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RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS

OKANOGAN COUNTY

JULY 5, 2022

9:00 AM Review Commissioners Agenda and Consent Agenda
9:15 AM Public Comment Period
9:30 AM Discussion-Juvenile Department Matters-Dennis Rabidou
10:00 AM Review Commissioners Proceedings June 21, 27, & 28, 2020
10:30 AM Briefing Among Commissioners
11:00 AM Update -Public Works Engineer Josh Thomson
1:30 PM Commissioners Set Wednesday Agenda
1:45 PM Review Qualifications for Engineer Services-Jail HVAC Systems
2:00 PM Approve Commissioners Proceedings-June 21, 2022
2:15 PM Approve Consent Agenda

The Okanogan County Board of Commissioners met for a Public Hearing at 123 5th Avenue North, Okanogan, Washington on July 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 and Zoom provided audio and video accessibility for public interaction.

Review Commissioners Agenda and Consent Agenda

Public Comment Period

Isabelle Spohn commented and thanked the COB for posting the Multi Hazard Mitigation plan draft on the commissioners' webpage since it was difficult to find on the Emergency Management page. She would like to meet with Commissioner Hover about any pressing issues causing consternation on the appointments of the group. She commented on the DNS and provided some history of the plan that was signed off in 2013. She gave details of the mitigations for wildfire and requirements of the lawsuit. The 2013 plan supposed to be updated every five years. She explained concerns about the DNS comments being due within five days during the Cub Creek fires. She commented on the DNS public notices saying that newspapers were confused about which edition it should be published and the notice won't be published until one day before comments are due. She has been unable to reach Planner Rocky Robbins on the phone so she submitted a public records request hoping to receive the information so she can comment on the DNS.

Ruth Hall said she had no comment.

Auditor Cari Hall commented on Thursday a semi showed up with three pallets of voters' pamphlets that should have been mailed instead of delivered. It isn't a ballot issue and those will be mailed on time. Cashmere Mailing Services is stepping up to help us in short notice. Can a special AP batch be run to pay for the service? Commissioners said yes. The Agriplex was used to store the pallets until something could be done.

Maurice Goodall commented on the rain storm that hit Monday, July 4th that flooded the town of Conconully. The Weather service warning notified Mr. Goodall and he contacted Public Works so

53 equipment could be gathered to mitigate. Citizens also helped. One cabin being constructed was
54 was destroyed where the two creeks met. Water also came into a house from the channel due to
55 the north bridge that got backed up and which pushed the water into town then fanned out into
56 main street with no structural damage. The rain gage said 1.7 inches over seven hours. Everything
57 is saturated. Bonaparte was also hit again with Public Works taking on the portion where water is
58 over the county road. The berm is not holding and water is coming over the top. Blockages at Cub
59 Creek is also a concern. The commissioners' office flooded with minimal damage.
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61 **Discussion-Juvenile Department Matters-Dennis Rabidou**

62 Mr. Rabidou discussed Juvenile Department staffing levels. Close to a critical point and
63 recommended changes to retain staff who are looking for opportunity elsewhere. Put the
64 department back from past changes and would like to be back where they used to be operating.
65 He provided some scope of loss prior to pandemic of 8 people with the potential of losing 4 people.
66 Losing them to schools, one retired, and some people go back to college or a higher paying job.
67 Detention is struggling but OK, with manager asking for a voluntary demotion and move back to
68 probation. Someone else placed into the management position. He further explained the details
69 and candidates to fill the other department vacancies. Commissioner Branch asked and Mr.
70 Rabidou answered that juvenile population was 9 due to holiday weekend with a normal average
71 of 5.
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73 Mr. Rabidou explained his recommendations and said he will follow up with resolutions if the
74 board felt the plan was okay. Commissioner Hover asked if we are losing people why are we
75 creating new positions. The person cannot do their job, so if the job is split again it will make it
76 easier and we'll keep the person, said Mr. Rabidou.
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78 Commissioner Branch explained some recent resignations of commissioners of the Mid-Valley
79 Hospital District. He explained he is concerned about it. He was asked to go to the meeting and
80 could see what was going on. It is a critical matter and believes the administrative staff could also
81 walk. Apparently, there is some discourse over the management process. A special meeting is
82 scheduled for tomorrow and he will attend because he has some real concerns.
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84 **Amended Motion ADT Superior Court Doors Repair**

85 Commissioner Branch moved to amend his previous motion to accept ADT proposal in the
86 amount of \$8102 plus tax to repair the existing locks on the Superior Court and Clerk existing
87 locks replacing the previously approved proposal with this one.
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89 The Clerk of the Board asked about the Public Health charter changes that need to be
90 incorporated for requirements effective July 1, 2022 for board members. The clerk asked if the
91 BOCC wished for her to look into it, draft the resolution etc... Commissioners discussed Mr.
92 Zimmerman having been assigned to work on it for commissioners to adopt. Commissioner
93 Branch said the charter designated the county prosecutor in the 2015 resolution and thought that
94 should be addressed. Commissioner Hover will have Esther Milner look at the draft of Mr.
95 Zimmerman's that Lauri Jones provided. A resolution to repeal the 2015 resolution and adopt the
96 new charter with RCW changes will still be needed. Commissioner Hover asked if the COB could
97 readily draft the new resolution, she said yes.
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99 Based on information from the county treasurer, we received distressed county assistance
100 funding above and beyond what was budgeted in the second quarter with additional payments
101 still to come, said Commissioner Hover. We received \$1.81 million in just two payments.
102 Commissioner Hover suggested funds be put into the contingency reserve.
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104 **Review Commissioners Proceedings June 24, 27, & 28, 2022**

105 Commissioners previously approved June 21.

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107 **Briefing Among Commissioners**

108 Commissioners discussed time they would be away in July and August.

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110 **Update -Public Works Engineer Josh Thomson 10:57 a.m.**

111 Engineer Thomson provided his agenda and discussed the items listed there.

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113 *Maintenance & Road Conditions*

114 Flooding has not been a real big issue other than in Conconully and Bonaparte. The plan for
115 Bonaparte is that the channel is full and the stream is relocating, need to wait until the stream
116 reestablishes. Berms work most of the time for the road but this will be an ongoing issue. It would
117 not be good to do anything until the creek stabilizes.

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119 *Chip Seal*

120 Chip seal projects were canceled for today as roads will be cleaned up that were affected by the
121 rainfall. Back on schedule tomorrow.

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123 *WSDOT Mutual Aid Agreements*

124 Engineer Thomson explained these came to him but emergency management handles
125 emergencies but he is unsure if the situation goes through Mr. Goodall. These are more like on-
126 call situation and seemed to be straightforward.

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128 Still working on getting traffic counts on Hwy 97 near S Pine Creek Road and Fire District 6
129 Interlocal agreement.

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131 Engineer Thomson is working with Esther Milner on the interlocal agreement with Fire District #6.
132 Commissioner Hover said the county agreed to pay up to \$75,000 for the irrigation project. He
133 said we should also pay for any permanent type infrastructure going into it because it should be
134 us letting them use the county's property with the District being responsible for operations and
135 maintenance.

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137 *Consent Agenda*

138 Commissioner Hover made Engineer Thomson aware that the road up to the old Okanogan
139 landfill has scotch thistle identified by Noxious Weed Dept and thought Solid Waste would pay.
140 There is an agreement which blankets class b-Designate weed control on county property.

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142 Engineer Thomson will discuss the particular parcel with
143 Noxious Weed.

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145 There are cattle guard relinquishments listed on the consent agenda with one being a possible
146 contentious situation. But the guard could be reinstalled by someone else as the guards do not
147 belong to the county.

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149 Commissioner Branch asked if WATVs were allowed on JH Green road. The road was opened to
150 ATVs prior to receiving the proposal from the WATV Club.

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152 Recessed until 1:30 p.m.

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155 **Commissioners Set Wednesday Agenda**

156 Commissioners decided no meeting was necessary on Wednesday, July 6.

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158 **Review Qualifications for Engineer Services-Jail HVAC Systems**

159 The Clerk of the Board provided two responses to the BOCC, one from MW Engineers and one
160 from Sazan Group.

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162 The BOCC reviewed the proposals. The Clerk of the Board explained the RFP/RFQ was
163 published in the county's newspaper of record and Office of Minority and Women's Business
164 Enterprises website. (attached) She further explained that MW Engineers was involved with the
165 Jail's original HVAC system installed in 1980's.

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167 Commissioner Hover nodded to MW Engineers who are highly qualified and familiar with the
168 system itself. He liked that they had such extensive experience with geothermal systems as well.
169 Commissioner Branch would like to ensure qualifications is considered. Commissioner Hover
170 stated MW Engineers is specific to HVAC engineering and the other is oriented more around
171 cleaning up systems. C

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173 **Motion Engineer Selection**

174 Commissioner Branch moved to select MW Engineers due to their superior qualifications to
175 handle our Jail HVAC system project. Motion was seconded, all were in favor, motion carried.

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177 A Budget amendment will be needed to the maintenance budget out of county assistance.

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179 **Approve Commissioners Proceedings-June 27 & 28, 2022**

180 Commissioner Branch moved to approve June 27 & 28 proceedings. Motion was seconded, all
181 were in favor, motion carried.

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183 **Approve Consent Agenda**

184 Commissioner DeTro moved to approve the consent agenda items, excluding item #7. Motion
185 was seconded, all were in favor, motion carried.

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1. **Contract Public Defense Services-Burica/Haas**

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2. **Agreement 2023 Gravel Crushing Project Materials Testing-North Central Materials Testing
LLC**

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3. **Agreement Reimbursable Work-City of Pateros & Okanogan County Public Works**

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4. **Agreement Reimbursable Work-City of Omak & Okanogan County Public Works**

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5. **Cattle Guard Relinquishments-Figlenski CGF# N-232, CGF#19-98, CGF# 3.95, CGF# 2-95,
CGF#N-68, CGF#22.98, CGF#21-98 and Matt West CGF# 01-16**

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6. **Cattleguard Renewals Diamond Bell Ranch CGF# 7-89**

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7. ~~**Agreement Class A&B Designate Noxious Weed Control -County Owned Property-Noxious
Weed**~~

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8. **Resolution 94-2022 Hiring Referral Incentive Payment County Employees**

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9. **Resolution 97-2022 Engineer to Report -Road Vacation Stones Addition Wannacut Lk
Resort**

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10. **Resolution 98-2022 Methow Valley More Completely Planned Area Boundaries-A,B&C**

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11. **Resolution 99-2022 Authorizing Reclassification of Temp to FTE Records Clerk OCSO**

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198 **Motion Noxious Weed Agreement Parcel 3326150002**

199 Commissioner DeTro moved to authorize the chairman to sign the Agreement for Class A&B
200 Designate Noxious Weed Control on parcel 3326150002 a County Owned Property located by
201 the Okanogan Airport on Public Works old Solid Waste property. Motion was seconded, all were
202 in favor motion carried.

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208 Pete Palmer requested direction regarding the Tunk Basin ordinance regarding water as the
209 moratorium has expired. She was unsure about continuing the moratorium or what the BOCC
210 wanted it to do. Commissioner Branch stated it has expired and there are three studies to look at.
211 Since the moratorium is retired the BOCC should consider the studies in order to decide.

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213 Director Palmer explained the Methow prior vesting situation that could apply to the Tunk Basin
214 as well for existing.

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216 Commissioners continued to discuss the Tunk Basin water situation.

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218 Commissioner Branch discussed his concerns with the Mid Valley Hospital situation with the other
219 commissioners. He provided them the hospital's next meeting agenda. Commissioner Hover said
220 it is a hospital district not county government. There are situations that are odd, but not everything
221 is bad. Hospital elections run in the General Election in November. A lot can be done until then,
222 and that is what concerns Commissioner Branch. He would like them to slow down the process
223 and may need to submit a written comment to that effect. Commissioner Hover thought a
224 conversation with the county should be made before they make their decision. A fair process.

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226 **Motion Sheriff Dispatch WAMIL 911 Equipment Contract E23-305**

227 Commissioner Branch moved to approve the agreement and authorize the chairman to sign the
228 agreement for Sheriff Dispatch WAMIL 911 Equipment Contract No. E23-305 for reimbursement
229 of \$62,982 of 911 call handling equipment purchase expenses. Motion was seconded, all were in
230 favor, motion carried.

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232 **Motion Tonasket EMS District**

233 Commissioner Branch moved to adjourn as the BOCC and reconvene as the Tonasket EMS
234 District. Motion was seconded all were in favor, motion carried.

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236 Commissioner Branch moved to approve the Voucher certification and authorize the Tonasket
237 EMS District vouchers to be paid in the amount of \$21,700 to Life Line for June Services. Motion
238 was seconded, all were in favor, motion carried.

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240 **Motion Oroville Rural EMS District**

241 Commissioner Branch moved to adjourn as the Tonasket EMS and reconvene as the Oroville
242 Rural EMS District. Motion was seconded all were in favor, motion carried.

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244 Commissioner Branch moved to approve the Voucher certification and authorize the Oroville Rural
245 EMS District vouchers to be paid in the amount of \$9,680 to Lifeline for June Services. Motion was
246 seconded, all were in favor, motion carried.

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248 Commissioner Branch moved to adjourn as the Oroville Rural EMS District and Reconvene as the
249 Methow Valley EMS. Motion was seconded all were in favor, motion carried.

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251 **Motion Methow Valley EMS District**

252 The Clerk of the Board explained that she discussed review of the 2021 excess levy payment with
253 the county treasurer. The Clerk said the agreement requires 100% of the levy to be paid in 12
254 monthly payments to Aero Methow, however, the treasurer usually only collects 90%-92% of the
255 levy budgeted and there is no excess levy to pay out this year. She suggested the agreement be
256 amended to allow 12 equal payments of 90% of the county levy budget rather than 100% of it, so

257 there are reserves the district can draw on until levy revenue is collected in April. She would like
258 further direction on drafting an amendment after discussing the situation first with Aero Methow.
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260 Commissioner Hover would like to pay July services in the amount of \$60,815.16 then the board
261 will meet with Aero Methow to discuss the situation before the August billing.
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263 Commissioner Branch moved to approve the Voucher certification and authorize the Methow
264 Valley EMS District vouchers to be paid in the amount of \$60,815.16 for July Services. Motion was
265 seconded, all were in favor, motion carried.
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267 Commissioner Branch moved to adjourn as the Methow Valley EMS District and Reconvene as
268 the BOCC. Motion was seconded all were in favor, motion carried.
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270 The board adjourned at 3:00 p.m.
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