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**RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS**

**OKANOGAN COUNTY**

**MAY 2, 2022**

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**9:00 AM Discussion & Update-Public Works WATV Routes Request-Engineer Josh Thomson**  
**10:00 AM Discussion-ARPA Funding Request-Video Security Improvement Courthouse & Dispatch**  
**11:00 AM Discussion-Pre-Fire Season Strategies DNR-Tim Love & Pat Ryan**  
**To Follow Review Commissioners Agenda & Consent Agenda**  
**To Follow Review Meeting Minutes**

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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 April, 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 recited.

**Discussion & Update-Public Works WATV Routes Request-Engineer Josh Thomson**  
Engineer Josh Thomson provided the Commissioners his agenda (attached) and updated the Commissioners.

*Maintenance and road conditions:* Engineer Thomson explained that Public Works has finished the soil stabilizer, with a little bit a grading still going on. There is also shoulder work, but is shifting to pre-level branch for the month of May.

Methow Valley, Tonasket and Oroville shops with be doing the chip seal and the pre-level this year, so the other three areas will be assisting to help those crews to get done quicker.

*Osprey Dr:* For a few years, the Department of Transportation has been looking to surplus an old pit parcel near Public Works, because they have no use for it. Osprey Dr., the private Drive runs through the property with nothing documented on who owns the road. Engineer Thomson has gone through the county's files and has found no County standards the road met.

*Bridge B-4 Replacement:* Bridge B-4 replacement paved last Friday and planning on milling the bridge deck on Monday of next week.

*Twisp Levee MSRF Project* The Methow Salmon Recovery Foundation is pursuing a grant for the Twisp Levee, which is a mile north of Twisp. The Foundation asked if Engineer Thomson would be willing to write a letter of support. The Commissioners agreed in favor of the letter. Engineer Thomson explained that he will write the letter of support and get it to the Foundation this evening.

Engineer Thomson asked the Commissioners if they had any questions on his consent agenda that was provided.

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 53 Engineer Thomson explained that the North Central ATV Club would like to see if the  
 54 Commissioners would consider opening routes in the Methow Valley. To promote tourism in and  
 55 around Okanogan County via motorized recreation. They provided a list and some maps of the  
 56 roads to be considered. Engineer Thomson provided the RCW that would allow the County to  
 57 open routes for ATVs. (RCW 46.09.455) A county, city, or town may by ordinance prohibit a  
 58 person operating a wheeled all-terrain vehicle from crossing a public roadway with a speed limit  
 59 of sixty miles per hour or less, but more than thirty-five miles per hour, at specific intersections or  
 60 along the entirety of the route within the jurisdiction.

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 62 **Discussion-ARPA Funding Request-Video Security Improvement Courthouse & Dispatch**

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 64 Chief Deputy of Spec Ops / Communications Mike Worden explain that the jail has been working  
 65 on replacing their video security system and was hoping to piggyback with District Court by  
 66 sticking with the same vendor and have a common platform for cameras that are currently that  
 67 are in place that are in dispatch. District Court Administrator Darla Schreckengast was looking at  
 68 security concerns as well, for the courthouse and was able to get a grant in the amount of \$35,000  
 69 to fund some of the needs. So, Chief Deputy of Spec Ops / Communications Mike Worden was  
 70 able to get an estimate from Access Unlimited & Security on the Video Security Improvement  
 71 Courthouse & Dispatch. (attached)

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|                            | <b>Award</b> | <b>Expense</b> |                     | <b>Balance</b> |  |
|----------------------------|--------------|----------------|---------------------|----------------|--|
| Grant - Security           | \$ 35,000.00 |                |                     | \$ 35,000.00   |  |
| Panic Button               |              | \$ 19,000.00   | \$ 1,615.00         | \$ 14,385.00   |  |
| Cameras DC                 |              | \$ 49,451.92   | \$ 4,203.41         | \$(39,270.33)  |  |
| Cameras Dispatch           |              | \$ 10,967.40   | \$ 932.23           | \$(51,169.96)  |  |
| Sub Totals                 |              | \$ 79,419.32   | \$ 6,750.64         |                |  |
| <b>Project total Tost</b>  |              |                | <b>\$ 86,169.96</b> |                |  |
|                            |              |                |                     |                |  |
| Total ARPA funding request |              |                |                     | \$ 51,169.96   |  |
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 75 **Motion Executive Session RCW 42.30.110 (1)(i)**

76 Commissioner DeTro moved in go into executive session at 10:40 a.m. until 10:50 a.m. inviting  
 77 Chief Civil Deputy Esther Milner and Planning Director Pete Palmer to discuss legal matters under  
 78 RCW 42.30.110(1)(i). Motion was seconded, all were in favor, motion carried.

79 Commissioners extended executive session a 10:50 for another five minutes and another five  
 80 minutes.

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 82 Executive Session ending at 11:00 a.m. no decisions were made.

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 84 **Discussion-Pre-Fire Season Strategies DNR-Tim Love & Pat Ryan**

85 Ken McNamee DNR administrator introduced Tim Love and Pat Ryan and wanted to go over any  
 86 questions that the Commissioners might have for the DNR.

87 Tim Love explained DNR bases crews and equipment out of dozens of locations across the state  
 88 in order to fight wildfire efficiently across 13 million acres of private, state and tribal-owned  
 89 forestlands. When conditions allow, DNR's aviation and helitack resources are often an important  
 90 part of the agency's rapid response efforts. DNR's initial attack efforts strive to put fires out quickly;

91 their goal is to see that nine out of every ten fires on DNR-protected lands are out before they  
92 ever exceed 10 acres.

93 There has been a shortage in strike teams the last few years and DNR has had to reach out to  
94 other agencies for assistance.

95 Mr. McNamee explained that is DNR should be sitting good this year with COVID issues. DNR  
96 will continue to required COVID vaccination for employees until further notice.

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98 **Review Commissioners Agenda & Consent Agenda**

99 The Commissioners reviewed their agenda and consent agenda

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101 **Review Meeting Minutes**

102 The Commissioners reviewed their meeting minutes

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104 The board adjourned at 12:00

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