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RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS

OKANOGAN COUNTY

FEBRUARY 15 2022

9:00 AM Commissioners' Staff Meeting
10:00 AM Finance Committee Meeting-Leah McCormack
11:00 AM Update-Public Works-Engineer Josh Thomson
1:30 PM Public Comment Period
2:00 PM Update-Central Services
2:30 PM Discussion-WDFW Acquisitions & Projects-Brock Hoenes
3:30 PM Approve Commissioner Proceedings-February
4:00 PM Approve Consent Agenda

The Okanogan County Board of Commissioners met in Regular session at 123 5th Avenue North, Okanogan, Washington on February 15, 2022 with Chairman, Commissioner Chris Branch; Vice-Chairman, Commissioner Andy Hover Member, and the Deputy Clerk of the Board, Crystal Hawley, present.

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

Commissioners' Staff Meeting

Joe Poulin, Maurice Goodall, Pete Palmer

Pete Palmer Planning Director explained the Marijuana 911 address process. Ms. Palmer said that the growers are using invalid addresses. She would like to know what should be a response to the properties on a case by case bases. Commissioner Hover suggested about drafting a letter and respond to all of them. Commissioner Branch said that he was interested in what the planning department thinks, looks at and what is most concerning to them. Ms. Palmer said that most importantly is making sure they are using the correct 911 addresses. Commissioner Branch said the liquor and marijuana board will sometimes will not do anything, there are limitation that they have to follow. Ms. Palmer said that the big thing is, they sign their licenses and they are using incorrect addresses. It is extremely hard to change it on the license Commissioner Branch thought that maybe making sure there is a checklist of points to look at. Ms. Palmer said that there is another schedule public hearing for temporary moratorium on the permitting of new cannabis grows and the expansion of existing cannabis grows in Okanogan County, Washington on Feb 28th at 1:30.

Mr. Poulin

Maintenance Supervisor, Joe Poulin provided a quote from the Dude Solutions sample report of a Juvenile Detention Center Facility Condition Assessment on the HVAC. The report goes over from top to bottom of the building. They would go into more detail with the jail itself. Commissioner Hover asked that Mr. Poulin creates a replacement plan for the jail parts, so commissioners down the road would have a life expectancy. Commissioner Hover also thought that creating a spread sheet so every 3-5 years Mr. Poulin can bring it forward to the commissioners around budget time. Total cost estimate would be around \$20,750 plus tax to do the evaluation on the

51 Courthouse, Virginia Granger, Juvenile Admin, Public Works, Juvenile Detention, Probation,
52 Hancock and do a deep drive on the jail.

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54 **Motion**

55 Commissioner Branch moved to the do the Facility Study by Dude Solutions proposed and
56 presented by Joe Poulin for \$20,750 plus tax, second, all in favor, motion carried.

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58 Mr. Poulin said the outside lights for Public Works were old that came with the building, he has
59 new LED lights. The maintenance crew will be putting motion sensor lights on the polls around
60 the Justice Building and Public Works Building. Commissioner Hover said to make sure not to
61 put anything on the wooden sheds, because the County is going to be getting rid of them.

62 The last thing Mr. Poulin has is the boiler tank. He called a couple people over in Seattle and they
63 are really hesitant on coming over here to evaluate the fuel tank.

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65 Emergency Management Manager Maurice Goodall provided a budget supplemental for grant
66 monies to be used on a command vehicle with equipment. He said he solicited three quotes from
67 Jess Ford, Sunrise, and Ok Chevy. He presented two quotes for the vehicle.

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69 2021 Ford F-150 4x4 Crew

70 Total \$45,664.87 Including tax

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72 2022 Chevy 1500 Crew Cab 4x4

73 Total \$45,621.39 Including tax

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75 The difference in the two was about 40 dollars. Mr. Goodall said that he would be keeping the
76 vehicle he has now for a secondary vehicle. The radios he would like to confine them, so he
77 doesn't have so many of them. Mr. Goodall expressed that he would like to have a radio to do
78 everything he needs. Commissioner Hover thought it would be better to combine the two grants
79 on the supplemental sheet and then give it to the Clerk to advertise.

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81 **Finance Committee Meeting-Leah McCormack**

82 Auditor Cari Hall, Lisa Schreckengost and Treasurer Leah McCormack

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84 Treasurer Leah McCormack brought Discloser procedure that she had signed to put forth on the
85 bond to keep it current.

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87 Ms. McCormack went over cash on hand and investment balances for the county funds.
88 Commissioner Hover said that he would like to move 1 million to the Current Expense Reserve
89 and 1.2 million to Contingency Revenue. Ms. McCormack explained that the sale tax for January
90 was up \$75,000 from this time last year. She is curious to see how February looks. All of last year,
91 taxes went up each month.

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93 Ms. McCormack explained that tax statements going out within the next week or two, so be
94 prepare of your taxes going up.

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96 Ms. Hall expressed that payroll is going to be extremely tight this pay period! Please approve your
97 timesheets as soon as possible, they only have a day in a half to process in payroll.

98 Ms. Hall also informed the Commissioners that because of all the CARES funds that came in, the
99 county now is being audited.

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102 **Motion Executive Session**

103 Commissioner DeTro moved to go into executive session at 11:53 a.m. for 15 minutes inviting
104 Chief Civil Deputy David Gecas, Planning Director Pete Palmer and Rocky Robbins to discuss
105 potential litigations under RCW 42.30.110 (1)(i). Motion was seconded all were in favor, motion
106 carried.

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108 Executive ended at 12:08 no decisions were made.

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110 **Update Public Works-Engineer Josh Thomson**

111 Public Works Engineer Josh Thomson

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113 Engineer Josh Thomson provided his agenda. Mr. Thomson explained that maintenance and road
114 conditions have been pretty quiet. On the reservation the crew has cleaned up quite a few fire
115 trees. He explained that the Forest Service wants a road on Cougar Creek Road that isn't on
116 Forest Service land. Commissioner Hover would like to know why. Mr. Thomson explained that
117 the Forest Service thinks it is their land throughout the years, but it is really the county's land.
118 Public Works will go to summer hours on March 7th.

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120 Mr. Thomson went over Title 2 Grants that let Public Works do work on roads that have access
121 snow parks. He explained that they will be able to do other roads as well, so he will work with the
122 Forest Service to make a list. He is also on a CRAB RAP preliminary prospectus on the following
123 roads: Old 97 6.85-8.27, Old 97 MP 5.35-6.85 and Chesaw Road Culvert MP 4.

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125 The Yakima Nation Fisheries is working toward permitting the Methow River – Suspension Reach
126 Fish Habitat Enhancement Project just downstream of Mazama. The project goes through
127 County-owned parcels that include the Tawlks-Foster Suspension Bridge. In order to proceed
128 through the Joint Aquatic Resources, Permit Application (JARPA) permitting processes, the
129 permitting agencies require approval from landowners to enter and inspect the location of the
130 project. This project is being designed to provide protection for the Tawlks-Foster Suspension
131 Bridge foundations. Construction is planned for later this year.

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133 Josh provided an amendment to Lease Agreement for the Okanogan County Public Health. This
134 Amendment modifies the existing Lease Agreement, Amendment #6, Dated November 2,2020
135 by and Between Okanogan County and Okanogan County Health District

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137 **Motion**

138 Commissioner DeTro moved to approve the amendment #6 B to Lease Agreement between
139 Okanogan County and the Okanogan County Public Health for lease of the space used by public
140 health, second, all in favor, motion carried

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142 Adjourned until 1:30

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144 **Public Comment Period**

145 Commissioner Hover opened comment period to the public.

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147 No public comment

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149 **Motion- Terminating ILA between Okanogan County and Douglas County**

150 Commissioner Branch moved to approve and sign the letter to Douglas County terminating the
151 interlocal cooperation agreement between Okanogan County, Washington and Douglas

152 County, Washington, for the housing of inmates in the Okanogan County Jail. Second. All in
153 favor Motion carried.

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155 **Motion-Amended Inmate Housing ILA between Okanogan County and Douglas County**
156 Commissioner Branch moved to approve and sign the amended agreement between Douglas
157 County and Okanogan County of the current inmate housing agreement. Second. All in favor
158 Motion Carried

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160 **Discussion- Therapeutic Court Coordinator**

161 Commissioner Hover asked if the Risk Management could correct the title on the Resolution 22-
162 2022 by taking out Grade 28.

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164 **Motion Resolution 22-2022**

165 Commissioner Branch moved to approve resolution 22-2022 creating a District Court grant funded
166 "Therapeutic Court Coordinator" position, motion was second, all in favor, motion carried.

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168 **Update-Central Services**

169 Karen Beatty Director explained that an air conditioner has been installed in server room and it is
170 working great. Saturday the phones went down county wide, but it didn't affect 911 services.
171 Apparently, Lumen had a fiber connection problem in Pateros. They were back up and running
172 early Sunday morning.

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174 **Motion Oroville Rural EMS District**

175 Commissioner Branch moved to adjourn as the BOCC and reconvene as the Oroville Rural EMS
176 District. Motion was seconded all were in favor, motion carried.

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178 Commissioner Hover moved to approve the Voucher certification and authorize the Oroville Rural
179 EMS District vouchers to be paid in the amount of \$9,680. Motion was seconded, all were in favor,
180 motion carried.

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

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185 **Motion Tonasket EMS District**

186 Commissioner Branch moved to approve the Voucher certification and authorize the Tonasket
187 EMS District vouchers to be paid in the amount of \$16,200 to Life Line for July Services. Motion
188 was seconded, all were in favor, motion carried.

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190 Commissioner Hover moved to adjourn as the Tonasket EMS District and Reconvene as the
191 BOCC. Motion was seconded all were in favor, motion carried.

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193 **Motion - Voucher Approval - Commissioners**

194 Vouchers certified and audited by the Auditing Officer as required by RCW 42.24.080 and those
195 expense reimbursement claims certified as required by RCW 42.24.090 have been recorded on a
196 list, and made available to the Board. As of this date, the Board did vote, by unanimous vote, to
197 approve the regular vouchers in the amount of \$455,3410.17 and Payroll vouchers in the amount
198 of \$753,813. Warrant numbers as cited on the attached blanket voucher list. Motion seconded and
199 carried.

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203 **Motion Public Health Voucher**
204 Commissioner Branch moved to approve the Public Health Vouchers including regular vouchers
205 in the amount of \$6131.71 and payroll vouchers in the amount of \$53,284.34. Warrant numbers
206 as cited on the attached blanket voucher list. Motion was seconded, all were in favor, motion
207 carried.

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209 **Approve Consent Agenda**

210 Commissioner DeTro move to approve the consent agenda as presented.

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212 **Discussion-WDFW Acquisitions & Projects-Brock Hoenes Reginal Director and Justin**
213 **Haug Project Supervisor**

214 Justin Haug, Project Supervisor provided a PowerPoint (attached) regarding the following
215 projects:

216 Project Name: Mills Flat Location: T31N R22E Sect. 35 &35 Acres: 520 Conservation Values
217 Critical Habitat: - Shrubsteppe - Mule deer winter range Species of Focus: - Mule Deer - Tree
218 nesting sps - Black Bear - Pollinators Recreation Values - Big Game Hunting Opportunities -
219 Upland Bird Hunting - Primitive recreation Administrative Values - managed with Hunter Mnt -
220 minimal fencing with little administrative costs

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222 Project Name: Balky Hill - DNR Location: T33N R22E Sect. 4 & 5 Acres: 520 Conservation Values
223 Critical Habitat: - Shrubsteppe - Mule deer winter range Species of Focus: - Mule Deer -
224 shrubsteppe obligates - Black Bear - Pollinators Recreation Values - Big Game Hunting
225 Opportunities - Upland Bird Hunting - Recreation opportunities close to Twisp and valley floor
226 Administrative Values - managed with Methow Unit.

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228 Mr. Haug said that WDFW is waiting on an appraisal for McLoughlin Falls (West) project by
229 Western Rivers Conservancy. Likely necessary to apply for Phase 2 through WWRP – Critical
230 Habitat.

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232 Rendezvous Additions- WDFW Staff working on appraisals which should be completed by
233 April/May. Hunting Mountain on the appraisals here which should be completed by March/April.
234 Golden Doe the WDFW staff working on the appraisals here which should be completed by March.
235 Ramsey Creek Restoration- Mr. Haug said that WDFW controlled burn went extremely well and
236 they seeded Club Creek 2 Fire – 153 acres, Club Creek Fire/Ramsey Unit- 88 acres and Ramsey
237 Project was seeded 219 acres.

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239 The board adjourned at 3:31 p.m.

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