

1 **RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS**

2 **OKANOGAN COUNTY**

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4 **JANUARY 30, 2023**

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8	9:00 AM Review Agenda & Consent Agenda
9	9:15 AM Public Comment Period
10	9:30 AM Commissioners Staff Meeting
11	10:30 AM Briefing Among Commissioners – Discuss Weekly Meetings & Schedule

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13 The Okanogan County Board of Commissioners met for a regular meeting at 123 5th Avenue
14 North, Okanogan, Washington on January 30, 2023 with; Vice-Chairman, Commissioner Andy
15 Hover; Member, Commissioner Jon Neal; and the Deputy Clerk of the Board, Crystal Hawley,
16 present.

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

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21 Chairman, Commissioner Chris Branch attended via zoom.

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23 The pledge of allegiance was recited.

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25 **Review Agenda & Consent Agenda**

26 The commissioners reviewed their agenda and consent agenda.

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28 **Public Comment Period**

29 There was no public comment.

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31 **Commissioners Staff Meeting**

32 Naomie Peasley, Fairgrounds Manager, Pete Palmer, Planning Director, Maurice Goodall
33 Emergency Management were present for staff.

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35 Fairgrounds

36 Fairgrounds Manager, Naomie Peasley, provided her staff report. She asked for direction
37 from the county commissioners on what to do with the fairground's vehicle. The
38 commissioners would like her to reach out to Jerry Paul and ask what price she should
39 go with, as well as, reach out to the auditor to see what she will accept.

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41 Ms. Peasley asked if the College and Career Expo could use on Agri plex on October
42 18th, 2023 free from charge. The commissioners all agreed the College and Career Expo
43 could use the Agri plex.

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45 Ms. Peasley explained the fairgrounds is in the process of painting the floor in Annex
46 building.

48 The commissioners would like Ms. Peasley to get with the Shelley Keitzman in risk pool
49 and see what the details are with the county's insurance to rebuild the fairground's barns.
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51 Planning Department

52 Planning director, Pete Palmer, explained she didn't have any updates for the
53 commissioners at this time.
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55 Emergency Management

56 Mr. Goodall explained that the likelihood of flooding this year is low. The water content is
57 sitting at 100%. Mr. Goodall had no other updates for the commissioners at this time.
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59 Commissioner Hover explained he talked to the Mayor of Conconully about their new
60 Community Service Center Project. The project consists of building a new Community
61 Services Complex building which includes a new Fire Hall. This project is funded/partially
62 funded by the Community Development Block Grant program with federal funds from the
63 US Department of Housing and Urban Development and have around \$400,000 in bonds.
64 Once the town went out for bids; they are now two million dollars short. He wanted to let
65 the other commissioners know that when Senator Shelly Short called him regarding
66 Okanogan County requiring assistance from the Washington State Legislature to install
67 a modern radio communications network used by public safety emergency services
68 agencies. Commissioner Hover recommended that instead of Okanogan County request
69 of \$2 million dollars to complete the 911 communication project, he recommended the
70 Washington State Legislature assist the town of Conconully instead. He said because
71 Conconully bonded money that it should be looked at as a higher priority than the other
72 project.
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74 **Briefing Among Commissioners – Discuss Weekly Meetings & Schedule**

75 The commissioners briefed among themselves and discussed their weekly meetings and
76 schedules.
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78 The board adjourned at 10:30 a.m.
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