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RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS

OKANOGAN COUNTY

JANUARY 8, 2018

7 9:00 AM Briefing Among Commissioners – Discuss Individual Weekly Meetings & Schedule
8 9:30 AM Finance Meeting – Sheriff – Cari Hall, Laurie Thomas, Leah McCormack, Frank Rogers,
9 Joe Somday
10 10:00 AM Executive Session - RCW 42.30.110 (1)(g) – Employee Review
11 10:30 AM Discussion – Jail Maintenance - Joe Poulin, Lisa Schreckengost, and Melissa Thompson
12 11:30 AM Discussion – Dispatch/Communications – Mike Worden
13 1:30 PM Continued Public Hearing – Lake Management District
14 To Follow - Update Planning – Perry Huston
15 4:30 PM Review Meeting Minutes

17 The Okanogan County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on January 8, 2018,
18 Chairman Commissioner Jim DeTro, Commissioner Chris Branch, Commissioner Andy
19 Hover, and Laleña Johns, Clerk of the Board, present.

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21 Briefing among Commissioners – Discuss Individual Weekly Meetings & Schedule

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23 **Finance Meeting – Sheriff – Cari Hall, Laurie Thomas, Leah McCormack, Frank**
24 **Rogers, Joe Somday**

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26 Commissioner Hover updated the board on Sheriff’s concern about his budget not being
27 viable. In all the excel spreadsheets the stone garden grant section was not registering
28 in the total. Since, we were counting the revenue from the grant we cannot cut their
29 budget by \$200,000. The issue was researched and the sheriff s budget is off byt the
30 amount of the grant. The good news is we carried over \$1.769 million which is more
31 than we budgeted for.

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33 Sheriff vehicle was not budgeted enough money; however Joe Somday believes they
34 cannot cover the light bars and fittings for the vehicle. Joe Someday explained the
35 amount they usually budget for those fittings, but it was thought that due to not paying
36 out wages and benefits for the deputy position would offset the costs of the fitting the
37 vehicle. There was some Sheriff’s budget carryover around \$77,000. The Sheriff
38 explained they will work with the situation.

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40 Sheriff Rogers explained other costs his department is responsible for that are
41 unexpected. Commissioner Hover stated the Sheriff has enough budget to run for the
42 next 9-10 months. A conversation will be needed later in the year to address any
43 shortfalls.

44 Since there was significantly more carryover he believes an additional Sheriff's vehicle would be
45 afforded. The group discussed the addition budget consideration that will be needed to
46 supplement the various budgets. The Under Sheriff won't order until he hears it is okay to do so
47 first. Everyone is clear about proceeding with the supplemental.
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49 Commissioner Hover briefed the finance Committee on the Fairgrounds staffing situation. Leah
50 stated in the past departments brought under Current Expense tend to utilize Current Expense
51 funds first instead of figuring out how to operate under its own revenue.
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53 Debi Hilts and Tanya Craig updated the board on personnel. Commissioner DeTro asked if
54 someone does not attend their lauder mill meeting how should he handle the situation if the
55 person approaches him in the public. Ms. Craig stated the meeting is not required.
56 Commissioner Hover explained the situation is not about the person it is about eliminating the
57 current position. And, a new position will be created as Fairgrounds Coordinator. Ms. Hilts will
58 contact the previous fairgrounds staff to inform them of the new position.
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60 Ms. Craig explained Debi Hilts is being cross trained to be able to process some of the smaller
61 claims. She just completed her first one.
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63 **Executive Session - RCW 42.30.110 (1)(g) – Employee Review**

64 Commissioner Hover moved to go into executive session at 10:00 a.m. for 30 minutes inviting
65 Tanya Craig to discuss the performance of a public employee. Motion was seconded, all were in
66 favor, motion carried.
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68 Executive session ended at 10:20 a.m. no decisions were made.
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70 **Discussion – Jail Maintenance - Joe Poulin, Lisa Schreckengost, and Melissa Thompson,** 71 **Joe Somday**

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73 The group wished to meet with the commissioners to receive direction on which invoices would
74 be paid from Maintenance budget and which from Jail budget. The line where Jail used to pay
75 those costs from is now zero in the Jail budget. Ms. Lisa stated there are copier and software
76 contracts for administrative functions that were being paid from the bars line for repairs and
77 maintenance within the Jail budget. She asked if those invoices would be paid from
78 Maintenance of Jail budget.
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80 The Clerk of the Board would prefer the administrative copier and software contracts be paid
81 from Jail budget as those have nothing to do with building maintenance.
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83 She said that those invoices might be paid from a more appropriate line perhaps in the
84 administrative section within the jail budget. Joe Somday explained the bills for leases and
85 software will be paid from Jail \$0.00 budget lines then he will work with Cari Hall to
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87 appropriate funds later so only one supplemental for Jail Sheriff is considered. The
88 group thanked the commissioners for clarifying the issue and exited the meeting.

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90 The commissioners discussed the capital Improvement Plan and the projects it
91 identifies. The Clerk of the Board explained the various funding sources identified in our
92 plan and the notion those projects are prioritized. The county would need to list those
93 identified projects in its Capital Improvement Plan in order to utilize grant funds and
94 other sources. Director Huston thought the Infrastructure fund might be a more
95 appropriate for the Fairgrounds Well.

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97 Director Huston stated he would draft a resolution authorizing use of the REET funds for
98 the well. Does the board wish to fix the current well or drill another one? Commissioner
99 DeTro stated he would like to repair the current well as a solution was identified earlier
100 in 2017. Commissioner Hover discussed the irrigation system and what may have
101 caused the sand problem. There are two systems on the grounds one irrigation and one
102 potable water system and each are to be treated differently. The board provided
103 \$50,000 for the well in the Capital Improvement fund 134.

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105 **Discussion – Dispatch/Communications – Mike Worden**

106 Mr. Worden explained why he wished to meet with the board. He provided a white
107 paper summarizing the situation. (attached)

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109 Washington State military funding was explained and how it is disbursed among the
110 counties. State funds are being considered.

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112 Mr. Worden stated he needs county level pressure on the State legislators to agree to
113 stop cutting the state funds. He further explained the impacts and rubs to smaller
114 counties versus larger counties. If we were pressured into dispatch consolidation into
115 another center it is doubtful all agencies could afford to pay the fees. The fund is called
116 the State 911 fund, but it may have a formal name.

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118 Commissioner Hover thought a letter to the legislators would be helpful. Commissioner
119 Branch believes through the state budget process he could discuss this issue during
120 legislative session.

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122 Mr. Worden has been also coordinating the issue with River Com to gain support and
123 information. It would be better if we have a facility here we could consolidate a center
124 here rather than consolidating with another.

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127 **Continued Public Hearing – Lake Management District**

128 Members of the public Salley Bull, Emily Sisson, Laura Super

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130 Leah McCormack, Anna Lyon, Angie Hubbard

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132 Commissioner DeTro opened the hearing up stating no verbal testimony would be taken
133 only written.

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135 The changes made since the last hearing was that all secondary lots went away. There
136 were also the undeveloped lots that were not triggering the Assessor's overlay as
137 developed. There is also the wet land lots which are not subdivided or anything. The
138 statute says we can remove lots from the proposal but not add any.

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140 Veranda Beach is water front and qualifies to be included, but some fall behind that. It
141 was suggested they not be added as they have their own aquatic eradication program.
142 There are 184 lots in Veranda Beach and would have a vote. If we include them we
143 need to go back out to public hearing and have that conversation.

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145 Anna Lyon Noxious Weed Office explained how the no spray zone would be handled
146 and what changes and what kind of buffer was established. In order to get any
147 treatments done on the lake the buffer had to be provided, but there is no concrete
148 document that says what the buffer is. It doesn't mean the Okanogan County based
149 water quality board could not be contacted to allow this. Even though the verbal
150 agreement was that no treatment would be done in the buffer zone, the conversation
151 should still be had. Additional discussion should be done about that. No formal
152 discussions have happened, only informal.

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154 Commissioner Branch would like to ensure the conversation between Canada and
155 Okanogan and the water quality board on the informal agreements be done. Their
156 concern originally on the treatments in 2011 was about a Northerly drift that happened.
157 Currently, chemicals generally drift in a Southerly fashion.

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159 The Board discussed the issues to be resolved and the clarification needed to proceed
160 with their consideration of the district creation. Commissioner Hover said it makes sense
161 for the Noxious Weed board to manage the district operations and should be
162 considered. Ms. Lyon replied that her board is interested in having that conversation.
163 Commissioner Hover thought there are also additional opportunities to partner with the
164 Tribe and other agencies. Ms. Lyon said those other agencies have been supplied in
165 the past with over \$50,000 of funds for projects in Okanogan County. Commissioner
166 Branch responded that a management plan be established because there are people

167 concerned about the chemicals. Ms. Lyon would like to see it as an integrated weed
168 management process to utilize what we have with what we can. Each part of the lake
169 will need to be treated differently. She doesn't want to be locked into using specific
170 bottom barrier or set of chemicals.

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172 Leah McCormack discussed creating the role, making sure all parcels are included, and
173 those rolls get certified by the Board etc..... So, those are set up as a tax roll then the
174 treasurer bills from there. All must be in place by November 1. If it is set up like an
175 irrigation district then billings are processed through the treasurer.

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177 Commissioner DeTro considered if Veranda Beach were included in the district then
178 they could possibly terminate or change their current program in order to be part of the
179 lake management district like others on the lake. Commissioner Branch wants to keep
180 in mind who the voters would be. Treasurer McCormack asked if it were possible to bill
181 then do a separate agreement for Veranda Beach above and beyond the homeowners
182 association to where they pay a certain set amount per year on top of what they already
183 pay. Our Noxious Weed dept. holds the DOE permit, but she believes Veranda Beach
184 has their own weed management plan back in 2012ish. Commissioner Hover sees there
185 may be inequities. He is sure good points have been brought up, but would like to defer
186 to the other board members. The formation of a district would be good but there are
187 many complex issues to be resolved. Commissioner DeTro stated the decision the
188 board has is whether or not to put it to ballot the folks up there will then decide when
189 they vote. Commissioner Branch believes the main thing is the district not create an
190 unfair situation. Director Huston anticipated representation from the Lake Management
191 group. The projection was based on what they knew at the time and have morphed
192 since then. There is no magic in any of it.

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194 Ag lots were discussed. Commissioner Hover stated the undeveloped ag lots should be
195 removed from the assessment. Other lots that are not buildable should also be
196 removed. The buffer parcels should also be included. Subdivisions and developments
197 and how those will be included or excluded in the future, are still questions.

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199 Commissioner Hover moved to close public hearing and not form the district at this
200 point. A better laid out plan is what the board wants to see so everything is answered at
201 once and not piece mealed as they go. Commissioner DeTro asked what the best way
202 to proceed would be. Director Huston suggested continuing the hearing, generate a new
203 map of what parcels will be in and which ones will be out. Veranda Beach is still a
204 question as to whether to include or not. Commissioner DeTro doesn't feel Veranda
205 Beach be included. Treasurer McCormack clarified that the Governing Body would be
206 the County Commissioners like the EMS district. There could be an interlocal

207 agreement with Noxious Weed to provide management of the district should one be
208 formed.

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210 Is there time to complete all iterated tasks during the public hearing process timeframe.
211 Treasurer McCormack stated the earlier the vote happens the better in terms of her
212 ability to get the billing process underway and established. Director Huston suggested
213 the answer could hold bearing on whether or not Veranda Beach is included, he would
214 not put the current deliberation out too far.

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216 **Motion Continued Public Hearing Lake Management District**

217 Commissioner Branch moved to continue the hearing on the proposed boundary to a
218 future date. Commissioner Hover moved to amend the motion to state the continued
219 hearing date to Monday, January 29 at 1:30 p.m. leaving the record as is for written
220 testimony. Motion was seconded, all were in favor, motion carried.

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222 **To Follow - Update Planning – Perry Huston**

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224 *Comp Plan*

225 Director Huston provided the board with the Comp Plan timeline from 2012 through
226 2014. He suggested a better idea for redrafting the 2014 plan. He discussed three
227 alternative scenario options. He discussed the drafts he circulated in the past. He will
228 send those again. In August 2017 the discussion oriented around legal reviewed
229 received, ground water and resource lands.

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231 Draw out information folks are concerned about and ensure that information is brought
232 forward. The changed draft is planned to go out to the board by January 22. Our 2018
233 commitment regarding Yakama Nation must be considered by then.

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235 *Marijuana Advisory Committee*

236 Director Huston believes the group is about done with the document. There are still
237 issues noting moving forward. He explained the challenges with buffer areas. They will
238 come up with a proposal the board can look at. He told the group the county will deal
239 with those who feel their issue has not been addressed. Those folks are encouraged to
240 participate in the public hearing process to testify on their concerns. Commissioner
241 DeTro asked if the advisory committee knows what advisory means. Director Huston
242 has had the conversation about what an advisory board does and he believes they are
243 clear on that. He reminded the Commissioners that the advisory committee would be
244 submitting their recommendation to the Planning Commission and they will provide the
245 board with the official recommendation. Both sides agree the issues with odor is the
246 same as industrial hemp and the advisory group was reluctant to treating it different.

247 There are consequences to either type of plant growing next to the other and if cross
248 pollinated could ruin either crop.

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250 Director Huston explained an email went out to departments to request work flow
251 perspectives from Dept.'s in order to establish a priority list for 2018. The idea is to set
252 the meeting on January 22 during the Planning study session time.

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254 Commissioners reviewed the draft amended Fairgrounds fee schedule.

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256 **Motion Resolution 5-2018 Amended Fairgrounds Fee Schedule**

257 Commissioner Hover moved to approve resolution 5-2018 adopting an amended
258 Fairgrounds Fee Schedule. Motion was seconded, all were in favor, motion carried.

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260 **Review Meeting Minutes**

261 Commissioner reviewed the meeting minutes of January 2, 2018.

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263 The board adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

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