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RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS

OKANOGAN COUNTY

MAY 15, 2023

8 **9:00 AM** Review Commissioners Agenda and Consent Agenda
9 **9:15 AM** Public Comment Period
10 **9:30 AM** Commissioners' Staff Meeting
11 **10:30 AM** Executive Session RCW 42.30.110 (1)(i)
12 **11:20 AM** Briefing Among Commissioners-Discuss Individual Weekly Meetings and
13 **Schedules**
14 **11:25 AM** Public Hearing-Supplemental Appropriation-Fairgrounds-Naomie Peasley
15 **11:30 AM** Update- Fairgrounds-Naomie Peasley

17 The Okanogan County Board of Commissioners met for a regular meeting at 123 5th Avenue
18 North, Okanogan, Washington on May 15, 2023 with Chairman, Commissioner Chris Branch;
19 Vice-Chairman, Commissioner Andy Hover; Member, Commissioner Jon Neal; and the Deputy
20 Clerk of the Board, Crystal Hawley, present.

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

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24 The pledge of allegiance was recited.

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26 **Review Commissioners Agenda and Consent Agenda**

27 The commissioners reviewed their agenda and consent agenda.

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29 **Public Comment Period**

30 Members from the public, Emily Sisson and Lorah Super, were present.

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32 There was no public comment.

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34 **Commissioners' Staff Meeting**

35 Emergency Management, Maurice Goodall, Planning Director, Pete Palmer, Clerk of the Board,
36 Lanie Johns, Maintenance manager, Joe Poulin were present for staff.

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38 Planning Department

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40 Planning Director, Pete Palmer, updated the commissioners on her department.

41 Craig McDonald contacted Ms. Palmer regarding renewing their contract with the Water Shed
42 Council.

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44 Ms. Palmer asked the commissioners about waiving Mr. Goldmark addressing fees since he had
45 to move his driveway down the road. Because of damages from mother nature, his original
46 driveway was washed out. Commissioner Hover asked what the cost was? Ms. Palmer said it
47 was \$97.

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49 Emergency Management

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51 Emergency Management, Maurice Goodall, explained that temperatures are raising causing the
52 river to get higher, but it is still at a good level.

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54 Mr. Goodall explained that Wolf Creek was impassable due to a washout, but the road should be
55 opened soon. Commissioner Branch asked if Mr. Goodall would come join tomorrow's meeting,
56 when Public Works to talk to the commissioners. He gladly agreed to the invitation.

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58 Commissioner Neal and Mr. Goodall visited Bonaparte to see all the water damage.

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60 Fire Chief meeting will be here in the Commissioners' Hearing Room, tomorrow evening at 6:00
61 P.M. Commissioner Neal had planned on joining the meeting.

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63 Maintenance Department

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65 Maintenance Manager, Joe Poulin, updated the commissioner on his department updates.

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67 Mr. Poulin provided the commissioner a quote from MW Engineers for the heat pumps in the jail.
68 The failed heat pumps appear to be the result of raw water being piped to the heat pumps without
69 a heat exchanger. It allows silt to build up, which caused the compressor to fail.

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71 Commissioner Hover would like engineering design from the county's on-call engineers before
72 proceeding.

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74 Commissioners' Office

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76 The Clerk of the Board, Lanie Johns, explained Department of Enterprises would like to start the
77 process of negotiating a new lease agreement and require a walk-through survey and energy star
78 score to bench mark the energy performance rating requirements under RCW 19.27A for the
79 Justice Building.

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81 She will be advertising for the seasonal part-time maintenance position in the news paper and
82 website.

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84 Ms. Johns said there will be an open house for the Forest Service on May 18th 5-7 p.m. at the
85 Methow Valley Community Center.

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87 Ms. Johns would like direction on advertising for the Planning Commission position. The
88 commissioners all agreed to have her advertise the position.

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90 Ms. Johns received a letter of interest from Mary Heughs for the opened Fair Advisory Committee
91 position. Commissioner Hover would like Ms. Johns to publish the opening on the county's
92 website, before scheduling an interview.

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94 Ms. Johns received a bid from Pioneer Waterproofing in response to a previous request for the
95 Juvenile Admin stair repairs. Maintenance worker, Tim Meadows, will be revising the bid to
96 include a different type of attachment to the steps over the one proposed. He wants a base bolted
97 into the cement rather than a post being cemented.

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99 The Assessor is hoping to mail out the change of value notice on time May 31st this will give the
100 30-day appeal period ending on July 1st, he will certify to the BOE on July 15th. If he follows
101 through, the board would convene on July 19-21.

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104 **Executive Session RCW 42.30.110 (1)(i)**
105 Commissioner Hover moved to go into executive session under RCW 42.30.110(1)(i) at for 20
106 minutes at 10:30 A.M. inviting Chief Civil Deputy, Esther Miner, Prosecutor, Albert Lin, Planning
107 Director, Pete Palmer and Tadas Kisielius. Motion was seconded. All were in favor. Motion Carried.

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109 The commissioners extended their session for ten minutes at 10:50

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111 The commissioners extended their session for ten more minutes at 11:00

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113 The commissioners extended their session for ten more minutes at 11:10

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115 The executed session ended at 11:20 with no decisions made.

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117 **Briefing Among Commissioners-Discuss Individual Weekly Meetings and Schedules**

118 The commissioners briefed among each other discussing their weekly meetings and schedules.
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120 **Public Hearing-Supplemental Appropriation-Fairgrounds-Naomie Peasley**

121 Commissioner Branch opened up the hearing to staff. Commissioner Branch explained this budget
122 supplemental appropriation within the Lumbering Employees Trust Fund, Current Expense
123 Contingency Reserve fund, and Current Expense Fairgrounds fund for the purchase of
124 Fairgrounds Race Horse Barns

125 Commissioner Branch closed the hearing to staff and asked for public comment. There was no
126 public comment. Commissioner Branch closed the hearing to public and opened up to the board
127 of county commissioners.

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129 **Motion- Resolution 58-2023**

130 Commissioner Hover moved to approve Resolution 58-2023. A resolution authorizing a budget
131 supplemental appropriation within the Lumbering Employees Trust Fund, Current Expense
132 Contingency Reserve fund, and Current Expense Fairgrounds fund for the purchase of
133 Fairgrounds Race Horse Barns. Motion was seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

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135 **Update- Fairgrounds-Naomie Peasley**

136 Fairgrounds Manager, Naomie Peasley, provided her department updates. She still has no
137 working AC in her office building, so she is using window unit.

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139 4-H Horse barns in need of repairs. Commissioner Hover will go to the Fairgrounds today after
140 the meeting to see what is going on with the barn doors.

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142 Next month Ms. Peasley will provide the commissioner with a complete water update.

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144 Ms. Peasley explained that DNR was asking to update their rental agreement with the county.
145 DNR uses the fairgrounds during the fire season.

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147 Commissioner Neal asked Ms. Peasley if she was having any issues with the bathrooms? She
148 was not aware of any issues. Commissioner Neal explained that he will find out more information
149 on which bathrooms they were and let her know.

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151 Ms. Peasley asked the Sheriff to meet regarding on-going issues with people using the bathrooms
152 inappropriately at 2:00 and 4:00 in the morning. She is hoping to get more deputies to drive by
153 because she doesn't feel safe.

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155 The tribe and Ms. Peasley are working on an agreement contract. The agreement would have the
156 tribe pay all the costs to update race track/arena and in return, the county to allow them to use
157 the arena, etc. The commissioners asked if the county's Chief Civil Deputy was involved, if not,
158 she needed to review the agreement moving forward.

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160 The board adjourned at 12:05 p.m.

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