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RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS

OKANOGAN COUNTY

MAY 25, 2021

9:00 AM Commissioners Staff Meeting
10:00 AM Discussion- Annual Report- Auditor- Cari Hall
10:55 AM Public Hearing- Budget Supplement Appropriation- PW & District Court
11:00 AM Updated Public Works- Josh Thomson
1:30 PM Public Comment Period
2:00 PM Public Hearing CDBG Public Services Grant CV-2 Application -OCCAC Lael Duncan
4:00 PM Approve Commissioner Proceedings May 17 &18, 2021
4:30 PM Approve Consent Agenda

The Okanogan County Board of Commissioners met in Regular session at 123 5th Avenue North, Okanogan, Washington on May 25, 2021, with; Chairman, Commissioner Chris Branch; Vice-Chairman, Commissioner Andy Hover; Member, Commissioner Jim DeTro and the Clerk of the Board, Laleña Johns, present.

AV Capture provided audio and video of the meetings held today, while ZOOM provided best audio accessibility and public interaction.

Commissioner Branch was absent this morning, but returned for this afternoon's meetings.

Commissioners Staff Meeting

Naomie Peasley, Pete Palmer

Planning Director Pete Palmer provided a brief update on the Planning Commission meeting on Critical Areas. There were only two verbal and about a dozen written comments. Reconvene deliberate and provide recommendation for transmittal of the record. Does the board wish to hold another public hearing or just meet the public meeting requirement? Commissioner Hover said a public meeting. Ted Murray submitted his retirement schedule for June. Would the position be advertised or filled from within or do away with it. Commissioner Hover said post internally and depending on what happens will go out to the public to fill. Camden does not have the experience or knowledge to move into the position. The Senior Planner position, reached out to Planning Associations and have not received one application. She asked for ideas for filling the position.

Fairgrounds Event Coordinator Naomie Peasley gave a brief update. Received a grant from USDA for 2020 fair expenses reimbursement and those funds go directly into the Fair Fund 112. Creating and invoice. Washington State Highschool rodeo prep is going on. RV parks are getting filled. She will work through Saturday. Would like a maintenance person to be available on Saturday's. Filling the temp office position, but the person being considered cannot work during fair.

Commissioners discussed the BERG Trust members. Commissioner Hover said he spoke to Doug Adams about building replacements (Commercial Building) to see if those funds can be used for a multiuse building.

Approve Consent Agenda

Commissioner DeTro moved to approve the consent agenda items 1-3, as presented. Motion was seconded, all were in favor, motion carried.

1. Agreement- Town of Nespelem/County Reimbursable Agreement

- 54 2. Agreement- Interagency Data Sharing Agreement-Okanogan County/Washington State Auditor
55 3. Appointment Letter-Solid Waste Advisory Committee- Appointing Brent Nourse

56 **Motion - Voucher Approval - Commissioners**

57 Vouchers certified and audited by the Auditing Officer as required by RCW 42.24.080 and those
58 expense reimbursement claims certified as required by RCW 42.24.090 have been recorded on a list,
59 and made available to the Board. As of this date, the Board did vote, by unanimous vote, to approve
60 the regular vouchers in the amount of \$700,215.64. Warrant numbers as cited on the attached blanket
61 voucher list. Motion seconded and carried.

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63 **Motion Public Health Voucher**

64 Commissioner moved to approve the Public Health Vouchers including regular vouchers in the amount
65 of \$16,570.00. Warrant numbers as cited on the attached blanket voucher list. Motion was seconded,
66 all were in favor, motion carried.

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68 **Discussion- Annual Report- Auditor- Cari Hall**

69 Lisa Schreckengost, Leah McCormack

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71 Commissioner Hover discussed lost revenue because the American Rescue Plan funds can support
72 the loss. There is a formula suggested to make the determination. Jail, Public Works Roads gas tax,
73 fairgrounds all have lost revenue due to COVID-19. He'd like to be prepared with an auditable answer
74 for the money. Auditor Hall will look at it stating it can be looked at a couple ways. The State Auditor
75 will look at it as a whole fund.

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77 Auditor Hall provided the 2020 Annual Report as required. This is used by the State Auditor to set the
78 county's upcoming annual audit. (attached)

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80 Ms. Hall went through the narrative of the report and explained the notes there. The commissioners
81 explained a Mutual Aid Agreement was signed yesterday for COVID events on the fairgrounds. It will
82 be around \$198,000 revenue.

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84 Auditor Hall relayed the minor changes to be made to the report before submittal.

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86 **Public Hearing- Budget Supplement Appropriation- PW & District Court**

87 Commissioner Hover opened up the public hearing for budget supplemental and opened up the hearing
88 to staff. Engineer Thomson explained the Public Works portion was to cover the design of shops for
89 area 3 & 5 and corrected the beginning fund balance for 2021.

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91 Commissioner Hover opened up the hearing to the public, seeing no one to comment, he closed the
92 hearing to the public and staff and opened up to commissioners' discussion.

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94 **Motion Resolution 63-2021 Budget Supplemental Appropriation**

95 Commissioner DeTro moved to approve resolution 63-2021 a budget supplemental appropriation with
96 Public Works fund 102 in the amount of \$1,542,023 and Current Expense District Court fund 001.011
97 in the amount of \$3,950. Motion was seconded, all were in favor, motion carried.

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99 **Updated Public Works- Josh Thomson**

100 Kent Kovalenko

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102 Solid Waste Manager Kent Kovalenko provided his staff report.

103 Mr. Kovalenko provided a photo showing a hole the size of an erasure in the leachate liner. Residual
104 liquid was found underneath the liner. Patching the hole is fairly simple.

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106 One full time position that is open and have received five applications for interviews next week. One
107 Temp position is still open.

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109 Engineer Thomson provided his agenda and update.

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111 *Maintenance & Road Conditions*

112 No issues with high water other than a couple branches.

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114 Open positions in Area 3 shop with another possible soon. There are no applicants that live within the
115 20 miles radius. He can hire outside the radius because the cost of housing in the Methow is very tough.
116 An idea was to hold a hiring event over in the Twisp area or do a full-blown job fair with Work Source.

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118 *Old 97 Construction Projects*

119 Old 97 projects were discussed. No work over Memorial Day weekend but will pulverizing 10 inches
120 down next week.

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122 *Fairgrounds Irrigation Project*

123 Fairgrounds irrigation project was discussed to completely re write the design build specifications for
124 the bid document for next spring project date. Commissioner Hover asked if it would be best to write in
125 phased project. It must be clear what the award is on whether it was phase A or phase B. Splitting the
126 project between years is a lot harder due to prices. Putting in the system will save the county water and
127 staff time expenses. It should be out and bid in December or January for the project to begin as soon
128 as the ground can be dug into (March-April).

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130 Commissioners discussed county owned property that Noxious Weed department identified skeleton
131 weed that must be sprayed. Commissioners directed that an agreement with Noxious Weed be
132 prepared for the spray service and the Maintenance Department billed. A budget supplemental for the
133 extra expense may be needed later in the year.

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135 *Consent Agenda*

136 Engineer Thomson asked if the board had questions about any of the items on the consent agenda.
137 No.

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139 Commissioner Branch joined at 1:30 p.m. Commissioner DeTro was not present when the meeting
140 started.

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142 **Public Comment Period**

143 Ruth Hall commented that half a mile of stabilizer on Chiliwist Road is great. Ms. Hall said many have
144 talked about changing the speed limit south of Malott on Old 97 because many deer get hit on the
145 stretch. She would like it changed so there is a different night time speed that is lower. Commissioner
146 Branch stated he previously spoke to the Public Works Engineer about this and he said he would follow
147 up with the board once he knows where those spots are. Ms. Hall said to let her know if a petition is
148 required. She would also like to see bike routes along the road in the future.

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150 Commissioner Hover discussed water related revenue.

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152 **Public Hearing CDBG Public Services Grant CV-2 Application -OCCAC Lael Duncan**

153 Lael Duncan, OCCAC

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155 Commissioner Branch opened up the public hearing. The Clerk of the Board provided handouts that
156 showed available funds and what activities the funds can be used for. There is a \$172,000 to benefit
157 primarily low-income people with \$3000 of that for county administration activities.

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159 Lael Duncan stated this is CDBG CV-2 funds which are continued funding intended to address needs
160 of people for business loans, utilities, mortgage expenses. There is no specific community block grant
161 entity so these funds are best passed through community action council. The funds reach a larger
162 number of people than other funds. Its based on median income.

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164 Commissioner Branch stated no public were in attendance to provide comment, so he closed the
165 hearing to public and opened up to commissioners' discussion.

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167 **Motion**

168 Commissioner Hover moved to authorize the chairman to sign the Determination of Exemption and
169 Exclusion for the CV-2 Grant. Motion was seconded, all were in favor, motion carried.

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171 Commissioner Branch asked if an application would be submitted. The Clerk of the Board stated yes,
172 she and Lael completed an application to be submitted. Ms. Duncan noted that it was unclear whether
173 or not the current Public Services subrecipient agreement would be amended or a new specific
174 agreement drafted for this purpose alone.

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176 Commissioner Branch closed the hearing. Lael thanked the county for its partnership.

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178 Commissioner DeTro asked about housing rentals because he knows someone with an empty house
179 they would like to rent.

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181 **Approve Commissioner Proceedings May 10, 11, 17 & 18, 2021**

182 Commissioner Hover moved to approve the commissioners' proceedings of May 10, 11, 17, & 18, 2021.
183 Motion was seconded, all were in favor, motion carried.

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185 Commissioner Hover discussed the possibility of DOE allowing Mazama Water Quality monitoring
186 expansion in to the Methow. Funding a water shed update with a goal of coming to consensus in the
187 Methow and pushing that out to Ecology.

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189 The board adjourned at 2:50 p.m.

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