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**OKANOGAN COUNTY**

**MARCH 28, 2022**

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**9:00 AM Review Commissioners Agenda & Consent Agenda**  
**9:15 AM Briefing Among Commissioners-Discuss Individual Weekly Meetings & Schedule**  
**9:30 AM Discussion-Economic Alliance Follow Up-Roni Holder Deifenbach**  
**10:30 AM Update-Veteran’s Relief Board-Thomas Even**  
**11:00 AM Discussion-WSU Memorandum of Agreement-Kayla Wells-Yoakum**  
**11:30 AM Discussion-Fire Advisory Board-Maurice Goodall**  
**To Follow Review Meeting Minutes- March 21,22,23**

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The Okanogan County Board of Commissioners met for a Public Hearing at 123 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue North, Okanogan, Washington on March 28, 2022 with Chairman, Commissioner Andy Hover; Vice-Chairman, Commissioner Chris Branch; Member, Commissioner Jim DeTro; and the Deputy Clerk of the Board, Crystal Hawley, present.

AV Capture provided audio and video of the meeting held today, while ZOOM provided best audio accessibility and public interaction.

The Pledge of Allegiance was performed.

**Review Commissioners Agenda & Consent Agenda**

Commissioner Branch would like to add a follow-up on agenda sometime this week for the Fairgrounds. Commissioner Hover agreed and explained and the queen’s mom contacted him over the weekend and discussed her process on how she handled donations that come in. Commissioner Hover is 100% comfortable on how she is running her donations. The Commissioners would like to have one Commissioner be the go between with the Fairgrounds and Fair Advisory Committee. Creating a policy for them both have a common ground.

**Briefing Among Commissioners-Discuss Individual Weekly Meetings**

**Discussion-Economic Alliance Follow Up-Roni Holder Deifenbach**

Roni Deifenbach introduced Jenn Gregory and Matthew Tate that will help explain ARPA Final Rule Economic Develop Update. The key highlights are clarification of Public Health & Economic Impacts Allowable Uses, Streamlined Options to Provide Premium Pay, Broadens Water, Sewer & Broadband Infrastructure Allowable Uses and Expansion of Replacing Lost Revenue Allowable Use. Ms. Gregory explained The Final Rule, which takes effect on April 1, provides state, local, and tribal governments with even broader flexibility to pursue a wider range of uses to responded to local public health and economic needs- as well as greater simplicity, so they can focus on responding to the needs in their communities and maximizing the impact of their funds, according to Treasury. Government Services Defined as the most flexible spending category under the SLFRF grant program is “Replacement of Lost Revenue” for the government services, which the Final Rule says generally includes any service traditionally provided by local governments- including construction of roads and other infrastructure.

52 **Update-Veteran's Relief Board-Thomas Even**

53 Thomas Even went over the Veteran's Relief Board Quarterly Report for January, February and  
54 March. There was a total of 28 Claims, 269 Calls, 81 Veterans Served and 107 veterans helped  
55 with paperwork. Mr. Thomas was concerned because Community Action is now taking on  
56 veterans and he has notice that his office has slowed down. Most of the Veteran's Relief Board  
57 calls that have been coming in have been about getting direction on who to call for the veterans.  
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59 **Motion- Adoption of the Agenda**

60 Commissioner Branch moved to adopt March 28<sup>th</sup> Agenda. Motion was second. All in favor.  
61 Motion carried.  
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63 **Discussion-WSU Memorandum of Agreement-Kayla Wells-Yoakum**

64 Kayla Wells provided (attached) the final and working draft of the Interagency Agreement between  
65 Washington State University and Okanogan County. Ms. Wells explained that Ms. Everett and  
66 Mr. Gecas from the County have looked over the draft and made some corrections. Commissioner  
67 Hover told Ms. Wells that the Commissioners will go over the agreement and once approved, they  
68 sign at tomorrow's meeting.  
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70 **Discussion-Fire Advisory Board-Maurice Goodall**

71 Maurice Goodall wanted to speak with the Commissioners regarding burn band and changes the  
72 word board to committee Ordinance 2005-2 Code 8132. Mr. Goodall would like to update an  
73 Ordinance. Commissioner Hover would like Mr. Goodall to gather the last ten years of when the  
74 county put fire restricting up and off.  
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77 The board adjourned at 11:48 a.m.  
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