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RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS

OKANOGAN COUNTY

MARCH 13, 2023

9:00 AM	Review Commissioners Agenda & Consent Agenda
9:05 AM	Briefing Among Commissioners – Discuss Weekly Meetings & Schedule
9:15 AM	Public Comment Period
9:30 AM	Legislative Update-Zak Kennedy
To Follow	Commissioner’s Staff Meeting
10:30 AM	Executive Session-RCW 42.30.110 (1)(g)-Shelley Keitzman
11:00 AM	Discussion DRAFT Emergency Employee Instructions-Shelley Keitzman

The Okanogan County Board of Commissioners met for a regular meeting at 123 5th Avenue North, Okanogan, Washington on March 13, 2023 with; Vice-Chairman, Commissioner Andy Hover; Member, Commissioner Jon Neal; and the Deputy Clerk of the Board, Crystal Hawley, present.

Chairman, Commissioner Chris Branch was absent.

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

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

Review Commissioners Agenda & Consent Agenda

The commissioners reviewed the agenda and consent agenda.

Commissioner Hover would like Wednesday agenda to say 1:30 PM Site Walk Through- DOH Paul Coppock at 1240 2nd Ave S, Okanogan and then 2:00 Interview – DOH Paul Coppock 123 5th Ave N, Okanogan.

Briefing Among Commissioners – Discuss Weekly Meetings & Schedule

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

Motion – Special Voucher Approval Solid Waste Vehicle - Commissioners

Vouchers certified and audited by the Auditing Officer as required by RCW 42.24.080 and those expense reimbursement claims certified as required by RCW 42.24.090 have been recorded on a list, and made available to the Board. As of this date, the Board did vote, by unanimous vote, to approve the regular vouchers in the amount of \$43,294.00. Motion seconded all in favor, motion carried.

Motion Oroville Rural EMS District

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

Motion- Approve Oroville EMS Voucher

Commissioner Neal moved to approve the voucher certification and authorize the Oroville Rural EMS District vouchers to be paid in the amount of \$9,680. Motion was seconded, all were in favor, motion carried.

52 **Motion- Adjourn as the Oroville Rural EMS and Reconvene as the Tonasket**
53 Commissioner Neal moved to adjourn as the Oroville Rural EMS and Reconvene as the Tonasket
54 EMS District. Motion was seconded all were in favor, motion carried.

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56 **Motion Tonasket EMS District**
57 Commissioner Neal moved to approve the voucher certification and authorize the Tonasket EMS
58 District vouchers to be paid in the amount of \$16,200. Motion was seconded, all were in favor,
59 motion carried.

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61 **Motion- Adjourn as the Tonasket EMS and Reconvene as BOCC**
62 Commissioner Neal moved to adjourn as the Tonasket EMS and Reconvene as the Board of
63 Okanogan County Commissioners. Motion was seconded all were in favor, motion carried.

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65 **Public Comment Period**
66 A member from the public, Emily Sisson, was present.

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68 There was no public comment.

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70 **Discussion DRAFT Emergency Employee Instructions-Shelley Keitzman**
71 Shelley Keitzman provided the commissioners with a draft emergency employee instruction and
72 explained that she would like to use the draft as a start for the emergency instructions for the
73 County Courthouse employees. She would adjust words accordingly to fit Okanogan County's
74 needs.

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76 Commissioner Neal asked if the Sheriff and Emergency Manager was involved in planning the
77 instructions? Ms. Keitzman explained that both were involved in her meetings.

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79 Lauri Jones responded back to Ms. Keitzman and explained that any employee could handle a
80 Narcan and she would be willing to train individuals on how to use it.

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82 **Legislative Update-Zak Kennedy**
83 Zak Kennedy updated the commissioners on legislative updates. Washington State Governor and
84 Washington State Attorney General has been pretty tight right now will many of the bills that have
85 not passed the house.
86 Because of next year being a presidential year, many will be conservative next year. That means
87 that these bills will be more aggressive this coming year.

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89 Mr. Kennedy went over the following House Bills:

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 - House Bill 1145 Allowing the use of nonwood renewable fiber in recycled content paper
92 carryout bags.
 - House Bill 1720 for the protection and restoration of riparian areas through the
93 establishment of a fully voluntary, regionally focused riparian grant program designed to
94 improve the ecological functions of critical riparian management zones.
 - House Bill 1333 for establishing the domestic violent extremism commission.
 - House Bill 1670 for raising the limit factor for property taxes.

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- 102 • House Bill 1240 for establishing firearms-related safety measures to increase public safety
103 by prohibiting the manufacture, importation, distribution, selling, and offering for sale of
104 assault weapons, and by providing limited exemptions applicable to licensed firearm
105 manufacturers and dealers for purposes of sale to armed forces branches and law
106 enforcement agencies and for purposes of sale or transfer outside the state, and to
107 inheritors.
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- 109 • House Bill 1143 relating to municipal airport commissions.
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111 **Commissioner's Staff Meeting**

112 Emergency Management Manager, Maurice Goodall, Fairgrounds Manager, Naomie Peasley,
113 Planning Director, Pete Palmer
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115 Planning Department

116 Planning Director, Pete Palmer provided her department update. Last week she interviewed four
117 people for the Planner 1 and for the secretary position. She was able to hire two, so by the end
118 of the month, she will be fully staffed.
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120 Ms. Palmer started the code review on the floodplain management. Ecology's Rule (WAC 173-
121 26-090) requires that every eight years a periodic review of Shoreline Master Programs be
122 conducted to reflect changing local circumstances, new information, or improved data. It further
123 assures that the master program complies with applicable law and guidelines in effect at the time
124 of the review and assure consistency of the master program with the local governments
125 comprehensive plan and development regulations.
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127 The Planning Department is updating the Shoreline Master Program. The Shoreline Management
128 Act (SMA) is intended to protect shoreline natural resources including the land, vegetation,
129 wildlife, and aquatic habitats against adverse environmental effects while balancing beneficial
130 development and public use. The SMA requires all counties and most cities and towns with
131 shorelines to develop and implement a SMP.
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133 Emergency Management

134 Emergency Management Manager, Maurice Goodall, provided his department update. He has
135 been working on the Safety of Dams Project. There will be a meeting and open house March 14,
136 2023 at the Agriplex starting at 10:00 A.M - 12:00 P.M and 6:00 P.M.- 8:00 P.M. The Bureau of
137 Reclamation and Irrigation District will be there with Emergency Management.
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139 The snow pack is looking really good, Okanogan County should have a normal Spring this year.
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141 Mr. Goodall told the commissioners that there was one mudslide yesterday from all the rain.
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143 Fairgrounds

144 Fairgrounds Manager, Naomie Peasley, provided her department update. She has a meeting this
145 week for the racehorse barns. The fairgrounds might go back to the original plan to purchase the
146 barns since existing barns are needing work.
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148 She will be getting quotes for hiring someone to service the fairgrounds for noxious weeds. The
149 weeds will need to be sprayed in the spring and fall.
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151 Ms. Peasley explained that she is needing to do a grant report on the Washington Fair Event
152 Grant for 20k and is needing direction on how to go about it.

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154 Falcon Guns Show is requesting to rent the Fairgrounds, the second weekend in August and Ms.
155 Peasley asked if the commissioners have any concerns. The commissioners did not have a
156 problem with it, but to make sure Ms. Peasley gets all the information from them and speak with
157 Shelley in Risk Management to see if there is anything else Ms. Peasley needs to do.

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159 Ms. Peasley explained that her staff is putting another layer of epoxy down on the floor in the
160 Agriplex building this week.

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162 **Executive Session-RCW 42.30.110 (1)(g)-Shelley Keitzman**

163 Commissioner Neal moved to go into executive session at 10:20 a.m. under RCW 42.30.110
164 (1)(g) inviting Shelley Keitzman for 15 minutes. Motion was seconded. All were in favor. Motion
165 carried.

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167 Executive Session ended at 10:35 with no decisions made.

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170 The board adjourned at 10:35 A.m.

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