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RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS

OKANOGAN COUNTY

JANUARY 31, 2022

9:00 AM Review Agenda and Consent Agenda
9:15 AM Briefing Among Commissioners
11:00 AM Executive Session RCW 42.30.110 (1)(i)
To Follow Review Meeting Minutes

The Okanogan County Board of Commissioners met in Regular session at 123 5th Avenue North, Okanogan, Washington on January 31, 2022 with Chairman, Commissioner Chris Branch; Vice-Chairman, Commissioner Andy Hover Member, Commissioner Jim DeTro and the Clerk of the Board, Laleña Johns, present.

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

Discussion-Treasurer McCormack COVID Request

Treasurer McCormack explained many of her staff were sent home by Public Health due to COVID quarantine. Her staff would be required to take from their leave. It wasn't a decision she made as their supervisor and elected official. The employees were not sick and she does not feel it is fair for them to have to use their annual leave or sick leave. She requested the commissioners approve administrative leave for those employees who were made to go home by Public Health. Treasurer McCormack said it left her office with only two staff members to cover the office. She had a problem sending them home when they were not even sick. Commissioner Branch said he thought there should be a better process with regards to how Public Health picks and chooses in these situations.

Commissioner Hover asked what the actual policy is because he sees inconsistency. A board of Health meeting seemed to be a better venue for a complaint, he thought. Commissioner Hover thanked the Treasurer for explaining her concern. Different offices have been getting different answers and there are inconsistencies. If one office is treated one way then all offices should be treated the same.

Motion COVID Admin Leave

Commissioner DeTro moved to authorize administrative leave. Motion was seconded. Commissioner Branch asked what the union contract says about providing administrative leave as he would like to know what that says. Commissioner Hover said it was situational. Commissioner Branch said it would be responsible for him to know what the union contract says before agreeing to something like this.

Commissioner Branch stated he has brought up the need to adopt a COVID policy more than once and unfortunately one was not drafted or implemented. Commissioner DeTro remembered the discussion and could not remember why one was not done.

Commissioner Hover said, in the event of a declared emergency is when the union contract allows administration leave. Is the pandemic a natural disaster? Commissioner Branch said when a

52 health officer closes an office would be warranted. If an office was closed due to COVID the
53 commissioners have approved leave.

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55 The Clerk of the Board stated in the past, admin leave approvals were approved via resolution.
56 Commissioner DeTro moved to amend the main body of the motion to include conditions that
57 approval be via resolution. Motion was seconded, all were in favor, motion carried. Main motion,
58 all were in favor, motion carried.

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60 Maurice Goodall asked commissioners to approve the renewal of the quote for the county's mass
61 notification system. The difference is that we used to be able to send out as many notifications as
62 we wanted to and now it is based on points. Mr. Goodall is pushing them to make things work
63 right. He is working with the company on the Tribes use of Everbridge because the area covered
64 is the same.

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66 **Motion Everbridge Mass Notification System Quote**

67 Commissioner DeTro moved to approve the Everbridge Quote in the amount of \$20,779.34 and
68 authorized the chairman to sign. Motion was seconded, all were in favor, motion carried.

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70 ID Badge Company renewal also requires commissioner approvals.

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72 **Motion Mid-West Card and ID Solutions ID Card System Renewal of Services**

73 Commissioner DeTro moved to approve the payment and renewal services with ID Badge
74 Company in the amount of \$2760 annually and includes only the service. Motion was seconded,
75 all were in favor, motion carried.

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77 Mr. Goodall explained some scheduling issues with the vaccine events at the fairgrounds.

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79 Mr. Goodall will discuss with Public Health the issue and other venue options. Mr. Goodall said if
80 the vaccinations have to be held outside, it might be better somewhere else.

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82 Commissioner Hover thought the county area shop in Omak could be used for the vaccination
83 events because the shop is heated. Commissioner Branch said all the parties need to work
84 together, and the point is a well-coordinated schedule would have avoided this issue at the
85 fairgrounds. Mr. Goodall said the fairgrounds contract was up in April. It should have read from
86 point to point to be clear.

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88 The commissioners discussed moving the Executive session up to 10:00 a.m. from 11:00 a.m.
89 and inviting the Sheriff's office and Risk Management.

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91 David Gecas was requested for the executive session.

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93 **Motion Executive Session RCW 42.30.110(1)(i)**

94 Commissioner Branch moved to go into executive session at 10:20 a.m. for 10 minutes inviting
95 Chief Civil Deputy David Gecas, Sheriff Tony Hawley, and Undersheriff Aaron Culp to discuss
96 legal matters of potential litigation to which the county is or will become a party and when public
97 knowledge regarding the discussion could create and adverse legal or financial consequence to
98 the agency. Motion was seconded all were in favor, motion carried.

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100 Executive session ended at 10:30 a.m. no decisions were made, but the board would like to circle
101 round to this next week.

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103 **Motion Progress Report RBDG Loomis Fire District #10**
104 Commissioner Branch moved to approve the Progress Report for the RBDG Loomis Fire District
105 #10 grant for the period of October 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021. Motion was seconded,
106 all were in favor, motion carried.

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108 **Resolution 15-2022 LTBG Foster Garvey Resolution Replacement**
109 Commissioner Branch moved to approve resolution 15-2022 which repeals 12-2022 and amends
110 our bonding amounts and uses. Motion was seconded, all were in favor, motion carried.

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112 Commissioners discussed the vacant prosecutor position and noted that the vacancy was posted
113 on the WAPO website.

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115 **Review Meeting Minutes**
116 Commissioners reviewed their meeting minutes.

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119 The board adjourned at 11:30 a.m.
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