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RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS

OKANOGAN COUNTY

MARCH 14, 2022

9:00 AM Review Commissioners Agenda & Consent Agenda
9:15 AM Briefing Among Commissioners-Discuss Individual Weekly Meetings & Schedule
9:30 AM Legislative Update- Potts and Associates- Zac Kennedy
10:00 AM Continued ARPA Discussion
10:50 AM Approve County Vouchers
11:00 AM Discussion- WDFW Acquisitions- Brock Hoenes
12:00 PM Review Meeting Minutes
To Follow Approve Commissioner Proceedings & Consent Agenda

The Okanogan County Board of Commissioners met in Regular session at 123 5th Avenue North, Okanogan, Washington on March 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 provided recorded audio and video of the meeting held today, while ZOOM provided best audio accessibility and public interaction.

Review Commissioners Agenda & Consent Agenda

Commissioner Hover discussed the concern of Commissioner Branch about transparency of the board when changes are made to the commissioners' agenda business. Commissioner Branch said legally he differs when changes are made to the agenda day of those he said require a 24-hour meeting notice. Commissioner Hover disagreed because of the MRSC guidance which and explained why. He would like to agree to something without there being an issue. He would like to start Wednesday's meeting at 9:00 a.m. instead of at 1:30 p.m. if there is something to address that day.

Make sure the opportunity exists for the public to listen to meetings as much as possible. Make any changes Wednesday's agenda must be set Tuesday before within 24 hours of any Wednesday meetings. Make sure by 1:30 on Tuesday's the board sets the Wednesday's agenda.

Briefing Among Commissioners-Discuss Individual Weekly Meetings & Schedule

Commissioner Hover stated he read the 400+ page guidance of the ARPA rules. Commissioners discussed the FAC and meeting rules and the way they would like to see the committee to run. The Board wanted to ensure a county commissioner is involved and at the meeting. The Board discussed whether a county commissioner should run the meeting and be the chairman of the FAC.

Legislative Update- Potts and Associates- Zac Kennedy

Mr. Kennedy provided the board update of the legislative decisions now that session is over. (attached) He provided a list of bills to be signed by the Governor. Some could be vetoed and he will keep his eye on that. He will know in several weeks what the result was.

Mr. Kennedy said we should discuss the anticipated movement of the parties. This could be a year to really put our local issues before the legislators. We might talk with attorney to see if they

53 can do it as a board or individual citizens. See what seats are up and discuss what they want to
54 do.

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56 **Continued ARPA Discussion**

57 The commissioners discussed putting the recitals and justifications in a resolution for use of the
58 ARPA funds. Commissioners reviewed and discussed the ARPA rules that justified the county's
59 use and allocation of the funds to others.

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61 Commissioner Hover asked if Economic Alliance, as an organization, was economically impacted
62 by COVID? The Board discussed the categories allowed for cost reimbursement and discussed
63 potential recitals for a resolution to memorialize the county's ARPA fund allocations.

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65 Commissioners need to decide on whether they take the standard loss provision of \$10M, but
66 then justify what the funds were actually used for.

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68 Economic Alliance-Economic Recovery
69 City of Nespalem-Water Tower -match

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71 Commissioner Branch wants to make sure labor standards are followed on projects that are bid
72 out. Find out the difference between volunteer labor and paid labor. The Clerk of the Board
73 reminded the board about a previous situation the State Auditor was concerned about where
74 county's Sheriff employees volunteered to do the work of a grant funded project at the gun range.

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76 Commissioner Branch will consult with Engineer Josh Thomson on the part of Mr. Fahnstock's
77 project regarding the volunteer work. He is looking for details in the guidance about having to bid
78 out the entire project.

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80 **Motion - Voucher Approval - Commissioners**

81 Vouchers certified and audited by the Auditing Officer as required by RCW 42.24.080 and those
82 expense reimbursement claims certified as required by RCW 42.24.090 have been recorded on a
83 list, and made available to the Board. As of this date, the Board did vote, by unanimous vote, to
84 approve the regular vouchers in the amount of \$462,473.43. Warrant numbers as cited on the
85 attached blanket voucher list. Motion seconded and carried.

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87 **Motion Public Health Voucher**

88 Commissioner Branch moved to approve the Public Health Vouchers including regular vouchers
89 in the amount of \$40,477.09. Warrant numbers as cited on the attached blanket voucher list.
90 Motion was seconded, all were in favor, motion carried.

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92 **Discussion- WDFW Acquisitions- Brock Hoenes**

93 Mr. Hoenes stated a couple projects he wanted the commissioners to be aware of.

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95 Justin Haug explained the following projects:
96 Similkameen Addition-Rubini Project– 37.5 acres
97 Driscoll-Eyhott Addition-14.65 acres
98 Green Lake Water Access & Campground Improvements
99 Sidley Lake Water Access Improvement Project
100 WDFW /DNR/BLM Cooperative Rx Burn

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102 Commissioner Hover stated he would not be in favor of these acquisitions if grazing or agricultural
103 uses were not allowed after the property exchange. Mr. Hoenes replied that the Grazing Policy
104 was adopted in 2020 and they recognize the oppr
105 Mr. Hoenes and Mr. Haug expressed appreciation to the Clerk of the Board for her quick
106 responses whenever the Department has requested time with the county commissioners. The
107 meeting then ended.

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109 Commissioner Hover stated Kittitas County has an agreement with their water conservancy
110 board.

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112 **Review Meeting Minutes**

113 Commissioners reviewed their meeting minutes. Commissioner Hover would like to move the
114 approval of the meeting minutes from noon to 11:40 a.m. Commissioners discussed acceptable
115 ways to move items on their agenda to a different time. Routine items can be moved to different
116 times, but items of public interest or public hearings should stay as scheduled.

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118 Commissioner Branch stated he would like a written policy that lays out how the commissioners
119 will conduct their meetings that is adopted and updated by the board.

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121 **Motion Commissioners Proceedings March 7, 8, & 9, 2022**

122 Commissioner DeTro moved to approve the commissioners' proceedings of March 7, 8, & 9,
123 2022. Motion was seconded, all were in favor, motion carried.

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125 **Approve Commissioner Proceedings & Consent Agenda**

126 Commissioner DeTro moved to approve the consent agenda items 1-10 as presented. Motion
127 was seconded, all were in favor, motion carried.

- 128 1. Agreement JIS-Link -Public Defender Noel Merfeld
- 129 2.CDBG Public Services Grant Req#8 No. 21-62210-011
- 130 3.CDBG CV-1 Grant Req #14 No. 20-622C1-119
- 131 4. ReAppointment Letter Fair Advisory Committee-Bonnie Theis
- 132 5. ReAppointment Letter TV District #1-Victoria Velategui
- 133 6. ReAppointment Letter TV District #1 George Thornton
- 134 7. ReAppointment Letter TV District #1 William Black
- 135 8. Contract 2022 Lodging Taxes Capital Improvements -Tonasket Visitor Center-LTAC 22-019
- 136 9. Contract 2022 Lodging Taxes-Capital Improvements-Tonasket Visitor Center LTAC 22-020
- 137 10. Contract 2022 Lodging Taxes-Marketing & Promotion Oroville Chamber of Commerce LTAC 22-015

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139 The Clerk of the Board explained the commissioners adopted an incorrect redistricting plan and
140 legal descriptions. It was discovered that revisions and legal descriptions were not adopted.
141 Commissioner Hover said we just adopt an ordinance to rescind 2022-1 with a statement that the
142 descriptions were incorrect. The map was correct only the descriptions were incorrect.

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144 Commissioner Hover will talk to Attorney about her advice to the Clerk of the Board to follow the
145 process in 29A.76.010 to adopt a replacement ordinance. Commissioner Branch will discuss the
146 revisions with the Planning Dept GIS. Auditor Hall stated as there was a whole missing section
147 that did not get adopted. Commissioner Hover thought these were scriveners errors and the board
148 could just replace with the corrected version without going through the process of RCW
149 29.A.76.010 as was recommended to the clerk by the chief civil deputy Milner.

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151 The Commissioners are not meeting Tuesday or Wednesday.

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153 The board adjourned at 12:25 p.m.