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RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS

OKANOGAN COUNTY

JUNE 14, 2022

9:00 AM Review Commissioners' Meeting Minutes
9:15 AM Public Comment Period
9:30 AM Commissioners Set Wednesday Agenda
10:00 AM Presentation North Central Washington Library-Barbara Walters
11:00 AM Update -Public Works Engineer Josh Thomson
11:15 AM Public Hearing-Utility Franchise 03-22 Will Orchard-Public Works Jo Ann Stansbury
To follow Cont., Public Works Update-Engineer Josh Thomson
1:30 PM Board of Health Meeting-1234 2nd Ave S, Okanogan
3:30 PM Update-Human Resources/Risk Management
4:00 P.M Approve Commissioners Proceedings-June 6 & 7, 2022
2:30 PM Approve Consent Agenda

The Okanogan County Board of Commissioners met for a Public Hearing at 123 5th Avenue North, Okanogan, Washington on June 14, 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' Meeting Minutes

Commissioners reviewed their meeting minutes and offered corrections to June 6, 2022 which were made.

Commissioner Hover stated an executive session was needed today. Prosecutor Lin happened to enter the hearing room.

Public Comment Period

Ms. Jackson, member of the public attended public comment via zoom. She had no public comment to provide. No other public were present.

Motion Executive Session RCW 42.30.110 (1)(i)

Commissioner Branch moved to go into executive session at 9:16 a.m. until 9:30 a.m. inviting Albert Lin, Prosecutor to discuss potential litigation. Motion was seconded, all were in favor, motion carried.

Executive session ended at 9:30 a.m. no decisions were made. Commissioner Branch noted there were some unfinished details he would like to discuss further.

Dennis Rabidou as Okanogan Behavioral Healthcare (OBHC) and Superior Court representative discussed a needed letter of support for the Juvenile Court. OBHC, Superior Court, and the University of Washington wish to continue their partnership for assessments and work with community to continue strengthening those partnerships since the courts are short staffed. The University will do the research using policy codesign to achieve multi-sector alignment in adolescent behavioral health with the grant funding. The letter is to University of Washington, Sarah Cusworth Walker, PhD.

Commissioner Branch is committed to participation to further the organizational goals, explore health policy design, promote greater understanding in our community, and he hopes to address many issues he has been hearing about. He feels this engagement is needed. No monetary support is required of the

55 county. Mr. Rabidou stated the grant timeline with submission is June 19 and University of Washington
56 will apply in July for the first round with work beginning spring of 2023. It was decided to send a letter of
57 support.

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59 Commissioner Hover discussed the BOCC providing monetary support of Winthrop's domestic water line
60 on Hwy 20 bridge across the river that serves all areas in Winthrop on the west side of the river. The town
61 is working on some planning for a stag grant which requires a match of 40%. It is a project on the County's
62 Economic Development prioritization list which the BOCC approved earlier in the year.

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64 **Commissioners Set Wednesday Agenda**
65 Commissioners decided no meeting was needed on Wednesday.

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67 **Presentation North Central Washington Library-Barbara Walters**
68 Ms. Walters provided SWAG for commissioners.

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70 Ms. Walters presented for the North Central Washington Library relaying library services in the libraries in
71 the county. The Libraries are getting ready to launch their summer library program activities and she went
72 over the exciting things the library offers i.e. nature back packs, discover passes, Ohme' Garden passes
73 can be checked out. They are looking for partners to help do more of these types of passes. Omak offers
74 computer literacy classes, Brewster has movie nights, Twisp and Pateros provide summer science shows,
75 and all branches provide crafts and story times. Winthrop library has their grand opening this weekend and
76 the facility improvement plan will be a model for other libraries. The library wants to continue partnering
77 with colleges to bring classes to all locations to continue education in all branches such as Running Start,
78 GED classes and provide space for the college instructors. These are the types of ideas they are working
79 on in the communities.

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81 Commissioner Branch explained a popular chess club he remembered. Ms. Walters noted one was started
82 in Wenatchee for all levels as well as equipment training for 4-H clubs. He shared that Jack Mesmit lectured
83 during and there was space in the library provided for those.

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85 Ms. Walters explained the challenges of finding people to teach classes in communities with high
86 attendance levels. The group thanked each other for their time.

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88 **Discussion Park Place II Long Plat Preliminary Approval 2022-2-Ms. Schumacher**

89 Char Schumacher was asked to explain the process for preliminary approval of the Park Place II long plat
90 2022-2. (attached) A motion would include the findings of fact, conclusions of law and conditions of
91 approval. Commissioner Hover asked about the conditions of approval. The commissioners may place
92 additional conditions on the approval. Commissioner Branch stated this is a quasi-judicial decision under
93 RCW 58.17 and will likely be coming before the commissioners again for final approval and therefor
94 Commissioners should not discuss the proposed project with anyone party to the project.

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96 Commissioners discussed the project's plan to provide water through a group B system and the plan for
97 switching it over then when the infrastructure goes in the additional cost is applied to the users such as
98 connection and water fees. Commissioners would like it spelled out as a plat note and how is it going to
99 be regulated. Ms. Schumacher stated a plat note will be made with these additional conditions. Are they
100 going to decommission the well later on when Brewster Flats approves their group A system to deliver the
101 water? The well was drilled specifically for the LP for a group B system. Ms. Schumacher will contact the
102 proponent and ask. Commissioners continued to review information. The commissioners noted that on the
103 application there was only a group b system considered. Nothing in the application packet required a switch
104 to city system.

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108 **Motion Preliminary Approval Park Place II LP 2022-2**
109 Commissioner Branch moved to approve the recommendation of the Hearings Examiner for Park Place II
110 Long Plat 2022-2 including conditions of approval, findings of fact, and conclusions of law. Motion was
111 seconded, all were in favor, motion carried.
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113 **Motion Letter of Support University of Washington**
114 Commissioner Branch moved to approve and authorize the letter of support to the University of Washington
115 for adolescent behavioral health grant funding. Motion was seconded all were in favor, motion carried.
116 Discussion about this was earlier in the day with Mr. Rabidou.
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118 **Update -Public Works Engineer Josh Thomson**
119 Engineer Thomson provided his agenda and discussed the items listed there.
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121 *Maintenance and Road Conditions*
122 Minor flooding around the county with Bonaparte being the most severe. The water is out of the creek and
123 affecting the road there. It is a fish bearing stream so is a sensitive situation. The Sinlahekin area is also
124 flowing heavy and the water has jumped up stream but is captured by the roadside and new culvert.
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126 Tomorrow finishing pre-level on chip seal projects and working on widening shoulders on Chewuch.
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128 *Bridge B-4*
129 Final coat of sealer is going on, was delayed due to rain.
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131 *Fuel Prices/ER&R Rates*
132 Public Works uses about 230,000 gallons of fuel each year so Engineer Thomson is tracking the costs right
133 now and thinking about bumping rates up. Increase in cost to operate jumped to around \$6.50 we do not
134 want to get too far behind, but it is hard to tell if fuel costs will decrease. The crystal ball is hard to read.
135 Commissioner Branch said some projections say fuel prices may jump to \$10 per gallon and is already
136 close to that in California. There are no good projections.
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138 Engineer Thomson explained at this point he doesn't want to stop operations since in the past (2009) it put
139 the county so far behind they are still catching up. May need to scale some things back next year but this
140 year's projects will continue at this point.
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142 *Conconully Sewer System Improvements*
143 Engineer Thomson explained the county's portion of the system was built in 1991, which was 100 feet from
144 the well that serves the resort. The Liars Cove resort is being told it is their problem. Usually the tank and
145 the pump would belong to the property owner, but this system belongs to the county. We would need to dig
146 up two large tanks and force main pipes and put those in a different position. It would be a \$50,000 -\$70,000
147 fix and is more than what is spent on the system per year. Water treatment may be an option, but no one
148 is offering ideas. The Engineer is looking at options. Commissioners would like to see the original
149 application and site plans for the site of the sewer system.
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151 **Public Hearing-Utility Franchise 03-22 Will Orchard-Public Works Jo Ann Stansbury**
152 Commissioner Hover opened up the public hearing to staff. Ms. Stansbury provided her staff report.
153 (attached) No comments for or against were received. Commissioner the closed staff then opened the
154 hearing up to the public for comment but not public wished to comment. The hearing was opened up to the
155 board.
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157 **Motion Resolution 86-2022 Will Orchards Irrigation Lines Franchise Agreement**
158 Commissioner DeTro moved to approve resolution 86-2022 in the matter of Will Orchards Irrigation Lines
159 Franchise Agreement. Motion was seconded, all were in favor, motion carried.
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161 Commissioner Hover closed the public hearing.

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163 **Cont., Public Works Update-Engineer Josh Thomson**

164 Cont. Conconully Sewer system improvements....

165 Engineer Thomson asked whether the commissioners heard anything about raising the levels of the upper
166 Conconully Lake. Commissioner DeTro stated unless the dam is fixed he did not believe increased levels
167 would be allowed. He said the Bureau of Reclamation was saying it would cost \$80 million, but he thought
168 that was an unlikely figure. He suggested the dam be relocated further downstream .

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170 *Planner/Recreation Trail Position*

171 Engineer Thomson said the OCOG received the information about the position and was on board with it.
172 Commissioners would like to discuss the costs further with the Finance Committee next week.

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174 Engineer Thomson discussed a resolution to authorize the Capital Projects Manager new position and
175 Public Works organization chart modification. HR has already looked at the situation.

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177 **Resolution 84-2022 Capital Projects Manager Public Works**

178 Commissioner DeTro moved to approve resolution 84-2022 authorizing a Capital Projects Manager for
179 Public Works as a nonunion position. Motion was seconded, all were in favor, motion carried.

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181 **Resolution 85-2022 adopting the Public Works Organization Chart**

182 Commissioner Branch moved to approve resolution 85-2022 authorizing a new Public Works
183 Organizational chart as attached. Motion was seconded, all were in favor, motion carried.

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185 Commissioner Hover wants to discuss the two new positions with the Finance Committee next week.

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187 Engineer Thomson discussed research to locate the conveyance documents for the Old Public Works
188 County Shop property across the river in Okanogan County. Information from the commissioners' record
189 was discussed. The Clerk of the Board noted in the record there were property references to the Doner Mill
190 Site, Columbia Valley Millwork site and that information was provided to the Engineer to help research this
191 issue.

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193 Naomie Peasley provided fairgrounds project approval forms earlier this morning for the 2022 Bleacher
194 replacement of Grandstands, 2022 Lawn Mower, and the 2022 Pedestrian Barrier Safety Fence along the
195 west side of the new track.

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197 Quotes and some recommendations were listed on the forms. For the fencing project approval Quality
198 Custom Fencing LLC was recommended as the company was local and price included labor & materials.
199 The other quotes for the fencing project included only the material costs and Tyler Laurie Fencing was
200 unavailable. No recommendation for the Grandstands purchase was given. Commissioner Hover
201 corrected the purchase number on the John Deere Tractor quote. Commissioner Branch stated these are
202 not actual quotes for the same type of tractor but rather comparative quotes from Pape and the city of
203 Omak. The Fairgrounds needs a mower. It was discussed that a reasonable effort was taken to receive
204 quotes for the mower.

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206 **Purchase Approval 2022 Lawn Mower**

207 Commissioner DeTro moved to authorize/approve the purchase of the John Deere 1025 lawn Tractor from
208 Pape Machinery in the amount of \$18,991.68 including tax. Motion was seconded, all were in favor, motion
209 carried. See motion on June 6, 2022.

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211 **Purchase Approval 2022 Bleacher replacement of Grandstands**

212 Commissioners discussed the form with costs of the Bleachers but noted the quotes did not include
213 shipping. Commissioner Hover asked Commissioner Branch to talk with Ms. Peasley about the quotes.

214 Commissioner Branch said there is confusion about who the boss is and thought Commissioner Hover
215 should be the boss and discuss this issue with her.

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217 **Purchase Approval 2022 Pedestrian Barrier Safety Fence**
218 The documents were noted purchase of a black chain link fence that would provide safety fencing near
219 the race track. Commissioner Hover will discuss this with Ms. Peasley too.

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221 Commissioner Hover attended the Economic Development meeting at 3:00 p.m. to discuss the Duck Lake
222 Water Association water systems.

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224 Commissioner Branch recessed until 3:30 p.m.

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226 **Board of Health Meeting-1234 2nd Ave S, Okanogan**
227 Commissioners attended the Board of Health.

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229 **Update-Human Resources/Risk Management**
230 Tanya Everett, Shelley Keitzman introduced themselves.

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232 Ms. Everett stated this was her last schedule commissioners update. Ms. Keitzman asked the
233 commissioners to approve a one-day Labor Law and Labor Arbitration Institute training in Seattle in
234 October. There is money in the budget for the training. Ms. Everett said it is helpful training.

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236 **Motion Training Approval**
237 Commissioner DeTro moved to approve Shelley Keitzman to attend the Labor Law and Labor Arbitration
238 Institute on October 7, 2022. It is pertinent to the job, said Commissioner Branch. Motion was seconded,
239 all were in favor, motion carried.

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241 Ms. Keitzman will also attend the Risk Pool Conference in July.

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243 Ms. Everett stated a resolution required by the Risk Pool will need to be updated to appoint Shelley
244 Keitzman to participate in the Risk Pool as the county representative. Chief Civil Deputy Esther Milner
245 should also be named as David Gecas was previously named in the resolution. The resolution will be
246 drafted for commissioners' approval then sent to the Risk Pool.

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248 **Motion Letter of Support**
249 Commissioner DeTro moved to authorize a letter supporting the dedication of Hwy 20 from the Idaho border
250 to the Skagit County line in Western Washington to honor Veterans of the Vietnam War. Motion was
251 seconded, all were in favor, motion carried. Arnie Marchand requested the support letter for the American
252 Legion Hodges Post 84, in Oroville Washington.

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254 **Motion - Voucher Approval - Commissioners**
255 Vouchers certified and audited by the Auditing Officer as required by RCW 42.24.080 and those
256 expense reimbursement claims certified as required by RCW 42.24.090 have been recorded on a list,
257 and made available to the Board. As of this date, the Board did vote, by unanimous vote, to approve
258 the regular vouchers in the amount of \$896,198.87. Warrant numbers as cited on the attached blanket
259 voucher list. Motion seconded and carried.

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261 **Motion Tonasket EMS District**
262 Commissioner DeTro moved to adjourn as the BOCC and reconvene as the Tonasket EMS District.
263 Motion was seconded all were in favor, motion carried.

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265 Commissioner DeTro moved to approve the Voucher certification and authorize the Tonasket EMS
266 District vouchers to be paid in the amount of \$21,700 to Life Line for May Services. Motion was
267 seconded, all were in favor, motion carried.

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269 Commissioner DeTro moved to adjourn as the Tonasket EMS District and Reconvene as the Oroville
270 Rural EMS District. Motion was seconded all were in favor, motion carried.

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272 **Motion Oroville Rural EMS District**
273 Commissioner DeTro moved to adjourn as the BOCC and reconvene as the Oroville Rural EMS District.
274 Motion was seconded all were in favor, motion carried.

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276 Commissioner DeTro moved to approve the Voucher certification and authorize the Oroville Rural EMS
277 District vouchers to be paid in the amount of \$9,680 to Life Line for May Services. Motion was
278 seconded, all were in favor, motion carried.

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280 Commissioner DeTro moved to adjourn as the Oroville Rural EMS District and Reconvene as the
281 BOCC. Motion was seconded all were in favor, motion carried.

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283 **Approve Consent Agenda**
284 Commissioner DeTro moved to approve the consent agenda items 1-5. Motion was seconded, all were in
285 favor, motion carried.

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287 1. CDBG Public Services Req. #11 Contract No. 21-62210-011
288 2. CDBG Public Services CV1 Req. #17 Contract No., 20-6221C-119
289 3. A19 Tunk Mtn Fire Hardening ARPA Funds Request \$2,963.66
290 4. Acknowledgment Signed Fairgrounds Facility Rental Agreements: Arcadio Gomez & Cliseria
291 Ascencion 5/28; Holy Rosary Church 5/31; Tiffany Mannikko 5/20; Clarence & Rebecca Abrahamson;
292 Rotary 5/19; Wa Connections Academy 5/24-25; Donald Ray Family Reunion 5/29; Isaac Perez 5/21;
293 Okanogan Conservation District 5/11; Chelan Fruit 5/17; Jessica Blake; NWBHA Barrel Race 5/7; Dalila
294 Huerta 4/30; Odilia Espino 4/23; Yesenia Cuin 4/16; Wanda Christmann Fair Queen 4/9; Jesus
295 Sanchez & Elizabeth G Valdovines5/7
296 5. Resolution 82-2022 Budget Amendment Capital Improvement-Bond Payment \$564,414

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298 **Approve Commissioners Proceedings-June 6 & 7, 2022**
299 Commissioner DeTro moved to approve commissioners proceeding June 6, 2022 and June 7, 2022 as
300 corrected. Motion was seconded, all were in favor, motion carried.

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302 The board adjourned at 3:45 p.m.
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