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RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS
OKANOGAN COUNTY
JANUARY 5, 2022

1:30 PM Commissioners Redistricting Plan Consideration
2:00 PM Continued Bid Opening 2022 Gravel Crushing Project-PW Shasta Stidman

The Okanogan County Board of Commissioners met in Regular session at 123 5th Avenue North, Okanogan, Washington on January 5, 2022 with Chairman, Commissioner Andy Hover; Vice-Chairman Commissioner Chris Branch, 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.

Commissioners Redistricting Plan Consideration

The commissioners reviewed their redistricting plan. No public comments were submitted and no public attended this meeting.

Commissioners listened to a call from Dr. Wallace regarding COVID rates being very high. Commissioner Hover asked about his previous question on hospitalization rates and Lauri Jones told him it was because hospitals do not have enough staff and was the reason for the strain. How can the county help with the triage if we don't have enough staff in the hospitals? Confluence Health is heading that up, said Dr. Wallace. Commissioner DeTro asked the Dr. to research ideas and come back with a plan.

Continued Bid Opening 2022 Gravel Crushing Project-PW Shasta Stidman

Commissioner Hover stated the time for receiving bids is past as this was a continued bid opening from Tuesday, January 4.

The bids were supposed to come in by Tuesday, January 4 by 11:00. There was an addendum sent to the vendors regarding the continuance that the vendors need to acknowledged. One bid was received.

De Atley Crushing Company

The total Bid was \$917,225.

Engineer Estimate was about \$600,000. The bid will be reviewed and a recommendation provided.

48 **Discussion Redistricting Plan**

49 Commissioners discussed areas of the plan that may need additional adjustments to area
50 descriptions. The Clerk of the Board stated if changes are made to the redistricting plan
51 additional time to receive comments on the changes would be published.

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53 Commissioner Branch stated the map has been available online for comment, so one
54 option to think about is to adopt the district boundaries to be clarified in the legal
55 descriptions to ensure those are looked at. Make finalization subject to the legal
56 descriptions.

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58 **Motion Redistricting Plan**

59 Commissioner Branch moved to approve the redistricting plan as it has been placed for
60 comment but pursuant to legal descriptions being finalized at which time the
61 commissioners will approve the ordinance. The Wilderness precinct is going away. Motion
62 was seconded, all were in favor, motion carried.

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64 **Discussion Pest Control**

65 Assessor Larry Gilman, Jan Million, Lyn Featherly and Pam Johnson

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67 Assessor Gilman explained the Pest Control levy resolution approved earlier in 2021 was
68 inconsistent with the Noxious Weed levy resolution making it difficult to process levy
69 collections on state and federal lands. The Noxious Weed resolution does not apply to
70 certain state and federal government owned lands. The Assessor said it would be
71 appropriate to make the two resolutions consistent by replacing the previous two
72 resolutions with a new resolution to exclude state and federal lands from the assessment.

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74 Commissioners directed the Clerk of the Board to draft a replacement resolution to clarify
75 levy of the Pest Control district to exclude state and federal lands consistent with the
76 Noxious Weed levy resolution.

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78 Commissioner Hover asked the Assessor if the state holds a business license renewal
79 until all state and local taxes are paid such as personal property taxes. Assessor Gilman
80 said the state law is written so that local districts regulate cannabis, whereas, the state
81 regulates the other types of businesses.

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83 Commissioner Branch said one thing that is important is that this is addressed across the
84 board so everyone is treated consistently.

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

87 Commissioner Branch moved to go into executive session at 2:45 p.m. for 15 minutes
88 inviting Risk Manager Tanya Everett and Chief Civil Ceputy David Gecas to discuss
89 pending litigation to which the county may be or may become a party. Motion was
90 seconded, all were in favor, motion carried.

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92 Executive session ended at 2:54 p.m. Commissioners waited until 3:00 p.m. before
93 conducting any more business.

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95 The Clerk of the Board stated Planning asked her about installation of door readers on
96 the interior planning office doors. She said she administers the door locking system and
97 has contacts at ADT. The Clerk asked the board for direction on the request.

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99 Commissioners asked that a survey the building to find out to find out which offices would
100 like them installed.

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102 The check from Douglas County was received, said Commissioner Branch.
103 Commissioner Hover thought a meeting with Douglas County to discuss reducing the
104 beds to 30 would be good. He will invite them to a future zoom meeting.

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107 The board adjourned at 3:10 p.m.

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