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RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS

OKANOGAN COUNTY

JUNE 26, 2023

9:00 AM	Review Commissioners Agenda and Consent Agenda
9:05 AM	Briefing Among Commissioners-Discuss Individual Weekly Meetings & Schedules
9:15 AM	Public Comment Period
9:30 AM	Commissioner’s Staff Meeting
10:30 AM	Update-Veterans Relief Board-Thomas Even
11:00 AM	Discussion-ARPA Request Elmer City Fire Dist #2- Fire Hall Jimmer Tillman-Kelly
Ross	
11:30 AM	Public Hearing-Budget Supplemental Appropriation-Elections
11:35 AM	Public Hearing-Budget Supplemental Appropriation-Noxious Weed
11:40 AM	Continued Discussion Elmer City Fire District-If needed
1:30 PM	Discussion-Variable Speed Limit-Stan Christie

The Okanogan County Board of Commissioners met for a regular meeting at 123 5th Avenue North, Okanogan, Washington on June, 2023 with Chairman, Commissioner Chris Branch; Vice-Chairman, 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.

Motion

Commissioner Neal moved to approve special voucher for Juvenile Court in the amount of \$2,640.00. Motion was seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried

Review Commissioners Agenda and Consent Agenda

The commissioners reviewed their agenda and consent agenda.

Motion- Executive Session under RCW 42.30.110. (g)

Commissioner Hover moved to go into executive session under RCW 42.30.110. (g) inviting HR Director Shelley Keitzman for 10 minutes at 9:05 a.m. Motion was seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Executive session ended at 9:15 a.m. with no decisions made.

Briefing Among Commissioners-Discuss Individual Weekly Meetings & Schedules

The commissioners debriefed among themselves, discussing their weekly schedules and meetings.

Public Comment Period

A member from the public, Emily Sisson, was present.

There was no public comment.

Commissioner’s Staff Meeting

Emergency Management, Maurice Goodall, Planning Director, Pete Palmer, Fairgrounds Manager, Naomie Peasley, were present for staff.

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54 Emergency Management
55 Emergency Management, Maurice Goodall, explained that there will be more lightning this next
56 week, but other than that, he had no updates for the commissioners.

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58 The commissioners and Mr. Goodall discussed evacuation issues within the county.

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60 Planning Department
61 Planning Director, Pete Palmer, explained that she had no new business at this time.

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63 Fairgrounds
64 Fairgrounds Manager, Naomie Peasley, updated the commissioners on her department. The
65 fairgrounds have been really busy.

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67 The commissioners and Ms. Peasley discussed the fair vendors applications. There were only
68 two applications not approved.

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70 **Update-Veterans Relief Board-Thomas Even**
71 Thomas Even, Katrina Hobbs, Jim Cheek, Jason Allen, Michael Stewart, were present.

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73 Thomas Even explained that they will be going to the food banks on July 12th.

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75 He said that there is still no driver for the VA van. He would like to see if TRANGO would be more
76 willing to help with transportation. Transportation for a lot of veterans is hard because they are
77 older and family is not willing to help.

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79 Ms. Hobbs explained about Community Action outreach program.

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81 **Discussion-ARPA Request Elmer City Fire Dist #2- Fire Hall Jimmer Tillman-Kelly Ross**
82 Jim Tillman explained that they started the process of getting a new fire building in Elmer City,
83 but they a short with funds. He was hoping to get \$150,000 from the county.

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85 The commissioners would like to go over the ARPA budget next Monday and let them know.

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87 **Public Hearing-Budget Supplemental Appropriation-Elections**
88 Commissioner Branch opened up the hearing to staff. Cari Hall explained that Resolution 72.2023
89 is a resolution authorizing a budget supplemental appropriation within the Elections C/E Fund
90 001.027 in the amount of \$36,000 to reflect Cyber Security Grant for needed security equipment.
91 Commissioner Branch closed the hearing to staff and asked for public comment. No other public
92 comments were given.

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94 **Motion- Resolution 72.2023**
95 Commissioner Hover moved to approve Resolution 72.2023. Motion was seconded. All were in
96 favor. Motion carried.

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98 **Public Hearing-Budget Supplemental Appropriation-Noxious Weed**
99 Commissioner Branch opened up the hearing to staff. Larry Hudson explained Resolution
100 73.2023 is a Resolution authoring a budget supplemental appropriation within the Noxious weed
101 Fund 103 in the amount of \$188,496. Commissioner Branch closed the hearing to staff and asked
102 for public comment. No other public comments were given.

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104 **Motion- Resolution 73.2023**

105 Commissioner Hover moved to approve resolution 73.2023 authorizing a budget supplement
106 appropriation within the Noxious Weed Fund in the amount of \$188,496. Motion was seconded.
107 All were in favor. Motion carried.

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109 **Discussion-Variable Speed Limit-Stan Christie**

110 Stan Christie from Ferry County discussed with the commissioners how variable speed limits
111 would promote more tourism in the county. He has collected almost 500 signatures supporting
112 variable speed limits and would like the commissioners to consider their proposal. They would
113 like to travel on Nicholson Creek Road off of Toroda Creek Road.

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115 Mr. Christie would to see the two counties' hook together by opening variable-speed limits from
116 Wauconda Store area to Ferry County. Mr. Christie provided the commissioners documentation
117 on how Ferry County opened their road to variable speed limits.

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119 **Motion**

120 Commissioner Hover moved to go into executive session under RCW 42.30.110. (i) inviting HR
121 Director, Shelley Keitzman and Esther Milner for 5 minutes at 1:55 p.m. Motion was seconded.
122 All were in favor. Motion carried.

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124 Executive session ended at 2:00 p.m. with no decisions made.

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128 The board adjourned at 2:25 p.m.

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