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RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS

OKANOGAN COUNTY

MAY 23, 2022

9:00 AM Review Commissioners Agenda and Consent Agenda
9:30 AM Briefing Among Commissioners
10:00 AM Discussion Follow Up Water Conservancy Board Funding-Mike Fort
10:30 AM Discussion Review Annual Report-Auditor Cari Hall
1:30 PM Discussion -Litter Control Grant Temporary Asset Transfer Sheriff's Office Aaron Culp
2:00 PM Review Meeting Minutes May 9-10 & May 17

The Okanogan County Board of Commissioners met for a Public Hearing at 123 5th Avenue North, Okanogan, Washington on May 23, 2022 with Chairman, Commissioner Andy Hover; Vice-Chairman, Commissioner Chris Branch; Member, Commissioner Jim DeTro; and the Clerk of the Board, Laleña Johns, present.

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

Review Commissioners Agenda and Consent Agenda

Commissioners reviewed their agenda and their consent agenda.

Briefing Among Commissioners

Commissioners discussed events that happened since Friday when the State Patrol diverted traffic onto a private road after an accident on Hwy 97. The county would like the DOT data of the numbers and types of wrecks on that stretch of road. Animal crossings were also discussed.

Risk Manager Tanya Everett was given some time at 9:30 a.m. to provide her resignation letter to the board. (attached) She stated her last day is July 4. She will be on exempt leave until August 4. Commissioners' discussed the next steps of getting a job announcement published. Ms. Everett said her position is contracted and the board could choose to appoint a current employee. The employee has been involved in the succession training for quite some time working towards certification, union negotiations training, understanding criminal justice billings, claims etc.... but the person would need to be vetted by the Sheriff for certain things. Commissioner Branch asked if the details of the position, qualifications and options discussion should be discussed in executive session. Yes, perhaps next week once the board thinks about it. There are several resolutions that would need to be considered.

Commissioner Hover clarified a previous discussion that holding off on the horse racing barn meant to hold off on the barn parts purchase, not hold off on drafting the interlocal agreement with the tribe. Ms. Peasley is working on the interlocal agreement to establish a no risk agreement with the tribe. Commissioners want it to work but we need something in place that shows costs and the accountability of the arrangement. Commissioner Branch said he is worried about issuing a pass for the grounds use that is beyond the intended scope of the agreement. He stressed being deliberative in that scope of use. He gave examples of the struggles the city of the Omak had with the stampede grounds.

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51 The Clerk of the Board reminded the commissioners to address the two options provided by
52 Michael Beaman regarding the new District Court building. Option #2 was Mr. Beaman's
53 preference, but he needed commissioners input before moving forward with the 20-year Master
54 Plan. Commissioners would like reference to say the North County Complex includes the VG,
55 Courthouse, Juvenile Detention and Admin buildings and the South County Complex that
56 includes the new Justice building and Public Works/Public Health buildings. Mr. Beaman was
57 contacted and he is available at 1:45 p.m. today to discuss the options.

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59 **Discussion Follow Up Water Conservancy Board (WCB) Funding-Mike Fort**
60 Mr. Fort, a member of the Okanogan County Water Conservancy Board requested the
61 commissioners provide funds to the Water Conservancy Board in the amount of \$5000 this
62 year and every year hereafter for the work of the secretary and administration costs. (attached)
63 The WCB charges \$1000 per application to process but they are often working on them for
64 many years because of how technical the work is and the WCB may not receive sufficient
65 applications during the year to cover their costs. Commissioner Hover stated it was something
66 he would consider as the Water Conservancy Board does serve a purpose.

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68 The Clerk of the Board stated the county's fund number was Fund 139 but it had been inactive
69 for many years.

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71 Commissioner Hover asked that water applications and transfer information be provided to the
72 BOCC. Commissioners discussed the level of commissioners' involvement and how valuable
73 the information is when water is being transferred out of the county coordination could provide
74 options to the applicants about water banking etc.... The Clerk of the Board stated
75 coordination among the OCOG counties started during the last BOCC so counties knew what
76 was being processed in terms of water within those counties. Commissioner Branch said the
77 responsibilities of the commissioners is to provide the means to the Water Conservancy Board
78 to deal with the applications for DOE he hopes to have interactions about what the fees are.
79 Mr. Fort agrees the fees should be reviewed, but did not think they were unreasonable based
80 on what other counties charge and the technical work involved. Commissioner Branch thought
81 an interlocal agreement to fund the WCB would create clear expectations and make sure
82 everything is spelled out. Commissioner Hover thought an annual agreement would be
83 acceptable, but would like to proceed with funding the WCB \$5000. The Clerk of the Board
84 looked up RCW 90.80 and BOCC resolution 113-1999 which created the WCB.

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86 **Motion Funding Water Conservancy Board Funds**
87 Commissioner DeTro moved to authorize the process to fund the WCB fund 139 to provide
88 funds in the amount of \$5000 for 2022. Commissioner Branch discussed the opinion to contact
89 prosecutor's office regarding the provision of the service and use of public funds. All were in
90 favor, Motion was seconded, motion Carried.

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92 Commissioners asked the group to reestablish WCB fund 139.

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94 **Discussion Review Annual Report-Auditor Cari Hall**
95 Auditor Hall, Treasurer McCormack, Lisa Schreckengost, and Pam Johnson

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97 Auditor Hall provided the annual report and discussed and went over it with the board. The
98 notes were discussed that provided background and purpose of the different fund types used.

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100 Should the county hold an additional public hearing to include the architects planning services
101 associated with the capital improvements listed in the capital improvement plan that are being
102 paid for out of fund 134.

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104 Auditor Hall stated security glass installation bids have not been realized for the Auditor's office
105 use of grant money the professional installation of the security glass. She though Michael
106 Beaman could help identify a contractor list.

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108 Recessed at 12:05 until 1:30 p.m.

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110 **Discussion -Litter Control Grant Temporary Asset Transfer Sheriff's Office Aaron Culp**
111 Undersheriff Aaron Culp discussed his proposal to transfer the 2006 Ford F350 passenger van
112 and Micah cargo trailer to Solid Waste since the Department of Ecology Highway Litter Control
113 Grant will be administered by Solid Waste. The trailer and van was gifted to the Jail by the
114 Dept. of Ecology specifically for litter control. The Jail is no longer able to operate the highway
115 clean up crew using DOE grant. Solid waste would be responsible for maintaining the vehicles
116 to perform the grant funded activities. Wants the ability to pull the equipment back under the
117 sheriff when jail trustee's can be utilized again.

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119 **Motion Resolution 70-2022 Temporary Litter Control Grant Equipment**
120 Commissioner Branch moved to approve resolution 70-2022 temporarily transferring a 2006
121 Ford F350 passenger van and Micah cargo trailer to Solid Waste for use in the DOE Litter
122 Control grant program. Motion was seconded, all were in favor, motion carried.

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124 **Discussion Countywide 20-Year Master Plan Options Beaman/Commissioners**
125 Michael Beaman, Laura Beaman

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127 Commissioners asked Mr. Beaman to join the meeting to discuss the 20-Year Master Plan
128 options. There are many moving parts to the situation and over the years a plan has not been
129 addressed. It would require a new building to be built for full build out.

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131 Commissioner Hover asked that references to North County Complex (VG, Admin,
132 Courthouse) and South County Complex (PW, PH & New Justice building) be used for the two
133 complexes. What makes options 2 better in Michael's mind. Mr. Beaman said it is simpler and
134 more direct since a new building is needed for the courts. His biggest problem with option 1 is
135 finding a place for Public Works. District Court building would be located in-between the new
136 Justice Building and current Public Works building. Commissioner Hover asked if a preliminary
137 info from the city because there are two parcels. The Justice building is partly in the county
138 and partly in the city and would need to be adjusted. There is no need to redo site utilities for
139 the current Public Works building. Commissioner Branch agrees with the consolidation of the
140 properties. We would need to petition for annex.

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142 Commissioners will look through the options, meet with elected officials then go from there.
143 One thing to note is that this isn't happening tomorrow with time duration out to
144 2042. Commissioner Hover stated the jail is also another building to be evaluated to chart
145 population forecasting & current infrastructure feasibility. Mr. Beaman would like to move
146 forward with his diagrams and needs to know which option it would include. The costing is the
147 biggest issue and the hardest to forecast over the 20-years. There might be other aspects that
148 give heartburn, so he wants to know what those are. Commissioner Branch commented on the
149 separation of Planning, GIS, and Building being separate and doesn't know if that is needed.

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151 Auditor Hall asked for assistance to secure a suitable contractor to do the glass work in her
152 office since it is a grant funded project and time is running short. Design of the window would
153 be helpful to contractors.

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155 **Review Meeting Minutes May 9-10 & May 17**

156 Commissioners were provided the meeting minutes of May 9-10 & May 17.

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158 The board adjourned at 2:20 p.m.

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