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RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS

OKANOGAN COUNTY

DECEMBER 27, 2021

9:00 AM Review Commissioners Agenda & Consent Agenda
9:30 AM Briefing Among Commissioners-Discuss Individual Weekly Meetings & Schedule
10:00 AM Possible Department Head Evaluation -Thomas Evan
10:30 AM Update-Veteran's Relief Board-Thomas Even
11:00 AM Public Hearing-Budget Supplemental Appropriation-Superior Court \$58,348
11:05 AM Department Head Evaluation-Lanie Johns
1:30 PM Department Head Evaluation-Karen Beatty
2:00 PM Department Head Evaluation-Dan Higbee
2:30 PM Department Head Evaluation-Maurice Goodall
3:00 PM Department Head Evaluation-Tanya Everett
3:30 PM Department Head Evaluation-Josh Thomson
4:00 PM Department Head Evaluation-Naomie Peasley

The Okanogan County Board of Commissioners met in Regular session at 123 5th Avenue North, Okanogan, Washington on December 27, 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

Auditor Hall arrived first thing and provided the accounts payable batch to be approved. She explained, on Thursday, she consulted with Commissioner Branch as there were a couple budgets that froze the payroll process. The Chairman authorized her to use the contingency reserve to provide the needed budget to process the payroll. The adjustment was around \$3200.

Motion

Commissioner DeTro moved to ratify the Chairman's approval of the budget Transfer from Contingency Reserve to the current expense budgets that needed the funds in the amount of \$3,200. Motion was seconded, all were in favor, motion carried.

Briefing Among Commissioners-Discuss Individual Weekly Meetings & Schedule

Commissioners discussed the weather and the single digit cold snap we are having with negative temp wind chills and big wind drifts. Ice fishing was discussed as well.

Possible Department Head Evaluation -Thomas Even

The Veteran's committee conducts Mr. Even's performance evaluation since the commissioners are not involved with the day to day operations at the Veteran's office.

Update-Veteran's Relief Board-Thomas Even

The VSO provided his quarterly update. (attached)

Mr. Even's explained a request for assistance from a veteran who needs regular dialysis and the liability issues with Mr. Even using his personal vehicle to get him to the appointments. The Veteran's

54 van is not feasible, said Mr. Even. Commissioner Branch stated there is also TRANGO, Apple Line
55 and Okanogan Transportation & Nutrition services for transport services.

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57 Mr. Even stated he is coordinating with the Tribes VSO. The DVA van was discussed. The Clerk of
58 the Board provide the DVA agreement and amendments to Mr. Even and Chairman Branch. She
59 recommended Mr. Even speak with Eric Fritts as he may have the best information on use of the van.
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61 Commissioner Branch recessed at 10:35 for 10 minutes.

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63 **Public Hearing-Budget Supplemental Appropriation-Superior Court \$58,348**
64 Commissioner Branch opened up the public hearing to staff, seeing no one from Superior Court to
65 comment on the budget supplemental, Commissioner Branch opened the hearing to public comment,
66 seeing no one to comment he closed to the public and opened up to commissioners' discussion.
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68 **Motion Resolution 175-2021 Budget Supplemental Appropriation Superior Court**
69 Commissioner Hover moved to approve resolution 175-2021 a budget supplemental appropriation
70 within Current Expense Superior Court budget in the amount of \$58,348. Motion was seconded, all
71 were in favor, motion carried.
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73 **Motion RCW 42.30.110 (1)(g) Department Head Performance Evaluation-Lanie Johns**
74 Commissioner Hover moved to go into executive session at 11:05 a.m. under RCW 42.30.110 (1)(g)
75 inviting Lanie Johns to her performance evaluation. Motion was seconded, all were in favor, motion
76 carried.
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78 Executive session was extended at 11:30 for another 10 minutes.
79 Executive session ended at 11:40 a.m. no decisions were made.
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81 Commissioners adjourned for lunch at 11:42 a.m.
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83 **Motion RCW 42.30.110 (1)(g) Performance Evaluation-Karen Beatty**
84 Commissioner Hover moved to go into executive session at 1:33 p.m. for 30 minutes inviting Karen
85 Beatty to discuss the performance of a public employee. Motion was seconded, all were in favor,
86 motion carried.
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88 Executive session ended at 2:02 p.m. no decisions were made.
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90 **Department Head Evaluation-Dan Higbee**
91 Commissioner Hover moved to go into executive session at 2:00 p.m. for 15 minutes inviting Dan
92 Higbee to discuss the performance of a public employee. Motion was seconded, all were in favor,
93 motion carried.
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95 Executive session ended at 2:10 p.m. no decisions were made.
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97 Commissioner Hover said since Judge Chris Culp is retiring soon there will be a vacancy before the
98 term expires. Vacancies between elections are filled by appointment of the Governor and appointees
99 serve the remaining term. Judge Grim is thinking about applying to the Superior Court Judge position.
100 Commissioner Hover asked if the other commissioners would like to authorize a letter of
101 recommendation or support. Commissioner Branch said he would like some time to think about it.
102 Prior to Mr. Goodall's performance evaluation, he discussed the cold and windy weather and issues
103 created by it.
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105 **Department Head Evaluation-Maurice Goodall**

106 Commissioner Hover moved to go into executive session at 2:30 p.m. for 15 minutes inviting Maurice
107 Goodall to discuss the performance of a public employee. Motion was seconded, all were in favor,
108 motion carried.

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110 Executive session ended at 2:45 p.m. no decisions were made.

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112 **Department Head Evaluation-Tanya Everett**

113 Commissioner Hover moved to go into executive session at 3:00 p.m. for 15 minutes inviting Tanya
114 Everett to discuss the performance of a public employee. Motion was seconded, all were in favor,
115 motion carried.

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117 Executive session ended at 3:15 p.m. no decisions were made.

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

120 Commissioner Hover moved to go into executive session at 3:15 p.m. for 5 minutes inviting David
121 Gecas to discuss potential litigation. Motion was seconded, all were in favor, motion carried.

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123 Executive session ended at 3:20 p.m. no decisions were made.

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125 **Department Head Evaluation-Josh Thomson**

126 Commissioner Hover moved to go into executive session at 3:30 p.m. for 10 minutes inviting Josh
127 Thomson to discuss the performance of a public employee. Motion was seconded, all were in favor,
128 motion carried.

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130 Executive session ended at 3:40 p.m. no decisions were made.

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132 **Department Head Evaluation-Naomie Peasley**

133 Commissioner Hover moved to go into executive session at 3:40 p.m. for 15 minutes inviting Naomie
134 Peasley to discuss the performance of a public employee. Motion was seconded, all were in favor,
135 motion carried.

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137 Executive session ended at 3:55 no decisions were made.

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139 Commissioners discussed congressional clarifications.

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141 The board adjourned at 4:10 p.m.

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