisition details and why the property is needed for
64 habitat by Salmon Recovery Board. The property lines are likely where the high-water mark
65 is. The reason is DOT can sell directly to the county without going through the auction
66 process. The property could be sold for a lot more at auction. Jason Paulsen is doing the
67 application to RCO for us. The county can purchase the property for its appraised value.

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69 **Motion**

70 Commissioner Hover moved to direct the Treasurer to move \$25,000 from Non-
71 Departmental fund 001.015 to Vehicle Reserve fund 197 for the Sheriff's vehicle purchase.
72 Motion was seconded, all were in favor, motion carried.

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74 **Motion**

75 Commissioner Hover moved to direct the treasurer to transfer an additional \$32,000 from
76 non-Departmental fund 001.015 to Vehicle Reserve fund 197 to cover the Assessor's
77 vehicle purchase. Motion was seconded, all were in favor, motion carried.

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79 **Presentation Statewide Tourism Tread Map-Okanogan County Tourism Council**

80 Mat Lyons, Jenn Tate

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82 A Tread Map App presentation was provided via zoom by Mat Lyons. The map showed
83 every trail every trailhead in one place, the land managers only see legitimate maps and
84 trail information is uploaded and managed by users and land managers. Trails can be
85 created by trail and app users and land managers would need to manage the information
86 and take incorrect info off the app. This app has an option for real time additions. Mr. Lyons
87 showed the back end of the app that land managers use. The app also provides alerts such
88 as for fire, messages to recreate responsibly, and other alerts hikers should know about.
89 The land managers get the big word out and the users get the little word out. The land
90 managers can direct people to special places or away from sensitive areas or guide them
91 towards businesses involved with tourism interests.

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93 Tread brings a working model, and we build the capacity. Counties who wish to participate
94 provide a \$30,000 match. Ms. Tate thought the County and LTAC should lead the way in

95 terms of use and purchase. Commissioner Hover stated many of our trails are on private
96 property and wanted to know how that would work among the different agencies with right
97 away. Each entity would have their own land manager who controls their land or groups of
98 land. From OCTC, was there a list of entities interested in funding this. Mr. Tate thought
99 OCTC would've picked it up, but they didn't because it includes a bigger picture than just
100 tourism. The app is in line with our Master Plan. She said LTAC money seemed an
101 appropriate place to pay for the proposal.

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103 Commissioners believe it is a good idea and a good project to help people know if trails are
104 open. Commissioner Hover said this is different than LTAC marketing and promotion and
105 different than a capital improvement project. He would like to see a formal proposal for the
106 \$30,000 with details for LTAC to consider. The app can be used as one source of truth for
107 many applications and information. The board discussed the current LTAC application
108 process that does not include this type of marketing project.

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110 Time line is a Memorial date deadline. Each county would need to come up with \$30,000.
111 Chelan, Douglas, and Grant counties are involved and WTA committed \$300,000. If
112 Okanogan County found \$30,000 to commit. Commissioner Branch stated this is a COVID
113 related piece. This is comprehensive and could be covered by all sorts of pots of money.
114 Send us a digital project description, costs, benefits, so we can disburse to LTAC and
115 create a process.

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117 Commissioners thought OCTC could present the Master Plan proposed expenditures for
118 trail rocks and placements to them and LTAC. Ms. Tate would like to see collaboration
119 between OCTC, LTAC and county commissioners. Mr. Lyons said Chelan County has two
120 separate pots of LTAC funds, one for marketing and promotion and another for Capital
121 Projects.

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123 Commissioners adjourned for lunch at 12:00 noon.

124 125 **Update Planning**

126 Director Palmer provided a brief overview of her agenda item for the authorization of the
127 senior planner position. Once that is done the position will be advertised.

128 129 **Discussion WRIA 49 Planning & Conservation District**

130 Angie Hubbard, Lorah Super, Craig Nelson, and on zoom Jay Obrien, Emily Sisson,
131 Jennifer Ward, Isabelle Spohn

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133 The group came together today to see how to move forward with an adaptive management
134 program that was recently adopted by Ecology. Ms. Hubbard said the Board should decide
135 on how the structure is to be formed and who is to be part of the unit. Ms. Hubbard
136 summarized letters of interest from Christa Teagan Levine, Scott Verjaska, Rod Haeberle
137 water right holder south, Trinity Stucker alternate landowner north, Trout Unlimited for
138 technical, forest service the same, Hort Association and appointed Janson Unra to
139 represent, Dick Ewing Farm Bureau, F&W technical, Chuck Brushwood CCT, Jen Fawl,
140 Okanogan Highlands, and Chris Johnson City of Okanogan.

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142 Commissioner Branch discussed structure and what the make up would be, although he
143 has expressed concern about representatives representing other groups and those
144 interests be satisfied.

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146 Todd McDaniel stated he feels the group's role was to identify the project for probability for
147 the area each represented. Jay Obrien agreed that should be the focus of the group.

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149 The major water purveyors should have representation on the council, such as the cities.
150 A Water Board could have been recognized instead of the process we are using. Citizen
151 involvement for SEPA is a requirement. Determine the future of watershed planning as it
152 is done by a watershed planning group, hopefully the group stays in tact after elected
153 officials leave, to determine the future of watershed planning in the Okanogan Basin and
154 how we want to do that.

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156 Identify the what and why. Determine the purpose of the group, what the county is trying to
157 achieve by it. The simple is to follow up with adaptive water management and decide do
158 we want the same people involved

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160 Jay Obrien said if there is an active committee of seven for WRIA 49 with three executives
161 of the committee that report back to the IG's quarterly on adjustments the committee wants
162 to implement. Would the IG's have the authority to appoint the rest of the committee and
163 how do we do that if that is the path.

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165 Need to have the technical people on the board, Jay Obrien said. The technical folks are
166 the heartbeat and they know what is going on in the water world. See if they will do it, then
167 add the people who are really interested. Three people would report back to the IG as an
168 executive committee.

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170 Nine members with three dictated by Initiating governments. The three executive members
171 would select the other six so as to have diversity in the group. Craig Nelson did like listing
172 a few bullets of criteria to provide the diversity in the "Job Description". Create the job
173 description then decide the prerequisites of the other positions. Commissioner Hover read
174 from the watershed council membership section. By-laws would need to be drafted to place
175 side board for the WRIA 49. The technical members would be nonvoting members that sit
176 and listen and deserve the same respect as anyone else at the table. The scope of work
177 and the qualifiers should be drafted by the IG's. A meeting date will be worked and brought
178 back to the county commissioners.

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180 **Motion Resolution 45-2021**

181 Commissioner Hover moved to approve resolution 45-2021 authorizing a budget
182 amendment within current expense to provide budget for the purchase of the new water
183 truck and funds for the maintenance tech position in the amount of \$61,416. Motion was
184 seconded, all were in favor, motion carried.

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187 **Motion**
188 Commissioner Hover moved to authorize the chairman to sign the affidavit of lost title for
189 the 2005 Ford Expedition vin #1FMPU16535LA79063. Motion was seconded, all were in
190 favor, motion carried.

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192 **Motion**
193 Commissioner Hover moved to authorize the chairman to sign the affidavit of lost title for
194 the 1995 Jeep VIN #1J4FJ28565L6539845. Motion was seconded, all were in favor, motion
195 carried.

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197 Commissioner Branch asked whether the board wished to hear from Mr. Quinn Owen as
198 the Clerk of the Board is not comfortable telling someone they cannot be scheduled before
199 the board. Commissioner Hover thought he'd like to listen to the person as he feels
200 everyone has an inalienable right to speak to their commissioners. Commissioner Branch
201 thought because the items were filed with the prosecutor's office as a lawsuit.
202 Commissioner Branch would like to consult with the prosecutor's office. There is no
203 introductory summary, so it is unclear exactly what the paperwork is regarding.

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205 **Review Meeting Minutes**
206 Commissioners reviewed their meeting minutes.

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208 The board adjourned at p.m.

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