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RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS

OKANOGAN COUNTY

DECEMBER 13, 2021

9:00 AM Review Commissioners Agenda & Consent Agenda
9:30 AM Briefing Among Commissioner-Discuss Weekly Meetings & Schedule
10:30 AM Discussion-Clerk's Office Staffing/Training-Clerk Groomes
11:00 AM Public Hearing-Budget Supplemental Building Fund 423
11:30 AM Public Hearing-Lake Management District Roles-Planning
1:30 PM District Court Judge Interviews
4:30 PM Review Meeting Minutes-November 29,30 & December 6,7, & 8

The Okanogan County Board of Commissioners met in Regular session at 123 5th Avenue North, Okanogan, Washington on December 13, 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 meeting held today, while ZOOM provided best audio accessibility and public interaction.

Review Commissioners Agenda & Consent Agenda

Commissioners reviewed their agenda and consent agenda items.

Briefing Among Commissioner-Discuss Weekly Meetings & Schedule

WRIA 49 Watershed planning group was discussed. Commissioners discussed strategies and process for forming planning groups and what geographical areas a member would represent or if the position would be At-large representing the whole county that would work towards the goals of the plan.

Inmate housing was discussed and what we can do to meet our goals and booking restrictions and the effect on the Douglas County agreement.

Motion Executive Session RWC 42.30.110 (1)(i)

Commissioner Hover moved to go into executive session at 9:30 a.m. for 10 minutes inviting Planning Director Pete Palmer and Chief Civil Deputy David Gecas to discuss legal matter to which the county is or may become a party. Motion was seconded, all were in favor, motion carried.

Executive session ended at 9:40 a.m. no decisions were made while in executive session.

Commissioners discussed fairgrounds improvements including the condition of the existing grandstands and the need to replace them.

Commissioner Branch discussed use of Infrastructure funds and use of LTAC funds as possible funding for grandstands. Commissioner Hover discussed the possibility of bonding funds for fairground's upgrades. Use of ARPA funds for the various building projects was also discussed. Commissioner Branch said he continues to review guidelines for use of ARPA funds.

Discussion-Clerk's Office Staffing/Training-Clerk Groomes

Deputy Clerk Susan Speiker, Tanya Everett

53 Clerk Groomes explained a position in her office is soon to be vacated and that person prepares for
54 jury trials. She said there is a big jury trial scheduled the first of the year and she would like the current
55 person to train the new person before she leaves. The cost would come out of the 2022 budget. The
56 arrangement would be effective December 27, through December 31, 2021.

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58 A resolution was prepared for the board's consideration.

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60 Ms. Everett asked for executive session to evaluate the qualifications of an applicant for public
61 employment.

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63 **Motion Executive Session RCW 42.30.110 (1)(g)**

64 Commissioner DeTro moved to go into executive session at 10:35 a.m. for 15 minutes inviting Tanya
65 Everett to evaluate the qualifications of a public employee. Motion was seconded, all were in favor,
66 motion carried.

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68 Commissioners extended executive session at 10:52 for another 10 minutes.

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70 At 11:00 a.m. the Clerk of the Board continued the budget supplemental public hearing to 11:05 a.m.
71 to give the commissioners time to exit executive session.

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73 Executive session ended at 11:02 a.m. no decisions were made while in executive session.

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75 Commissioner Hover discussed paving the fairgrounds roads from the south end to the gates this
76 spring. The FEMA funds through public health COVID activities could pay for the project.

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78 **Public Hearing-Budget Supplemental Building Fund 423**

79 Commissioner Branch opened up the hearing at 11:05 a.m. He opened up to staff. Building Official
80 Dan Higbee stated he has some cushion in his budget but the supplemental will put the funds in the
81 proper expenditure lines to cover costs of fuel and staffing changes.

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83 Commissioner Branch opened up the hearing to public testimony. Katie Haven stated she did not wish
84 to comment. Commissioner Branch closed public comment and opened up to commissioner
85 discussion.

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87 **Motion Resolution 165-2021 Budget Supplemental Appropriation Building**

88 Commissioner Hover moved to approve resolution 1656-2021 a budget supplemental within the
89 Building Department budget in the amount of \$6,101. Motion was seconded, all were in favor, motion
90 carried.

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92 **Special Accounts Payable Batch Motion - Voucher Approval - Commissioners**

93 Vouchers certified and audited by the Auditing Officer as required by RCW 42.24.080 and those
94 expense reimbursement claims certified as required by RCW 42.24.090 have been recorded on a list,
95 and made available to the Board. As of this date, the Board did vote, by unanimous vote, to approve
96 the special AP run vouchers in the amount of \$1,328.50. Warrant numbers as cited on the attached
97 blanket voucher list. Motion seconded and carried.

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99 **Motion Resolution 166-2021 Clerk's Office Staffing**

100 Commissioner Hover moved to approve resolution 166-2021 allowing two employees to be paid from
101 one BARS code temporarily. Motion was seconded, all were in favor, motion carried.

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103 Commissioner Branch asked the Clerk of the Board to set up Public Records Act Training provided by
104 the AGO office for all departments in the hearing room during a commissioner meeting.

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106 **Public Hearing-Lake Management District Roles-Planning**

107 Planning Director Pete Palmer

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109 The hearing was recorded on AV Capture.

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111 Commissioner Branch opened up the hearing at 11:30 a.m. asking for staff report. Director Palmer
112 provided her staff report. (attached) Director Palmer explained the hearing was scheduled in
113 accordance to RCW 36.61.120 in order to receive objections to the assessment which must be filed
114 in writing.

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116 Objections received were discussed. One was a written objection and two were verbal only objections
117 from Diana Hartvig and Teresita Barnard. (attached) The procedure is for the BOCC to hear the
118 objections and decide on each objection. The 2022 special assessment was read to retire some
119 parcels and add some parcels. The amount of the assessment collected isn't actually enough to cover
120 the cost to spray each year, so Noxious Weed sprays every other year and/or places that have signs
121 of milfoil.

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123 The Planning Department recommended the BOCC approve the resolution with the corrected 2022
124 roll list, and its attachments.

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126 The Board was sworn in by the Clerk of the Board.

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128 Commissioner Branch opened up for public testimony.

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130 John Moran commented that he was just monitoring the conversation, no testimony.

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132 Lee Chapman commented that he was just monitoring the hearing, no testimony.

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134 Katie Haven stated she was also just monitoring the hearing, no testimony.

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136 Commissioner Hover thought the hearing might need to be continued because only one person
137 supplied a written objection. He requested a map be created for next year that shows properties and
138 their proximity to the Canadian Border and would also show properties that cannot be treated. Director
139 Palmer stated she provided the Noxious Weed manager's staff report in her packet.

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141 Commissioner Branch said when this all started the Osoyoos Lake property owners submitted a
142 petition to the BOCC urging the commissioners to solve the aquatic weed issues in the lake. Several
143 public hearings were held with one being at Oroville City Chambers. Commissioner Branch closed the
144 hearing to public and opened up to commissioner discussion.

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146 **Motion Objection-Sandra Hordyk**

147 Commissioner Hover moved to deny the objection of Sandra Hordyk to remove parcel number
148 4027050050 from the Lake Management rolls. Motion was seconded, all were in favor, motion carried.

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150 **Motion Resolution 164-2021 Lake Management District**

151 Commissioner Hover moved to approve resolution 164-2021 certifying the 2022 special assessment
152 rolls of the Lake Management District removing parcel 4027150051 belonging to Philip & Debra Unger,
153 due to parcel number being retired to short plat #3248360, and parcel 6400330009, belonging to Philip
154 & Debra Unger, due to being retired to short plat #3248360, and to add parcels 8883100100 belonging
155 to Nathan & Laurie Ukrainetz, 8883100200 belonging to Colin Van Den Brink, and 8883100300
156 belonging to Philip & Debra Unger. All were in favor, motion was seconded, all were in favor, motion
157 carried.

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159 Commissioners adjourned for lunch at 12:00.

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161 **District Court Judge Interviews**

162 Tanya Everett

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164 Commissioner Branch explained how the interviews would be conducted and that Ms. Everett would
165 ask the 8-questions that the board narrowed down.

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167 The board began its first applicant interview at 1:30 p.m. for District Court Judge. Mr. Chancey Crowell
168 was interviewed. Several public attendees listened to the interview via zoom.

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170 After the interview Commissioner Branch called for a recess until 2:15 p.m.

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172 The board began its second interview at 2:30 p.m. The second applicant interviewed for District Court
173 Judge was Ted Reinbold from Okanogan County. Several public attendees listened to the interview
174 via zoom.

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176 After the second interview the board attended to the following business.

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178 **Review Meeting Minutes-November 29,30 & December 6,7, & 8**

179 Commissioner DeTro moved to approve the commissioners meeting minutes of November 29,30 &
180 December 6,7, & 8, 2022. Motion was seconded, all were in favor, motion carried.

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182 **Motion - Voucher Approval - Commissioners**

183 Vouchers certified and audited by the Auditing Officer as required by RCW 42.24.080 and those
184 expense reimbursement claims certified as required by RCW 42.24.090 have been recorded on a list,
185 and made available to the Board. As of this date, the Board did vote, by unanimous vote, to approve
186 the regular vouchers in the amount of \$482,455.17. Warrant numbers as cited on the attached blanket
187 voucher list. Motion seconded and carried.

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189 **Motion Public Health Voucher**

190 Commissioner moved to approve the Public Health Vouchers including regular vouchers in the amount
191 of \$32,735.45. Warrant numbers as cited on the attached blanket voucher list. Motion was seconded,
192 all were in favor, motion carried.

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194 **Motion Tonasket EMS District**

195 Commissioner Hover moved to adjourn as the BOCC and reconvene as the Tonasket EMS District.
196 Motion was seconded all were in favor, motion carried.

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198 Commissioner Hover moved to approve the Voucher certification and authorize the Tonasket EMS
199 District vouchers to be paid in the amount of \$21,700 to Life Line for ambulance services. Motion was
200 seconded, all were in favor, motion carried.

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202 Commissioner Hover moved to adjourn as the Tonasket EMS District and Reconvene as the Oroville
203 Rural EMS District. Motion was seconded all were in favor, motion carried.

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205 **Motion Oroville Rural EMS District**

206 Commissioner Hover moved to approve the Voucher certification and authorize the Oroville Rural EMS
207 District vouchers to be paid in the amount of \$9,680 to Life Line for ambulance services. Motion was
208 seconded, all were in favor, motion carried.

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210 Commissioner Hover moved to adjourn as the Oroville Rural EMS District and Reconvene as the
211 BOCC. Motion was seconded all were in favor, motion carried.

212 **Motion Executive Session RCW 42.30.110 (1)(i)**
213 Commissioner Hover moved to go into executive session at 3:00 p.m. for 10-minutes inviting David
214 Gecas to discuss potential litigation. Motion was seconded, all were in favor, motion carried.
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216 Executive session ended at 3:10 p.m. no decisions were made.
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218 The Clerk of the Board reminded the commissioners of Auditor Hall's email regarding redistricting as
219 the board must consider adjustments of commissioner's district boundaries by December 31, 2021.
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221 The board began its third interview at 3:30 p.m. Ms. Katherine Burke, Ferry County was interviewed
222 for District Court Judge. Several public attendees listened to the interviews via zoom.
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224 District Court Judge interviews concluded after the third interview.
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226 **Executive Session RCW 42.30.110 (1)(g)**
227 Commissioner Hover moved to go into executive session at 3:55 p.m. for 15 minutes inviting Tanya
228 Everett to discuss the qualifications of an applicant for public employment. Motion was seconded, all
229 were in favor, motion carried
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231 Executive session ended at 4:10 p.m. no decisions were made.
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233 GIS Analyst Gene Wyllson was summoned and was asked to discuss precincts and district
234 boundaries. Mr. Wyllson reported that he had limited involvement with previous redistricting but would
235 review the work and report back. Existing districts and their overall populations based on 2020 census
236 was discussed. The Clerk of the Board provided the last ordinance 2011-7 that approved district
237 boundaries after the 2010 census.
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239 The board adjourned at 4:15 p.m.
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