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RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS

OKANOGAN COUNTY

JUNE 27, 2022

9:00 AM Review Agenda and Consent Agenda
9:05 AM Discussion Superior Courtroom & Clerk Door Repair Proposal ADT-CMRS
9:15 AM Public Comment Period
9:30 AM Commissioners Staff Meeting
10:30 AM Briefing Among Commissioners-Discuss Individual Weekly Meetings & Schedules
11:00 AM Update Colville National Forest -Acting District Ranger Travis Fletcher et al
1:30 PM Discussion Employee Referral Incentive Program OCSO Undersheriff Culp
2:00 PM Discussion ARPA Budget -Commissioners, Auditor

The Okanogan County Board of Commissioners met for a Public Hearing at 123 5th Avenue North, Okanogan, Washington on June 27, 2022 with Chairman, Commissioner Andy Hover; Vice-Chairman, Commissioner Chris Branch; and the Deputy Clerk of the Board, Crystal Hawley, present.

Commissioner DeTro was absent

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

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

Review Agenda and Consent Agenda

Commissioners reviewed their agenda and consent agenda. Dennis Rabidou cancelled Superior Court for tomorrow's meeting at 8:15.

Discussion Superior Courtroom & Clerk Door Repair Proposal ADT-CMRS

Commissioners discussed Superior Court and the Clerk's door lock that is needing repaired or replaced. To replace the locks, it would take 20-40 weeks and going to cost \$8,000 or to repair the parts, it would cost \$6,200 and would be able to get the parts right away. Commissioner Branch thought it should be fix right away.

Motion

Commissioner Branch moved to direct staff to move forward on door lock repairs for \$6200.00 plus tax. Motion was seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

Public Comment Period

No public comment.

Commissioners Staff Meeting

Present: Naomie Peasley, Lanie Johns, Pete Palmer, Maurice Goodall

Naomie Peasley explained she had to postpone the tribal meeting, because the attorney she has been working with is on vacation until next week. The fairgrounds AC unit went out in the fairground's office and she is waiting a quote. She bought two window units for now, until the AC unit is fixed. Ms. Peasley informed the commissioners that the fairgrounds paybox at the RV campground was broken into this morning and money was stolen. Commissioner Hover asked Ms. Peasley to write down remedies for

53 each theft at the fairgrounds for auditing purposes. Commissioner Hover had heard that the vendors
54 prices have gone up since last year. Ms. Peasley explained that she just received the list last week.
55 The commissioners would like the vendors price list for them to review.

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57 Clerk of the Board, Lanie Johns, had a few items to bring forward to the commissioners:

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59 Jail HVAC System Review by Engineering Firm- Request for proposal

60 Ms. Johns explained she placed a legal notice for the Jail HVAC System review. These are due 12:00
61 p.m. on June 5th with Engineer selection at 1:45 p.m.

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63 LTAC Membership Review

64 LTAC Membership was reviewed last week. Ms. Johns received an updated letter from Lair Cove
65 recommending Janet Warner to represent them as a collector for the LTAC Board. The At Large-
66 Tourism Reprehensive District #2 position, Cyndi Thompson, expires 6/30/2022. Ms. Johns is needing
67 a letter of interest for reappointment.

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69 LTAC 2023 Applications Workshops

70 On June 23rd workshop, Aaron Kester OCTC employee coordinating with applicants for 2023
71 applications including VIC's and any new tourism marketing & promotion activities in the county. There
72 is another training scheduled for June 30th 1:30-3:00.

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74 CDBG Monitoring Visit at Community Action

75 Ms. Johns explained that she has a monitoring visit with Community Action to ensure program
76 requirements on June 28th at 3:00 p.m.

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78 DAHP Grant Application

79 DAHP Grant is for phase II of the courthouse exterior rehabilitation to include the front stairs, possibly
80 treasurer walkway, dedication plaque and clock tower window encasements. Ms. Johns is working
81 with Chris Moore to complete and will submit the application to the board within the next two weeks.

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83 Emergency Management Manager, Maurice Goodall, asked the commissioners if he could purchase
84 about \$300 in food for the Local Emergency Planning Committee Meeting on July 13th This meeting
85 would be with a verity of people from different entities. He would like to have the meeting either at the
86 Fairgrounds or in the Commissioners' Hearing Room.

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88 **Motion**

89 Commissioner Branch moved to approved for food purchase for Local Emergency Planning
90 Committee Meeting. Discussion. Commissioner Branch would like Mr. Goodall to confirm that it is okay
91 with the Auditor. Motion was second. All in favor? Motion carried.

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93 Planning Director, Pate Palmer explained that she had sat in a Western Washington University Class
94 on environmental planning. The class used one of the Okanogan County's Comprehensive Plans as
95 an assignment during the class. The class reviewed and compared it to Methow Valley Resilient Plan.
96 They wanted to incorporate policies that would enhance the county's resilience to the basic changes
97 the climate conditions. Ms. Palmer went over the Comprehensive Plan Review (attached). In 2021,
98 the Resilient Methow planning team published the Resilient Methow Climate Action Plan. The plan
99 explained how the climate conditions are changing in the valley and the impacts associated with that
100 change.

101 Ms. Palmer provided the boundary map for the Methow Valley Completely Planned Area that was
102 adopted by Resolution 121-2014. It is included in the most recent 2021 Comprehensive Plan.

104 **Quarterly Update- Veterans Affairs**

105 Present: Thomas Even, James Cheek, Michael Stuart

106 Thomas Even explained that James has completed his NVLSP and has now completed his Training,
107 Responsibility, Involvement and Preparation of Claims Program.

108 Monthly County Veterans Assistance Program is doing well. They have provided Veterans in \$3,200
109 to veterans in need and \$2,500 to help with funeral assistance. Michael Stuart explained that they no
110 longer need the veteran's van and would like to surplus it. Commissioner Hover would like the funds
111 to go back into the Veterans Affairs.

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113 **Briefing Among Commissioners-Discuss Individual Weekly Meetings & Schedules**

114 The commissioners discussed their weekly meetings and schedules.

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116 **Update Colville National Forest -Tonasket District Ranger Matt Marsh**

117 Present: Rodney Smoldon & Matt Marsh

118 Forest Supervisor, Rodney Smoldon, explained that Matt will start the middle of July in the Tonasket
119 area as acting District Ranger. Mr. Smoldon asked the commissioner if he could get some clarify on
120 how the commissioners would like to work together. Commissioners would like the meet quarterly, but
121 if they need to meet sooner, they can call anytime to schedule.

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123 Commissioner Hover asked if there was a lot of wood coming out of the Tonasket Range District for
124 salvage sales. Mr. Marsh explained that lot is a relative term; they have two different salvage sales
125 that were in the neighborhood of two hundred acres. Both have all been cleaned up.

126 Mr. Marsh explained that it is free to cut firewood. Woodcutters are able to obtain up to twelve cords
127 per household per year, but only in four cord increments at a time.

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129 Commissioner Branch asked how their enforcement is doing. Mr. Marsh explained that enforcement
130 is looking really good right now and they have plenty of staff for coverage.

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132 Commissioner Hover explained that he is on the Salmon Recovery Board and asked if Mr. Walsh
133 could look into the forest restorations projects and how it reflects species.

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135 Mr. Marsh provided a draft for a five-year plan of vegetation management and restoration projects that
136 is frequently updated, along with a twenty-year plan of upcoming project areas across the Forest. The
137 five-year plan shows project names, expected acres of treatment, timber volumes, and other relevant
138 information. The twenty-year plan is a broad vision for management of the Forest throughout the next
139 twenty years. This assures all planning areas across the Forest will be managed for fuels, vegetation,
140 roads, watershed health, and other resource concerns every twenty years. Mr. Marsh explained that
141 they are currently working on Mt. Hull right now.

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143 Mr. Marsh asked the commissioner during fire season, if the commissioners would like him to
144 communicate any different than the past district ranger. Commissioner Hover thought the
145 communication has been working good for them.

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147 Commissioner Hover recess at 11:55 until 1:30

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149 **Discussion Employee Referral Incentive Program OCSO Undersheriff Culp**

150 Present: Sheriff Tony Hawley and Undersheriff Aaron Culp

151 Undersheriff, Aaron Culp, explained the purpose of an Employee Referral Incentive Program for the
152 Okanogan Sheriff Office. With continued vacant positions result in a reduced operational capability
153 which impacts the expected standard of service. Additionally, sustained directed overtime, extended
154 shifts, and increased demand causes substantial employee fatigue - decreasing safety, degrading

155 morale, and increasing employee turn-over. The Okanogan Sheriff Office provides critical public safety
156 services to the residents and visitors of Okanogan County. The county would pay employees
157 \$1,000.00 for each qualified applicant they refer that is subsequently selected and hired by the
158 Okanogan County Sheriff's Office.

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160 **Discussion ARPA Budget -Commissioners, Auditor Cari Hall, Lisa Schreckengost, Leah**
161 **McCormick, Pam Johnson, Larry Gilman, Mike Worden, Darla Schreckengast**

162 Auditor, Cari Hall, explained replacing lost public sector revenue:
163 The final rule offers a standard allowance for revenue loss of up to \$10 million, allowing recipients to
164 select between a standard amount of revenue loss or complete a full revenue loss calculation.
165 Recipients that select the standard allowance may use that amount – in many cases their full award –
166 for government services, with streamlined reporting requirements.
167 Commissioner Hover would like to clean up the budget and categorize the bars codes to make it easier
168 for when invoices come through.

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171 Commissioners and Auditor Cari Hall went over fund names and budget for some of the projects.
172 Commissioner Hover will be meeting with Ms. Hall later to complete the naming of bars codes.

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174 Mike Warden explained that he is having a hard time finding a dollar amount for an electrician cost to
175 install the courthouse security cameras. Commissioner Hover thought that maybe Tim from
176 maintenance might be able to install them if the county can't find someone to install the cameras, but
177 first try and contract out.

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180 The board adjourned at 2:45 p.m.

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