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**RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS**

**OKANOGAN COUNTY**

**FEBRUARY 13, 2023**

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**9:00 AM Review Agenda & Consent Agenda**  
**9:05 AM Briefing Among Commissioners – Discuss Weekly Meetings & Schedule**  
**9:15 AM Public Comment Period**  
**9:30 AM Legislative Update – Zak Kennedy**  
**To Follow Commissioners Staff Meeting**  
**10:30 AM Discussion – EMS Grant Opportunities – Roni Holder-Diefenbach**  
**11:00 AM Discuss & Review Justice RFQ’s - Commissioners**  
**11:30 AM Discussion – Medical Backup Coverage – Shelley Keitzman**  
**1:30 PM Discussion – ARPA Funds – Town of Twisp**

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The Okanogan County Board of Commissioners met for a regular meeting at 123 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue North, Okanogan, Washington on February 13, 2023 with; Vice-Chairman, Commissioner Andy Hover; Member, Commissioner Jon Neal; and the Deputy Clerk of the Board, Crystal Hawley, present.

Chairman, Commissioner Chris Branch attended via zoom.

AV Capture and Zoom provided audio and video accessibility for public interaction. There were some technical difficulties with zoom due to no sound.

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

**Review Agenda & Consent Agenda**

The commissioners review their agenda and consent agenda.

**Briefing Among Commissioners – Discuss Weekly Meetings & Schedule**

The commissioners briefed among themselves about their weekly meetings and schedules.

**Discussion – Medical Backup Coverage – Shelley Keitzman**

Commissioner Branch gave to okay to the Sheriff’s Office to purchase two vehicles.

Ms. Keitzman had reach out the three-different companies for the courthouse security; two out of the three companies service Okanogan. Pacific’s quote was \$560 per day and one other came in at \$1898.26 per day for security at the courthouse. Ms. Keitzman would like to move forward with Pacific Company.

Ms. Keitzman explained that the RN-Nurse Care Manager has requested time off. The RN-Nurse Care Manager position requires coverage in her absence to maintain the level of care for inmates per the Washington Health Care Authority – Medication for Opioid Use Disorder Grant. This position is paid at an hourly rate of \$50.28 per hour. Keitzman is needing a qualified registered nurse to be hired to fill in during any absences requiring coverage of the current RN-Nurse Care Manager.

53 **Motion- Settlement Agreement- Okanogan County and Milan Richard Havlik Jr.**  
54 Commissioner Hover moved to sign the settlement agreement between Okanogan County and  
55 Milan Richard Havlik Jr. to provide Kosher Meals during his incarceration. Motion was seconded.  
56 All were in favor. Motion carried.

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58 **Public Comment Period**

59 Ms. Jackson, Katie Haven were present

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61 There was no public comment

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63 **Legislative Update – Zak Kennedy**

64 Zak Kennedy provided the commissioners the legislative update. House Bill 5383 concerning  
65 pedestrians crossing and moving along roadways. This bill authorizes a pedestrian to cross a  
66 roadway at any point unless a reasonably careful person would realize there is an immediate  
67 danger of a collision with a moving vehicle, a person operating a bicycle, or a personal delivery  
68 device (immediate danger standard). • Exempts pedestrians from following the requirements of  
69 certain traffic control devices or from yielding the right-of-way to vehicles, subject to the immediate  
70 danger standard. • Requires drivers to stop and remain stopped to allow a pedestrian to cross a  
71 roadway at any point, subject to the immediate danger standard. • Removes the requirement that  
72 a pedestrian moving along a roadway must walk on or move along the shoulder of the roadway  
73 facing traffic when sidewalks are not provided or are inaccessible and regardless of the presence  
74 of shoulders.

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76 House Bill 1674 to improve protection for pedestrians and other vulnerable roadway users from  
77 dangers posed by certain pickup trucks and sport utility vehicles. This bill requires motor vehicle  
78 dealers showing, selling, or leasing a light truck or mid-size or large sport utility vehicle (SUV) to  
79 post and provide a specified written disclosure that describes an increased risk of the vehicle, due  
80 to its size and weight, to pedestrians, bicyclists, and other motorists, and stating that drivers of  
81 these vehicles may be subject to more severe penalties for certain safety infractions. • Adds an  
82 additional fine of \$100 to certain traffic infractions if committed using a light truck or mid-size or  
83 large SUV. • Requires the Department of Licensing (DOL) to maintain and publish a list of motor  
84 vehicles by make, model, and model year that are light trucks or mid-size or large SUVs, and to  
85 provide vehicle owners of light trucks and mid-size or large SUVs applying for an original or  
86 renewal vehicle registration with information similar to the information required to be disclosed by  
87 motor vehicle dealers. • Mandates that the Washington Traffic Safety Commission conduct  
88 periodic educational campaigns to increase awareness of the increased risks to pedestrians and  
89 other vulnerable roadway users from light trucks and mid-size and large SUVs.

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91 **Commissioners Staff Meeting**

92 Staff was cancelled.

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94 **Discuss & Review Justice RFQ's – Commissioners**

95 The commissioners discussed the site utilities for the future of Superior Court and Juvenile  
96 Detention. The goal of this project is to prepare all utilities and site work necessary for the support  
97 of the soon to be fully renovated Okanogan County Superior Court and Juvenile Detention Center.

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99 Cortner Architectural submitted a bid rate of the following billing prices per hour:

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- 101 • Project Manager/Project Architect \$145
- 102 • Project (Site) Representative/Cost Estimator \$125
- 103 • Architectural Associate \$125

- 104           • CADD/BIM Tech \$100  
105           • Administrative Assistant \$85  
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107 **Motion**

108 Commissioner Hover moved to select Cortner Architectural for the site utilities for the future of  
109 Okanogan County Superior Court and Juvenile Detention Center. Motion was seconded. All were  
110 in favor. Motion carried.

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112 Cortner Architectural, Budinger & Associates, MJ Neal Associates, The DOH Associates, and  
113 Design West Architects all put in a bid for the Okanogan County Superior Court Renovation. The  
114 commissioners would like to score all five companies that submitted RFQs and then select three  
115 to do the walk through.

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117 **Discussion – EMS Grant Opportunities – Roni Holder-Diefenbach**

118 The discussion for EMS Grant Opportunities was cancelled.

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120 **Discussion – ARPA Funds – Town of Twisp**

121 The discussion for the ARPA Funds – Town of Twisp was cancelled.

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124 The board adjourned at 10: 30 a.m.

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