

1 **RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS**

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3 **OKANOGAN COUNTY**

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5 **MARCH 9, 2022**

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9 **11:00 AM Discussion Fairgrounds Complaint-Commissioners**

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11 The Okanogan County Board of Commissioners met in Regular session at 123 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue North,  
12 Okanogan, Washington on March 9, 2022 with Chairman, Commissioner Andy Hover; Vice-  
13 Chairman, Commissioner Chris Branch; Member, Commissioner Jim DeTro; and the Clerk of the  
14 Board, Laleña Johns, present.

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

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19 Commissioner Branch notified the Clerk of the Board and the other commissioners earlier this  
20 morning stating he would not be attending this meeting because he felt it was a violation of the  
21 open public meetings act.

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23 The commissioners' online agenda was not updated with the time and subject until this morning.

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25 **Discussion Fairgrounds Complaint-Commissioners**

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27 Commissioner Hover explained the purpose of the meeting is to go over a complaint about the  
28 Fairgrounds Manager. A letter was emailed to the commissioners. Ms. Peasley asked for a copy  
29 of the complaint.

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31 Ms. Peasley asked if the board wished to discuss the open public meetings act with her.  
32 Commissioner Hover thought that conversation could happen another day.

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34 Ms. Peasley said the fairgrounds office interior cameras are being installed at the fairground's  
35 office.

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37 Commissioner Hover read from the complaint from Bonnie Theis. Ms. Peasley asked about  
38 another letter from Mike Egerton requesting her termination. She was not aware that Mike Egerton  
39 requested her termination and asked for a copy of that email also.

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41 Ms. Peasley said when JR and Chantry Leslie sent their letter Ms. Peasley was included in that  
42 email.

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44 Ms. Peasley read from her job description. She requested further discussion so she can provide  
45 emails and letters from the public regarding other FAC members. She requested the letter from  
46 Mike Egerton regarding his complaint. She said the allegations are unfounded and untrue.

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48 Ms. Peasley asked about whether or not something was considered disclosable records.  
49 Commissioner Hover said Ms. Peasley should consult with Ester Milner, who will be our chief civil  
50 deputy prosecutor.

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52 The FAC Policy and Procedures Code of Ethic was read out loud by Ms. Peasley. All members  
53 of the FAC except Mike Egerton and Wanda McFarland has signed the code of ethics.

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55 Ms. Peasley explained overburdensome public records requests on top of her already full  
56 schedule. She should discuss with Ester Milner as to how she is to respond to public records  
57 requests. She has to go through and redact information, put on a zip drive, it will need to be  
58 reviewed then printed out once the requestor identifies the pages to be printed.

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60 Commissioner Hover explained the good job of moving the fairgrounds to the next level. He hopes  
61 this can be resolved and everyone can move forward for the benefit of the fair. She would like the  
62 commissioners support. She has a passion for the fair.

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64 November 9 bonnie Theis email to Naomie was read out loud.

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66 Commissioner DeTro said it is in regards to a site analysis permit submitted to planning and  
67 building department and the drawing on the application was correct, but when the foot print  
68 changed from 45 feet to 50 feet the paperwork did not reflect the change. He believes this was a  
69 scrivener's error and the contractor said if he has to start over he'll lose the job at no fault of his  
70 own.

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73 The board adjourned at 11:45 until Monday at 9:00 a.m.

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