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**RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS**

**OKANOGAN COUNTY**

**MARCH 7, 2022**

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<b>9:00 AM</b>	<b>Review Commissioners Agenda &amp; Consent Agenda</b>
<b>9:30 AM</b>	<b>Briefing Among Commissioners-Discuss Individual Weekly Meetings &amp; Schedule</b>
<b>11:00 AM</b>	<b>Discussion-Courthouse Security Position-Commissioners</b>
<b>11:30 AM</b>	<b>Public Hearing-Supplemental Appropriation Fund 121-Emergency Management</b>
<b>1:30 PM</b>	<b>Discussion-ARPA Funds-Commissioners</b>
<b>To Follow</b>	<b>Review Meeting Minutes</b>

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The Okanogan County Board of Commissioners met in Regular session at 123 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue North, Okanogan, Washington on March 7, 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 recorded audio and video of the meeting held today, while ZOOM provided best audio accessibility and public interaction.

The pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America was performed.

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

Commissioners discussed topics of mutual interest.

**Discussion-WDFW Fish and Wildlife**

Commissioner Hover expressed his concern about the WDFW Fish and Wildlife policy and possible changes. WDFW Commission's policy is that livestock grazing on WDFW-owned or controlled lands may be permitted if determined to be consistent with the desired ecological conditions for those lands, or with the department's Strategic Plan. If permitted, grazing is integrated with other uses to ensure the protection of all resource values, the most important being the integrity of the ecosystem. If WDFW removes all grazing on all their land, Commissioner Hover said he will have to put a stop on all sales to properties to Fish and Wildlife.

**Discussion-What If There Were Allegations Against Employee**

The Commissioners discussed the best way to handle allegations if there were allegations against an employee and how would be the best way to handle it. Commissioner Hover would like to make sure that they are doing the best they can for their employees. Commissioner Branch completely agreed with Commissioner Hover.

**Discussion- Fairgrounds**

Commissioners went over the fairground's revenue and total budget. Commissioner Hover said that is a lot that needs to be done yet.

Commissioner Hover said that the underground sprinklers will help keep the grass greener and it will be more efficient instead of the maintenance crew moving sprinklers.

54 **Motion Executive Session RCW 42.30.110. (1)(i)**

55 Commissioner Branch moved to go into executive session at 10:45 a.m. for 15 minutes inviting Chief  
56 Civil Deputy David Gecas to discuss litigations under RCW 42.30.110. (i) Motion was seconded. All  
57 were in favor. Motion carried.

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59 Executive session ended at 11:00 a.m. No decisions were made.

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61 **Discussion-Courthouse Security Position-Commissioners**

62 Undersheriff Culp wanted to follow up with the Commissioners after he had sent an email out to the  
63 Commissioners regarding an existing, funded position. This position is of Courthouse  
64 Security/Corrections Deputy be re-classified as a Courthouse Security Deputy. Mr. Culp explained that  
65 Campus Security Deputy position will remain within the Corrections Division and shall report to the  
66 Administrative Sergeant for daily supervision.

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68 **Motion- Approve Chairman of The Board to Be the Chief Negotiator**

69 Commissioner Branch moved to approve the chairman of the board to be the chief negotiator for  
70 Courthouse Security Deputy for the Courthouse for the union. Motion was second. All in favor. Motion  
71 was carried.

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73 **Public Hearing-Supplemental Appropriation Fund 121-Emergency Management**

74 Commissioner Hover opened the Public Hearing at 11:30 a.m. for authorizing a Resolution for a budget  
75 supplemental appropriation within the Emergency Management Fund 121 in the amount of \$61,404.  
76 This supplemental appropriation will allocate grant revenue from SHSP and EMPG grants to  
77 expenditure lines for the purchase of a command vehicle and equipment.

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79 Open to Staff

80 Open to Public

81 There were no public comments.

82 Commissioner Hover closed public comment and open it to the board

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84 **Motion Resolution 33-2022 Purchase of a Command Vehicle and Equipment**

85 Commissioner Branch moved to approve Resolution 33-2022 authorizing a budget supplemental  
86 appropriation within the Emergency Management Fund 121 in the amount of \$61,404. Motion second.  
87 All in favor. Motion carried.

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89 Commissioner Hover closed public hearing at 11:35

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91 **Discussion-ARPA Funds**

92 Present: Roni Diefenbach, Mike Warden, Allan Fahnestock

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94 Mazama Hydrant Project Manager volunteer, Allan Fahnestock, explained he is looking at building a  
95 high-volume water source near the Mazama store. He has privately raised around \$85,000 in donations  
96 for this project. Mr. Fahnestock said the hydrant estimate was between \$120,000 to \$130,000 and with  
97 the generator, the total cost is about \$175,000. This project should only take about three days at most,  
98 provided everything is prepared. He is requesting \$100,000 from the county's ARPA Funds. He  
99 explained the urgency to complete the project by May 2022 before fire season starts.

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101 Mike Warren Chief Deputy of Spec Ops / Communications explained that ARPA funds would be used  
102 for a Mobile Command Vehicle (MCV) / Backup Dispatch at an approximate cost not to exceed  
103 \$400,000. The MCV would have a special built trailer with telephone, radio and data communications  
104 to serve as an auxiliary and backup dispatch center; an isolated dispatch center for exposed or mildly  
105 symptomatic dispatch staff; Mobile command center at scene of and supporting fire, flood, natural  
106 disaster, crime scene, pandemic, public health, search and rescue or emergency management

107 activities supporting any entity in need of mobile facilities. Specifically, an MCV would provide “support  
108 for isolation and quarantine” as a COVID-19 Mitigation and Prevention strategy for the 911 dispatch  
109 center to “meet COVID-19-related operational needs”.

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111 Commissioner Branch asked if Mr. Warren could look up how the mobile command vehicle qualifies for  
112 American Recovery Plan Act and relay the final rules funding to the Commissioners to alleviate the  
113 burden off the Commissioners and they would approve his request.

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115 Roni Holder-Diefenbach explained the following ARPA FUNDS requested from the Economic  
116 Alliance: These programs are to assist COVID impacted Businesses and Communities as we move  
117 towards recovery. The first request would be staffing-\$80,000.00 (includes salary, benefits) This  
118 funding will allow Economic Alliance to continue the work their Small Business Resource and  
119 Technology Center is doing to help COVID impacted businesses. Second request is Retail Academy-  
120 \$140,000.00 (This is a program that will help the 12 communities, including the unincorporated county  
121 areas, and the Colville Indian Reservation access their current gaps, identify their needs and potential  
122 business opportunities post covid) Measurable economic benefits are the county and cities will have  
123 access to data that will help them recover post COVID-19. And third is Business Grant Program-  
124 \$75,000.00 for Grants for those businesses who continue to be impacted by COVID including those  
125 who have been closed due to a covid outbreak.

126 Total \$295,000.00

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128 Year 2-Same descriptions apply as above since we know that recovery is going to be a 3-5+ year  
129 process. Staffing-\$80,000.00 (includes salary, benefits) This will allow us to continue the work our Small  
130 Business Resource and Technology Center is doing to help COVID impacted businesses.

131 Business Grant Program-\$75,000.00 for those businesses who continue to be impacted by COVID.

132 Total \$155,000.00

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134 TOTAL 2 Year REQUEST: \$450,000.00

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136 The Commissioners explained that they will be making their decision next Monday.

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138 **Review Meeting Minutes**

139 Commissioners reviewed their meeting minutes.

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141 The board adjourned at 2:40 pm

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