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RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS

OKANOGAN COUNTY

JULY 12, 2021

9:00 AM Review Commissioners' Agenda

9:30 AM Briefing Among Commissioners

10:30 AM Discussion-Broadband Letter of Support-Chief Worden

11:00 AM Discussion-Fairgrounds Revenues/Expenditures - Finance Committee

1:30 PM Discussion-Methow Watershed Council Funding Request-Mayor Ing-Moody, Mr. McDonald

2:30 PM Executive Session RCW 42.30.110 (1)(i)

3:30 PM Review Meeting Minutes July 6, 2021

The Okanogan County Board of Commissioners met in Regular session at 123 5th Avenue North, Okanogan, Washington on July 12, 2021, with Chairman, Commissioner Chris Branch; Vice-Chairman, Commissioner Andy Hover; and the Clerk of the Board, Laleña Johns, present.

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

Chairman, Commissioner Branch arrived at 9:50 a.m. Member, Commissioner Jim DeTro was absent this morning.

Review Commissioners' Agenda

The Bid Opening for North Star Park City Bridge was added to the agenda for 11:00 a.m. tomorrow. TRANGO Meetings are now scheduled on the second Wednesday of the month beginning at 8:30 a.m.

Briefing Among Commissioners

Commissioners discussed the fairgrounds and the management thereof. Communication is key between staff and shows the board they are doing their job.

Commissioner Branch will start meeting with Fairgrounds staff on Friday's instead of Commissioner Hover. Commissioner Branch will also attend the FAC meetings. It was suggested, by Commissioner Hover that we need to have two or three of FAC members to give commissioners a monthly briefing. Commissioners discussed FAC as a non-profit. The county would charge them for having a fair on the grounds.

Fire fighter's association has a building on the fairgrounds and there isn't an agreement/MOA with the county, like there is one between Okanogan County and the Cattlewomen's for the red barn.

Discussion-Broadband Letter of Support-Chief Worden

Chief Worden provided that supply chain is long and slow and parts needed for the generator install project is held up.

An emergency meeting of the broad band action team outside Methow Valley, regarding a notice of funding. There are twelve project areas in the \$5-6 million-dollar range. They have looked at the Pine Creek Area for this funding. Application was due July 7, but this letter is due today. Chief

51 Worden explained what the specific issue for connectivity involves and why this project area will
52 work best.

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54 **Motion Dept of Commerce Grant Application-Broadband Pine Creek Area**
55 Commissioner Hover moved to approve the letter of support to PUD No 1 for Broad band
56 construction application. Motion was seconded, all were in favor, motion carried.

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58 **Discussion-Fairgrounds Revenues/Expenditures - Finance Committee**
59 Auditor Hall, Lisa Schreckengost

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61 This meeting was regarding an email from the Treasurer last week about fairgrounds event
62 coordinator resignation and who would be handling the fair and fairgrounds revenues and
63 expenditures but since then the Event Coordinator untendered her resignation. Commissioner
64 Branch met with the coordinator to go over things before her last day and he was very impressed
65 how things were laid out.

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67 Auditor Hall explained her involvement in past fairs stating she would be willing to volunteer her
68 help. Commissioner Branch said how helpful it would be to have another staff over there to help
69 who knows how to run things.

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71 The Fairgrounds maintenance side of the budget was discussed for supplemental purposes. The
72 Clerk of the Board will gather fairground project expenses associated with projects not budgeted
73 for. She will also gather the expenses associated with Agriplex that were generated by Superior
74 Court use of the space.

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76 Commissioners discussed watershed issues, water quality and plans.

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78 Commissioner DeTro arrived at 2:00 p.m.

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80 **Discussion-Methow Watershed Council Funding Request-Mr. McDonald**
81 Sara Lane

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83 Craig McDonald, Methow Foundation Chairman, provided a letter to the commissioners regarding
84 Methow Watershed Council request for funds to support secretarial costs for the management of
85 WRIA 48. (attached)

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87 Mr. McDonald said the request was for \$9,000 and that is only a portion of that budget.
88 Foundation raises the funds for the council, council has six members plus three government rep's
89 county, Twisp and Winthrop. The council's main function is to actively assist with water supplies
90 and emerging water challenges within the Methow valley. The council does not have the authority
91 to receive funds for its work so the foundation was created in 2013 to obtain funding. Investment
92 of time from both groups should not be understated. Cash value of volunteer hours is over 10,000
93 hours.

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95 The foundation and council is at a critical stage in its efforts to address its scope of work.
96 Commissioner Branch explained he did the research on establishment of the council and the
97 functions of those areas being addressed by the council. Commissioner Hover said the council
98 cannot have full autonomy whatever they are doing must match up with comp planning and
99 watershed planning and county's goals for water quality and quantity for growth.

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101 Commissioner Branch stated it looked like funding a position becomes a question of contracting
102 with the foundation. Some sort of connection established by document would be needed outlining
103 the arrangement.

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105 Projects coming out of the council are usually approved by the initiating governments, but county
106 funds would only pay for administration of the council, not the projects.

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108 Sara Lane clarified what the commissioners would need. The scope of work would be attached
109 to the agreement and outlines and supports the administration work to be done for the council for
110 the county funds. Commissioner Branch asked who the contract would be with? What about the
111 employee/employer relationship and which entity would employ the person. Ms. Lane replied the
112 agreement might be with the foundation as a nonprofit.

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114 **Executive Session RCW 42.30.110 (1)(i)**
115 Sheriff Hawley, Undersheriff Culp, Tanya Everett

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117 Commissioner Hover moved to go into executive session at 2:30 p.m. for 60 minutes inviting
118 Sheriff Hawley, Undersheriff Culp, Risk Manager/HR Tanya Everett, and Prosecutor Bailey to
119 discuss potential litigation. Motion was seconded, all were in favor, motion carried.

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121 Executive session ended at 3:00 p.m. no decisions were made.

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123 **Review Meeting Minutes July 6, 2021**
124 Commissioners reviewed their meeting minutes.

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126 The board adjourned at 3:00 p.m.