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RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS

OKANOGAN COUNTY

MAY 24, 2022

8 **9:00 AM** **Commissioners' Staff Meeting**
9 **10:00 AM** **Public Hearing Budget Supplemental Appropriation-District Court**
10 **10:30 AM** **Discussion Power Point Presentation on Kermel Grade Drainage- Carikers**
11 **11:00 AM** **Update -Public Works Engineer Josh Thomson**
12 **1:30 PM** **Commissioners Set Wednesday Agenda**
13 **1:35 PM** **Public Comment Period**
14 **2:00 PM** **Bid Opening Fair Stock Sale RFP-Commissioners**
15 **2:30 PM** **Discussion USDA Rural Development Introduction Helen Price Johnson**
16 **3:00 PM** **Approve Commissioners Proceedings-May 9-10 & May 17**
17 **3:30 PM** **Approve Consent Agenda**

19 The Okanogan County Board of Commissioners met for a Public Hearing at 123 5th
20 Avenue North, Okanogan, Washington on May 24, 2022 with Chairman, Commissioner
21 Andy Hover; Vice-Chairman, Commissioner Chris Branch; Member, Commissioner Jim
22 DeTro; and the Clerk of the Board, Laleña Johns, present.

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

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26 **Commissioners' Staff Meeting**

27 Planning Director Pete Palmer, Maintenance Supervisor Joe Poulin, Naomie Peasley

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29 Commissioner Hover was temporarily absent until 9:25 a.m. for union business and asked
30 Commissioner Branch to run the meeting.

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32 Director Palmer provided a drafted timeline and scope of work for the zone code revisions.
33 RFQ is out for May 25-26 with proposals due June 22. (attached)

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35 Have all the licenses from the State. Density issues within the code were discussed at
36 the Planning Commissioner and will draft those up for the June meeting for passage and
37 scheduling public hearing. Her goal is to have it passed to BOCC prior to moratorium
38 ending June 28.

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40 Meeting with Wendy Neat DOE on the slide area near Veranda Beach. Commissioner
41 Branch asked her to look at the scrap metal operation on the way there.

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43 Director Palmer stated there are many landowners in the Methow area who want to build
44 swimming pools. Last night the Planning Commission and Thursday's Hearing examiner
45 meetings had no sound recording.

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47 Mr. Poulin provided a bid for 25-ton cooling unit at \$5,000 per month for jail as a temp
48 rental through October. Several companies were contacted to provide a bid but only one
49 responded. (attached) Mr. Poulin discussed the options and costs to rent the systems.

50 Sunbelt was the only company to show up. A crane would be needed to lift the unit, an
51 electrician is needed to tie into the system. The ultimate fix is to hire an engineer to
52 engineer a system.

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54 For the Justice center, rental and purchase options were provided. The units provide both
55 heating and cooling and would exhaust through the ceiling. If we purchase these could
56 be used anywhere they are needed. Rent for one month, then we may decide to purchase
57 with the first month rental fee waived to go towards purchase price.

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59 **Motion Sunbelt Internal Rental**
60 Commissioner Branch moved to direct Joe Poulin to bring back the rental paperwork for
61 the 25-ton HVAC from Sunbelt Internal Rental for future approval. Motion was seconded,
62 all were in favor, motion carried.

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64 Mr. Poulin asked if a small supply room in the new Justice Center could be used by Child
65 Development temporarily. Commissioners did not have a problem with that.
66 Commissioner Hover said the bond doesn't allow for lease of anyone but state agencies.

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68 Ms. Peasley said the high school rodeo event is this weekend. She met with the electrician
69 for RV pedestals, and the grandstand project is about complete. Commissioner Hover
70 would like go ahead and purchase two aluminum grandstands that would seat 240 people
71 each for around \$33,000 each. Ms. Peasley said the FAC would like to accommodate
72 1000 people. Commissioners asked for a new quote for total cost for two grandstands for
73 next Tuesday, to include delivery timeline.

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75 Ms. Peasley is meeting with tribe today to work out the details of the interlocal
76 governmental agreement for the race horse barns. Commissioners discussed the
77 agreement and what it should address.

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79 Commissioners discussed the Fair entertainment agreement that is being worked on for
80 the Big Event. The board discussed capacity of the fairgrounds and any permitting that
81 may be needed. The Fair is exempt from festival permitting.

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83 **Public Hearing Budget Supplemental Appropriation-District Court**
84 Commissioner Hover opened up the hearing to staff, seeing no staff he closed to staff
85 and opened up to public comment, seeing no one to comment he closed the hearing to
86 the public and opened up to the board

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88 **Motion Resolution 70-2022 Budget Supplemental Appropriation District Court**
89 Commissioner DeTro moved to approve resolution 70-2022 authorizing a budget
90 supplemental appropriation in the amount of \$40,625 to allocate AOC grant funds for
91 Therapeutic Court Coordination. Motion was seconded, all were in favor, motion carried.

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93 **Discussion Power Point Presentation on Kermel Grade Drainage-Nattalie & Kelly**
94 **Cariker**
95 Engineer Josh Thomson, Kelly Cariker

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97 Ms. Cariker introduced herself as a resident of property on Granite Street in Omak that
98 was previously owned by C. Pentz. She shared her presentation on Zoom regarding
99 Kermel drainage that comes through her property. The presentation included a
100 presentation and videos of the discussion of Kermel drainage and documents she has
101 gathered regarding the water. She encouraged the commissioners to visit her property.

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103 She requested assistance from Okanogan County to clean out/maintain the pips quarterly
104 and annually and replacing pipes that have holes and leaks. She requested another
105 meeting in two weeks to discuss her request further. Commissioner Branch discussed
106 other properties possibly affected by the water coming off the hillside and Legal issues
107 that can complicate the situation once the water leaves county property. Commissioner
108 Branch shared information showing google earth showing the stream above Kermel going
109 south as well. It is not clear what the flow of the water is. The county will need to discuss
110 this further in executive session. Mr. Cariker said when the Kermel road was moved not
111 all the water was captured and now it is an aging infrastructure. He explained where he
112 thought the water was coming from and where it is going. Ms. Cariker feels she is getting
113 a lot of other water through her property.

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115 **Update -Public Works Engineer Josh Thomson**

116 Engineer Thomson provided his agenda and discussed the items listed there. He would
117 not be here in two weeks due to conference if the commissioners wished to discuss the
118 Cariker’s issue again.

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120 *Maintenance & Road Conditions*

121 Engineer Thomson provided his road and maintenance report. It is a very normal spring
122 with some grading and pre-leveling. All three apprentices passed there CDL training.

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124 *Hubbard Road*

125 Engineer Thomson explained a fatal accident happened on Friday with DOT creating a
126 detour onto Hubbard Road and DOT didn’t know the history of the road to know it was a
127 private road.

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129 Commissioners discussed road needing to meet county standards in order to make
130 Hubbard Rd a county road. The condition of Hubbard road is not up to county standards.

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132 Commissioner DeTro and private landowners would like DOT to make repairs to the road
133 to use as a detour. Commissioner Branch thought participation by all parties to bring it up
134 to county standards was reasonable. DOT has also used Burma Road as a detour in the
135 Methow last year and a pilot car was needed due to dust, reduced visibility and
136 narrowness of the road.

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138 *Current Projects*

139 Engineer Thomson did not go through the projects listed. The new shops will go out to
140 bid next week.

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142 A product for the B-4 bridge surface was found and Engineer Thomson said it was good
143 material that will seal up the issues and last a long time. It is the same product used on
144 the Twisp river bridge.

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146 Commissioners recessed 12:10 for lunch until 1:30 p.m.

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148 **Commissioners Set Wednesday Agenda**

149 In person, Brent Timm, and Via zoom Brock Hires, Karen Harris, and Ms. Jackson as
150 FindtherightPassion

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152 Commissioners discussed whether or not a Wednesday meeting was necessary and
153 decided to meet at 1:30 p.m. in order to consider the entertainment contract for the big
154 event at the fair this year. Commissioners read through and discussed the contract.
155 Commissioner Hover stated he would retype the agreement and add the county's
156 addendums in time for tomorrow's board consideration.

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158 **Public Comment Period**

159 No public wished to provide comment.

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161 **Bid Opening Fair Stock Sale RFP-Commissioners**

162 Two bids were received within the proper time. Commissioner Hover opened the bids and
163 read the particulars.

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165 1) Market Stock Fund Bid
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167 2) Fair Youth Foundation
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169 Commissioners were provided copies of each bidder's response for review and future
170 determination.

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172 **Reviewed/Approved Commissioners Proceedings-May 9-10 & May 17**

173 Commissioners reviewed their proceedings and made some changes and clarifications.

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175 Commissioner Branch moved to approve the proceedings of May 9 May 10 and May 17,
176 as revised. Motion was seconded, all were in favor, motion carried.

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178 Commissioner Hover discussed the Economic Alliance contacts for county ARPA funds
179 because the Clerk of the Board, Lalena Johns was noted as the project manager in the
180 contract. He asked that the contracts be changed to note his name instead as the
181 Chairman of the Board.

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183 **Approve Consent Agenda**

184 Commissioner DeTro moved to approve the consent agenda items 3-6, and pulled items
185 #1 & #2 from the agenda for future approval once project manager is changed to Andy
186 Hover, Chairman of the board. Motion was seconded all were in favor, motion carried.

- 187 ~~1. Subrecipient Agreement ARPA Funding Research & Development Economic Alliance~~
188 ~~2. Subrecipient Agreement ARPA Funding Recovery Activities Economic Alliance~~

- 189 3. Title VI Assurances Report Public Works- WSDOT Order No. 1050.2A
- 190 4. Acknowledge RCO Letter RE: Similkameen Trailhead Transfer of Ownership City of Oroville
- 191 5. Resolution 63-2022 Budget Amendment Civil Service
- 192 6. Resolution 69-2022 Courthouse Closure June 3-Power Outage

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194 Discussion USDA Rural Development Introduction Helen Price Johnson

195 Ms. Helen Price Johnson introduced herself and her team introduced themselves. Ms.
196 Price Johnson explained she served as county commissioner for island county for twelve
197 years and understands how much catch up is needed to provide basic services and
198 programs in rural areas.

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200 A power point presentation of a brief overview of the USDA programs. Ms. Price Johnson
201 then asked what USDA could do to improve equity and outreach in the Okanogan Region
202 since many benefits from the resources USDA provides.

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204 Commissioner Hover mentioned the Okanogan County PUD struggled with providing
205 broadband services to rural areas due to cost. Cell and data services has gone down in
206 his area.

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208 Ms. Price Johnson explained a tribe in Neah Bay provided internet through 911 and
209 brought it down, it is a very unique service. She will be speaking and presenting to the
210 Economic Alliance tomorrow.

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212 Commissioner Hover has been discussing out in the public about what the county can do
213 to improve infrastructure that will allow cities and easier time to annex for sewer and water
214 supplies and increase housing around cities and towns for cheaper housing.

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216 Commissioners discussed challenges and assets within each of their districts.

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218 Projects USDA is involved with in Okanogan County cities was discussed for water and
219 waste. Cannot fund a project of a developer extension or benefits a developer cannot be
220 funded by USDA.

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222 Rural Broadband ReConnect Program Service Area map was shown and discussed.
223 There is an application for funding consideration that could benefit Okanogan County
224 reservation and vulnerable communities, said John Holman. It is 100% grant funded with
225 no match.

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227 Jeff explained three programs 1) 502 direct lump loan with max loan is \$336,000 for a
228 one to four-person household with \$56,000 threshold income. Subsidy must be paid back
229 when you sell the home. There is a 24-month waiting list as many applications. 2) 504
230 who are very low-income household to remove health and safety issues. 3) 502
231 guaranteed loan with income at \$93,000 and loan has variable limits.

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233 Jon Wyss runs farm service agency, his agency has already pre-designated Okanogan
234 County as pre-approved in case of fire. He is also the Pandemic coordinator and disaster
235 declarations he runs through the agriculture advisory committee. Be aware of the state of

236 Washington requires all vehicle to be electric by 2023 so extending electric services will
237 be critical infrastructure considerations. \$21,000 per 40-amp station.
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239 **Motion - Voucher Approval - Commissioners**

240 Vouchers certified and audited by the Auditing Officer as required by RCW 42.24.080 and
241 those expense reimbursement claims certified as required by RCW 42.24.090 have been
242 recorded on a list, and made available to the Board. As of this date, the Board did vote,
243 by unanimous vote, to approve the regular vouchers in the amount of \$511,770.04.
244 Warrant numbers as cited on the attached blanket voucher list. Motion seconded and
245 carried.
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247 **Motion Public Health Voucher**

248 Commissioner moved to approve the Public Health Vouchers including regular vouchers
249 in the amount of \$18,409.42. Warrant numbers as cited on the attached blanket voucher
250 list. Motion was seconded, all were in favor, motion carried.
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252 **Motion**

253 Commissioner Branch moved to approve resolution 72-2022 reclassifying the
254 Foreclosure Deputy position within the Treasurer's Office. Motion was seconded, all
255 were in favor, motion carried.
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257 **Motion**

258 Commissioner Branch moved to approve resolution 73-2022 creating an additional Clerk
259 III position within the Treasurer's Office. Motion was seconded, all were in favor motion
260 carried.
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262 The board adjourned at 3:55 p.m.
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