

1 **RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS**

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3 **OKANOGAN COUNTY**

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5 **MARCH 6, 2023**

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8 **9:00 AM Review Meeting Minutes February 27 & 28, 2023**
9 **9:05 AM Briefing Among Commissioners – Discuss Weekly Meetings & Schedule**
10 **9:15 AM Public Comment Period**
11 **9:30 AM Executive Session RCW 42.30.110(1)(g) – Shelley Keitzman**
12 **To Follow Commissioner’s Staff Meeting**
13 **10:30 AM Update – Superior Court Clerk – Susan Speiker**
14 **11:00 AM Discussion – ATV Travel on County Roads – Spencer King NCATV Club**
15 **11:30 AM Discussion – Master Gardeners MOU – WSU Extension Kayla Wells-Yoakum**
16 **1:30 PM Discussion – Coroner Vehicle Quotes – Dave Rodriguez**

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18 The Okanogan County Board of Commissioners met for a regular meeting at 123 5th Avenue
19 North, Okanogan, Washington on March 6, 2023 with; Vice-Chairman, Commissioner Andy
20 Hover; Member, Commissioner Jon Neal; and the Deputy Clerk of the Board, Crystal Hawley,
21 present.

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

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25 Chairman, Commissioner Chris Branch attended via zoom.

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27 The pledge of allegiance was recited.

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29 **Commissioners to set Wednesday’s Agenda**

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31 **Review Meeting Minutes February 27 & 28, 2023**

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33 **Briefing Among Commissioners – Discuss Weekly Meetings & Schedule**

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

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36 Commissioner Hover let the other commissioners know that on last Thursday, the Fair Advisory
37 Committee discussed the auctioneer position. They would like to have an RFQ submitted to the
38 legal news paper as soon as possible. It would be a solicitation for interested parties to submit
39 their qualification statements for Okanogan County Fair Market and small animal auction services.
40 The selected Entity will enter a three-year (2023-2025) contract with Okanogan County.

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42 After discussion the commissioners all agreed to have the qualification statements would be
43 received by the Okanogan County Commissioners’ office until 4:00 p.m. on March 24, 2023.

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45 **Public Comment Period**

46 Members from the public, Emily Sisson and Isabelle Spohn was present.

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48 The member from the public, Isabelle Spohn wanted to thank Commissioner Neal for discussing
49 color coding, because she was unaware of it. Ms. Spohn also expressed that she would like
50 someone to start the discussion on Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan.

53 **Commissioner's Staff Meeting**

54 Emergency Management, Maurice Goodall was present for staff.

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56 Emergency Management, Maurice Goodall, explained that he had no new updates form his
57 department.

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59 Commissioner Neal asked if there was been any news on the snow impact. Mr. Goodall explained
60 it had not changed.

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62 The commissioners and Mr. Goodall discussed the possibility of roads being marked for
63 emergency evacuations. Mr. Goodall did not think it was a good idea due to the accessibility of
64 the roads changing.

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66 **Executive Session RCW 42.30.110(1)(g) – Shelley Keitzman**

67 Commissioner Hover moved to go into Executive Session at 9:35 under RCW 42.30.110(1)(g) to
68 evaluate the qualifications of an applicant for public employment or to review the performance of
69 a public employee inviting Shelley Keitzman for 15 minutes. Motion was seconded. All were in
70 favor. Motion was carried.

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72 Executive Session ended at 9:50 with no decisions made.

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74 Commissioner Neal asked the other commissioners if they knew about the following two Bills.

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76 Bill 5599 relating to supporting youth and young adults seeking protected health care services;
77 amending RCW 13.32A.082 and 74.15.020; and creating a new section:

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79 The legislature finds that unsheltered homelessness for youth poses a serious threat to their
80 health and safety. The Trevor project has found that one in three transgender youth report
81 attempting suicide. Homelessness amongst transgender youth can further endanger an already
82 at-risk population. The legislature further finds that barriers to accessing shelter can place a
83 chilling effect on exiting unsheltered homelessness and therefore create additional risk and
84 dangers for youth. Youth seeking certain medical services are especially at risk and vulnerable.
85 Therefore, the legislature intends to remove barriers to accessing temporary, licensed shelter
86 accommodations for youth seeking certain protected health care services.

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88 Bill 1333 relating to establishing the domestic violent extremism commission; adding a new
89 section to chapter 43.10 RCW; and providing an expiration date.

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91 The domestic violent extremism commission is established within the office of the attorney general
92 for the purpose of establishing a comprehensive public health and community-based framework
93 for responding to domestic violent extremism. It is the intent of this section to build upon the
94 research and findings of the domestic terrorism study assembled by the state attorney general in
95 2022.

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97 **Update – Superior Court Clerk – Susan Speiker**

98 Superior Clerk, Susan Speiker explained to the commissioners that the pick-up of the 19 boxes
99 was delayed, due to the weather.

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101 Ms. Speiker invited the commissioners to come and view the updates in the Superior Court Clerk's
102 Office; they now have three working windows, as well as, take a number for the public. She was
103 hoping that it will help the public to understand it will take time for the clerk to get to them.

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105 Ms. Speiker thanked the commissioners for allowing the courthouse security. It has helped the
106 staff feel safe.

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108 Lastly, Ms. Speiker is working on a wage survey for the commissioners to review.

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110 **Discussion – ATV Travel on County Roads – Spencer King NCATV Club**

111 President, Spencer King and NCATV club board members, Mike Cates, Joe Calero was present.

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113 President, Spencer King explained that club would like to expand more roads over in the Methow
114 Valley. The Club has connectivity if they were able to utilize the road westside of the Chewack
115 River.

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117 Spencer King, NC WATV Club President explained the club has been very involved with where
118 the routes are located and have provided a lot of information to the public about the rules. They
119 are trying to bring forward those areas that create connectivity to the riders.

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121 The Club members have an appreciation for our public lands and want to enjoy what our public
122 lands have to offer. Trail sharing can and does work when people respect each other and work
123 cooperatively to keep each other safe.

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125 Commissioner Hover explained that it would probably have to go through SEPA.

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127 **Discussion – Master Gardeners MOU – WSU Extension Kayla Wells-Yoakum**

128 Kayla Wells-Yoakum provided Memorandum of Agreement for Demonstration example for the
129 commissioners to review.

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131 Ms. Wells-Yoakum explained that the WSU Master Gardeners will develop and maintain the
132 demonstration garden in a manner acceptable to WSU and the county. WSU would like the county
133 to provide and pay for all routine maintenance of the premises, such as mowing the turf in and
134 around the demonstration garden in accordance with the landowner's ordinary and usual mowing
135 schedule.

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137 WSU would like educational groups to build demonstration sites at the demonstration garden and
138 have all parties review and approve the proposals on a case-by-case basis. The demonstration
139 garden shall at all times be maintained in a manner that makes it reasonably safe for the public,
140 visitors, volunteers, and employees. Ms. Wells-Yoakum would also like both parties to have the
141 final determination of whether the demonstration garden is adequately maintained.

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143 Ms. Wells-Yoakum explained that WSU Master Gardener volunteers will not utilize or operate any
144 county's equipment to care and/ or maintain the demonstration garden.

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146 **Discussion – Coroner Vehicle Quotes – Dave Rodriguez**

147 Coroner, Dave Rodriguez, Deputy Coroner Gene Davis, Cari Hall

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149 Coroner, Dave Rodriguez, provided three vehicle quotes to the county commissioners.

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- 152 • 2020 Ford F-150 in the amount of \$43,480.29 from Jess Ford of Pullman
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 - 2021 Chevy Silverado in the amount of \$43,154.99 from Ok Chevrolet of Tonasket

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Motion- Coroner to Purchase 2021 Chevrolet Silverado

Commissioner Hover moved to approve the Coroner to purchase the 2021 Chevrolet Silverado in the amount of \$43,154.99 from OK Chevrolet in Tonasket. Motion was seconded. All were in favor. After discussion, motion was carried.

Motion- Voucher Approval

Commissioner Hover moved to approve vouchers in the amount of \$43,154.99. Motion was seconded. All were in favor. Motion was carried.

The board adjourned at 12:05 p.m.