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RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS

OKANOGAN COUNTY

FEBRUARY 26, 2024

9:00 AM Review Commissioners Agenda and Consent Agenda
9:15 AM Public Comment Period
9:30 AM Commissioners Staff Meeting
10:30 AM Executive Session-RCW 42.30.110(1)(i) Legal Risk of a Proposed Action
11:00 AM Discussion-Email/Letter from BOCC to OCTC for E-Kiosks Project Update
11:30 AM Executive Session-RCW 42.30.110(1)(i) Legal Risk of a Proposed Action

The Okanogan County Board of Commissioners met for a regular meeting at 123 5th Avenue North, Okanogan, Washington on February 26, 2024 with Chairman, Commissioner Jon Neal; Vice-Chairman, Commissioner Andy Hover; Member, Commissioner Chris Branch; and the Deputy Clerk of the Board, Cameron Burnette, present.

AV Capture and Zoom provided audio and video accessibility for public interaction.

Review Commissioners Agenda and Consent Agenda

Commissioners reviewed their agenda and consent agenda. Commissioner Hover requested a closed session to discuss Union Negotiation matters, Commissioners agreed to do so and would be done before the 9:15 public comment period.

Motion-Closed Session RCW 42.30.140(4)(b) Union Negotiation Matters

Commissioner Hover moved to go into closed session to discuss Union Negotiation matters, from 9:05 am to 9:15 am inviting Risk manager Shelley Keitzman. Motion seconded, all in favor, motion carried.

Public Comment Period

Member of the public Emily Sisson, VIA Zoom

Commissioner Neal opened up public comment, seeing only Ms. Sisson present VIA Zoom, he asked if she had any comment, she asked if we are still planning on moving the clock to the opposite wall? Commissioners stated yes that is the plan still.

Commissioner Hover asked Commissioner Branch if he thought if they could have a controlled dialogue discussion regarding the control section of the Planning Zone Code Changes. Commissioner Branch had concerns about having an open dialogue that would be put on the agenda and then a Public Hearing because those that want to bring the entire force in and have dialogue, they already did that in a public comment period and he doesn't know if it's fair to the rest of the public to do that. Maybe a public meeting where various aspects of the code are explained might be a better idea but it is still unpredictable. He was also concerned about getting the repetitious comments, or accusations, and who would be answering those.

Commissioners Staff Meeting

HR/Risk Manager Shelley Keitzman

Ms. Keitzman opened the staff meeting discussing an issue that has been discussed previously, that the Okanogan County Girls Basketball team did the parking for 2023 Okanogan County Fair.

53 There was no executed contract and they never received payment for it, and payment has always
54 been provided to the group that does that. She has a resolution to authorize her to provide
55 payment to them for their parking services for the 2023 Fair.

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57 **Motion-Approve Resolution 31-2024 Authorizing Payment of \$3,600 to the Okanogan High**
58 **School for the Okanogan High School Girls Basketball Team for 2023 Fair Parking Services**

59 Commissioner Hover moved to approve Resolution 31-2024, authorizing payment of \$3,600 to
60 Okanogan High School for the Okanogan High School Girls Basketball team for 2023 Fair Parking
61 services, motion seconded, all in favor, motion carried.

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63 Seeing no other staff for updates, Commissioners continued their discussion about the Zone code
64 updates and that because of the disinformation being made in social media posts, there are
65 references to parts of the code that are making accusations about various zone code changes.
66 They would like to be able to have a discussion with members of the public to clear the air, and if
67 there are any portions of the code that are concerning they would like to know about them and
68 make changes accordingly if necessary.

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70 **Discussion-Email/Letter from BOCC to OCTC for E-Kiosks Project Update**

71 On February 23, Commissioner Hover attended the Lodging Tax Advisory Committee meeting,
72 and it was discussed that there should be an update about the E-Kiosks project for the 2024 year
73 that Okanogan County Tourism Council applied for, to provide lodging and tourism information
74 throughout the County. Commissioner Hover would like Ms. Johns and Mr. Burnette draft a letter
75 on Commissioners letter head requesting a detailed update about the project. Possibly they could
76 come in and give an update in person.

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78 **Executive Session-RCW 42.30.110(1)(iii) Legal Risk of a Proposed Action**

79 Chief Civil Deputy Esther Milner, Deputy Clerk of the Board Lalena Johns

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81 Commissioner Hover moved to go into executive session under RCW 42.30.110(1)(iii) to discuss
82 legal risks of a proposed action, for 20 minutes, from 10:23 am to 10:43 am, inviting Chief Civil
83 Deputy Esther Milner. Motion seconded, all in favor, motion carried.

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85 Commissioner Hover moved to rescind the previous motion, motion seconded all in favor motion
86 carried.

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88 Commissioner Hover moved to go into executive session under RCW 42.30.110(1)(iii) to discuss
89 legal risks of a proposed action, for 20 minutes, from 10:25 am to 10:45 am, inviting Chief Civil
90 Deputy Esther Milner, and Clerk of the Board Lalena Johns. Motion seconded, all in favor, motion
91 carried to enter executive session from 10:25 am to 10:45 am. Commissioners added 10 more
92 minutes to the executive session extending it from 10:45 am to 10:55 am.

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94 Commissioners discussed possibly having a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) to take a look at
95 the Fairgrounds well and water system, and see what needs to be done. This would be in
96 preparation for the grant that is available and needs to be applied for to upgrade/fix the
97 Fairgrounds well and water system. Commissioners agreed that they would have a discussion
98 three weeks from now for the Fairgrounds Water system RFQ.

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100 **Executive Session-RCW 42.30.110(1)(iii) Legal Risk of a Proposed Action**

101 Chief Civil Deputy Esther Milner, Risk Manager Shelley Keitzman

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103 Commissioner Hover moved to go into executive session under RCW 42.30.110(1)(iii) for legal
104 risks of a proposed action for 30 minutes from 11:30 am to 12:00 pm, inviting Esther Milner and
105 Shelley Keitzman. Motion seconded, all in favor, motion carried.

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108 The board adjourned at 12:00 p.m.