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RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS

OKANOGAN COUNTY

JANUARY 9, 2023

9:00 AM Review Commissioners Agenda & Consent Agenda
9:05 AM Briefing Among Commissioners
9:15 AM Public Comment Period
9:30 AM Preliminary Legislative Update – Zak Kennedy
10:30 AM Tentative Discussion – Justice Center Projects
11:00 AM Update – Fairgrounds – Naomie Peasley
1:30 PM Discussion – Public Health District – Michael Harr
2:00 PM Discussion – Voluntary Stewardship Program Staffing – OCD Justine Stanley
2:30 PM Discussion – DRAFT Interlocal Agreement – Opioid Abatement

The Okanogan County Board of Commissioners met for a regular meeting at 123 5th Avenue North, Okanogan, Washington on January 9, 2023 with Commissioner Andy Hover; Member, Commissioner Jon Neal; and the Deputy Clerk of the Board, Crystal Hawley, present.

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

Chairman, Commissioner Chris Branch was present via ZOOM.

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

Review Commissioners Agenda & Consent Agenda

The commissioners reviewed their agenda and consent agenda.

The Commissioners discussed Forest health and legal counsel.

Staff meeting was added today at 9:45.

Briefing Among Commissioners

The commissioners briefed among themselves.

Public Comment Period

A member from the public, Isabelle Spohn, wanted to thank Commissioner Neal for stepping up to serve Okanogan County. She also wanted to make sure that he was aware that she works with the neighborhood watch. Here recently when Ms. Spohn has requested information from the county, some employees have been rude to her, making her feel as if she is an inconvenience.

Preliminary Legislative Update

Zak Kennedy

49 Mr. Kennedy explained that this week starts the 2023-24 legislative biennium. It means that
50 every bill introduced this year is considered “new” and must start the process from square
51 one regardless of any previous introduction or discussion. With it being the first week of
52 session, there is not a lot to share, but Mr. Kennedy explained that there were a few pre-
53 filed bills that the commissioners might be interested in that have to do with firearms.
54 The House is split this year at 40 Republican and 58 Democrat members and the Senate
55 is split with a ratio of 19 Republican and 30 Democrat members.
56 Commissioner Hover asked Mr. Kennedy to clarify Bill SB 5067- Concerning meetings of
57 the county legislative authorities. Mr. Kennedy explained it authorizes the county legislative
58 authority of each county shall hold regular meetings at the county seat or at a location
59 designated in accordance with subsection or of this section to transact any business
60 required or permitted by law. Any two or more county legislative authorities may hold a joint
61 regular meeting solely in the county seat of a participating county if the agenda item or
62 items relate to actions or considerations of mutual interest or concern to the participating
63 legislative authorities. A legislative authority participating in a joint regular meeting held in
64 accordance with this subsection must, for purposes of the meeting, comply with notice
65 requirements for special meetings provided in RCW 42.30.080.

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67 **Motion- ResinWerks Seamless Quartz**

68 Commissioner Hover moved to accept ResinWerks Seamless Quartz epoxy
69 recommendation in the amount of \$10,300.00 for Fairground’s Annex building floors, as
70 long as it is an anti-slip epoxy. Motion was seconded. All were in favor. Motion was carried.

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72 **Tentative Discussion – Justice Center Projects**

73 The Commissioners discussed a few different infrastructure projects and RFQ’s.

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75 Commissioner Branch will be applying for the remaining six million of ARPA Funds, since
76 it is now year 2023. He will be also reaching out for a project manager.

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78 **Emergency Management- Update**

79 Maurice Goodall

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81 Mr. Goodall explained that there was a shelter in place that was issued for persons living
82 in the town of Brewster for the ammonia leak at the north end of Brewster yesterday. When
83 the shelter in place was lifted at 10:00 PM last night, some folks didn’t receive the text until
84 around 2:00 A.M. this morning. He wasn’t sure why, but will be looking into the delay in the
85 system.

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87 **Fairgrounds- Update**

88 Naomie Peasley

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90 Fairgrounds Manager, Naomie Peasley, provided the commissioner her department update
91 and went over Okanogan County Fairgrounds 2023 goals and objectives.

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93 This last Friday, the Fair Office had booked four more events, leaving almost every
94 weekend booked for the year 2023.

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96 **Motion- ResinWerks Seamless Quartz**
97 Motion Commissioner Hover moved accept ResinWerks Seamless Quartz- 5-layer Slip-
98 Resistant in the amount of \$ 10,380.00 plus tax. Motion was seconded. Discussion.
99 Commissioner Hover explained that the motion earlier was only for \$10,300.00. After
100 discussion, all were in favor. Motion was carried.

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102 **Motion- One Point Partitions**
103 Commissioner Hover moved to accept the recommendation from the Fairgrounds Manager
104 for the One Point Partitions in the amount of \$ 23,972.00 plus tax. Motion was seconded.
105 All were in favor. Motion was carried.

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107 Commissioner Hover would like to have a special FAC meeting on January 12th. The Fair
108 Advisory Committee needs to read the policy and procedure changes twice by March 8th to
109 be in compliant.

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111 **Motion- Special Voucher Batch**
112 Commissioner Hover moved to approve special voucher batch for the assessor vehicle in
113 the amount of \$40,553.78. Motion was seconded. All were in favor. Motion was carried.

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115 **Discussion – Public Health District – Michael Harr**
116 Rocky Robins, Pete Palmer, Michael Harr
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118 Michael Harr from Public Health District explained, as a district they are responsible for
119 issuing septic permits under WAC 246-271A to Okanogan County residents. Several
120 months ago, it was brought to Mr. Harr and Planning Department’s attention that even
121 though the county was complying with state regulations on issuing onsite septic permits.
122 The county has been issuing permits for critical areas that didn’t allow for structures, under
123 the County code. This created a conflict with the county code and Washington State code.
124 Public Health District and The Planning Department has come together and trying to
125 resolve the issue.

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127 **Discussion – Voluntary Stewardship Program Staffing – OCD Justin Stanley**
128 Craig Nelson, Justin Stanley
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130 Mr. Nelson explained that VSP has only two of the nine members left that serve voluntarily
131 and would like to rebuild the board. The two remaining members would need to be
132 reappointed. Okanogan County VSP members provide input and make decisions to
133 achieve the goals and benchmarks of the VSP work plan. VSP work groups serve without
134 compensation in three-year term as appointed by the Okanogan County Commissioners.
135 Mr. Nelson asked the commissioners if they wanted to continue with this program.

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137 After discussion, the Conservation District will place an ad in the newspaper and collect
138 letters of interest for the seven open positions.

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141 **Discussion – DRAFT Interlocal Agreement – Opioid Abatement**

142 Esther Miner

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144 Esther Miner explained that Chelan County is the one that got the interlocal agreement
145 rolling for the opioid abatement. From what Ms. Miner reads from the MOU, the funds will
146 be overseen by the HCA, but she believes the interlocal agreement needs more clarification
147 on where Okanogan County funds would go.

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149 Commissioner Hover would like OBHC to be involved in the conversation, because as of
150 right now, they received all of the county’s drug funds. He would like a layout of what the
151 funds would be spent on, because there are guidelines on how it has to be spent. If the
152 county spends the funds incorrectly, it would have to be paid back.

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154 The board adjourned at 2:50 p.m.

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