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RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS

OKANOGAN COUNTY

FEBRUARY 14, 2022

9:00 AM Discussion- Rescind Ordinance 2022-2
9:15 AM Review Commissioners' Agenda and Consent Agenda
9:30 AM Legislative Update-Potts and Associates-Zac Kennedy
11:00 AM Public Hearing Budget Supplemental Appropriation Vehicle Reserve Fund
11:10 AM Discussion Equitable Sharing Agreement-Sheriff
1:30 PM Discussion ARPA Plan and Requests
To Follow Review Meeting Minutes

The Okanogan County Board of Commissioners met in Regular session at 123 5th Avenue North, Okanogan, Washington on February 14, 2022 with Chairman, Commissioner Andy Hover; Vice-Chairman, Commissioner Chris Branch; Member, Commissioner Jim DeTro; and the Deputy Clerk of the Board, Crystal Hawley, present.

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

Discussion- Rescind Ordinance 2022-2 Marijuana Moratorium

Planning Director Pete Palmer explained that Ordinance 2022-2 extended a temporary moratorium on the permitting of new cannabis grows and the expansion of existing cannabis grows in Okanogan County, Washington that was prematurely presented to the Commissioners for approval. Ms. Palmer requested that the Commissioners rescind the Ordinance in order to provide time to hold a public hearing on the proposed action.

Motion

Commissioner Branch moved to rescind Ordinance 2022-2, motion was second, all in favor, motion carried.

Discussion- Letter of Interest to Serve on the Board of Equalization

Deputy Clerk went over a letter of interest from Peter Conrad for the BOE At-Large position #2. Mr. Conrad expressed his interest for the Board Equalization. He has been a business owner/employer during most of his professional career, including owning a rather large repossession company. He is currently a pilot for Wheels up flying a corporate jet.

Motion

Commissioner Hover moved to have the Deputy Clerk create an appointment letter appointing Mr. Conrad to the At-Large position #2 on the Board of Equalization. His term will be effective immediately and will expire June 30, 2024, second, all in favor, motion carried.

Legislative Update-Potts and Associates-Zac Kennedy

Zak Kennedy provided a legislative update. Mr. Kennedy said that there were three times the security with hardly anyone in at the Capital when he was there. The State Capital is trying bring aboard the tribal government into the equation for decisions. A lot a conversation has to do about elections this

49 year. Commissioner Branch asked Mr. Kennedy about Senate Bill 56.13. N ACT Relating to the use
50 of dogs to hunt black bear, cougar, or bobcat; and amending RCW 77.15.245. The Sheriff would no
51 longer having permission to use dogs to hunt without getting permission from Washington
52 Department of Fish & Wildlife. Commissioner Hover doesn't think this would be acceptable. Sheriff
53 should be the one that has the responsibility for the purpose of protecting livestock, domestic
54 animals, private property, or the public safety.

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56 Commissioner Branch asked about the Craft Cannabis Production Senate Bill 12.60 AN ACT
57 Relating to improving the development of the marijuana market by enacting provisions specific to
58 craft cannabis production; adding new sections to chapter 69.50 RCW; and providing an expiration
59 date. Mr. Kennedy said he would find out more regarding this bill.

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61 Commissioner Branch wants to possibly start a small collation of counties and asked Mr. Kennedy
62 which counties he represents. Mr. Kennedy said he no longer represent Chelan, Douglas, Adams,
63 or Kittitas Counties. But sill represents Klickitat and Franklin Counties.

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65 **Motion**

66 Commissioner Branch moved to approve the appointment letter addressed to Peter Conrad for the
67 At-Large position #2 on the Board of Equalization. Motion was seconded, all in favor motion carried.

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69 **Public Hearing Budget Supplemental Appropriation Vehicle Reserve Fund**
70 A resolution authorizing a budget supplemental appropriation within Current Expense Assessor Fund
71 001.003 and Vehicle Reserve Fund 197 in the amount of \$500. This supplemental appropriation will
72 reallocate budget to cover the additional costs for the Assessor's vehicle purchase.

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74 Commissioner Hover open the Public Hearing at 11:00 a.m
75 Open to Staff
76 Open to Public
77 There were no public comments.
78 Commissioner Hover closed public comment and open it to the board

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80 **Motion-Resolution 27-2022 Budget Supplemental Appropriation Vehicle Reserve Fund**
81 Commissioner Branch moved to approve Resolution 27-2022 approving a budget supplemental within
82 the Vehicle Reserve Fund 197 in the amount of \$500. Motion was seconded, all in favor, motion carried.

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84 **Discussion Equitable Sharing Agreement- Undersheriff**
85 Undersheriff Culp explained that the Equitable Sharing Agreement is a yearly agreement for the
86 Task Force operation. In order to receive a public grant, by law, the funds need to go to the county,
87 then to the Task Force. This Federal Equitable Sharing agreement sets forth the requirements for
88 participation in the federal Equitable Sharing Program and the restrictions upon the use of federally
89 forfeited funds, property, and any interest earned thereon, which are equitably shared with
90 participating law enforcement agencies. By submitting the form, OCSO agrees that it will bound by
91 the Guide and Submission of the ESAC is a prerequisite to receiving any funds or property through
92 the Equitable Sharing Program.

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94 **Motion**
95 Commissioner Branch moved to approve and authorized the Chair to sign the Equitable Sharing
96 Agreement for the Task Force operation. Motion second. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

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98 **Discussion- Letter to Douglas County Commissioners'**
99 Commissioner Branch let the undersheriff know that he was working on the letter between Douglas
100 County and Okanogan County Commissioners for the Jail. Commissioners Hover asked the
101 undersheriff Culp for an addendum of the agreement with Douglas County and the Okanogan County
102 Jail for their inmates. Undersheriff Culp said that he would provide the agreement as soon as it was
103 updated.

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105 Board adjourned at 11:18 and will reconvene at 1:30

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107 **Discussion ARPA Plan and Requests**

108 The Commissioners discussed the following projects and principles:
109 Community Action for food and nutrition, Economic Alliance Omak, Long Term Recovery,
110 Okanogan County Communications, PUD, City of Okanogan Water Source Conversion Mazama
111 Well- Fire District Capacity, Methow Bridge Water Line Replacement, Brewster Flat Irrigation District,
112 Sandflats Project (Intersection), Methow Valley Mobile Command Vehicle, Morgue/Sheriff
113 Equipment Storage Facility, Justice Building, Mazama Well.

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115 Commissioner Hover would like to know if the Town of Methow Fire District 15 could apply for a
116 CERB Grant for the Feasibility Study. He asked if Commissioner Branch would ask Roni Holder-
117 Diefenbach at Economic Alliance if the CERB Grant would work for this kind of project and to let her
118 know that the county will manage this grant. Commissioner Hover explained that the County spent
119 \$2 Million already on the Justice Building, with \$18,921,179 total project costs, \$1.25 Million was
120 already used for public health and roads. \$5.3 Million is left to allocate to projects. Total would be
121 \$4,711,679, so \$600k to spend elsewhere.

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123 The Commissioners would like to talk to the City of Omak before allocating these funds to see if the
124 county gives \$300k to their Sandflat project as it would help move the project forward. Commissioner
125 Hover expressed that the town of Winthrop gets a lot of funds and he thinks the county should only
126 pay 25% of their project cost. As well, he'd like to allocate 25% of the project costs to the City of
127 Okanogan for their Water Source Conversion project.

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129 **Motion - Resolution 26-2022 Allowing Office Closures During Excessive Snow**

130 Commissioner DeTro Moved to approve resolution 26-2022 to allow office closures and
131 administrative leave during excessive snow-days. Motion was second. All in favor. Motion carried.

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133 The board adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

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