

1 **RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS**

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3 **OKANOGAN COUNTY**

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5 **NOVEMBER 7, 2022**

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8 <b>9:00 AM</b>	<b>Review Commissioners Agenda &amp; Consent Agenda</b>
9 <b>9:15 AM</b>	<b>Public Comment Period</b>
10 <b>9:30 AM</b>	<b>Commissioners Staff Meeting</b>
11 <b>10:30 AM</b>	<b>Briefing Among CMRS – Discuss Individual Weekly Meetings &amp; Schedule</b>
12 <b>10:55 AM</b>	<b>Public Hearing – Budget Supplemental Appropriation – District Court</b>
13 <b>11:00 AM</b>	<b>Budget Work Session – District Court</b>
14 <b>1:30 PM</b>	<b>Discussion – Communication Radio Improvement Project – Mike Worden</b>
15 <b>2:00 PM</b>	<b>Discussion – Code Update – Esther Milner</b>
16 <b>3:00 PM</b>	<b>Executive Session RCW 42.30.110(1)(i) – CRS Conference Room</b>

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18 The Okanogan County Board of Commissioners met for a Public Meeting at 123 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue North,  
19 Okanogan, Washington on November 7, 2002 with Chairman, Commissioner Andy Hover; and  
20 the Deputy Clerk of the Board, Crystal Hawley, present.

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22 Vice-Chairman, Commissioner Chris Branch arrived at 9:15

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24 Member, Commissioner Jim DeTro was absent.

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

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28 The pledge of allegiance was recited.

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30 **Review Commissioners Agenda & Consent Agenda**

31 The commissioners reviewed their agenda and consent agenda.

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33 **Public Comment Period**

34 There was no public comment.

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36 **Commissioners Staff Meeting**

37 Emergency Management, Maurice Goodall, Planning Department, Pete Palmer, Fairgrounds,  
38 Naomie Peasley

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40 Emergency Management

41 Maurice Goodall explained that he had talked to both, Methow Fire District and PUD. Due to the  
42 inclement weather happening in Okanogan County there have been reports of power outages  
43 throughout the County. There is a gentleman in Chesaw that is trapped, but has everything to  
44 survive, as of right now. Mr. Goodall expressed the weather is going to start getting really cold.

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46 Commissioner Hover talked to the County Engineer, Josh Thomson. He said there was three of  
47 the county plow trucks are waiting on parts right now.

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49 Mr. Goodall explained that a lot of trees are down as well and some accidents throughout the  
50 county.

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52 Planning Department

53 Planning Director, Pete Palmer went over her department's update. WSU reached out, asking if  
54 her department would be interested in hosting a student. Ms. Palmer wanted to talk to staff,  
55 because she wasn't sure about staff having the time to train or keeping the student busy enough.

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57 Health Department provided the Planning Department onsite analysis and 8 applications were  
58 submitted for October 16th-31<sup>st</sup>.

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60 Fairgrounds  
61 Naomie Peasley, explained that the fairgrounds had received \$20,700 from Washington Grant  
62 and LTAC Grant for 20,000 for bathrooms.

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64 There are 12 events left for the year and the septic was able to be fixed.  
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66 Ms. Peasley and the commissioners discussed what fund to use to purchase the fairground's  
67 tractor.

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69 **Motion**  
70 Commissioner Branch moved to recess for 30 minutes and reconvene at 10:25. Motion was  
71 seconded. All were in favor. Motion was carried.

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73 **Briefing Among Commissioners – Discuss Individual Weekly Meetings & Schedule**  
74 The commissioners briefed among themselves.

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76 **Motion- Washington State Department of Agriculture**  
77 Commissioner Branch moved to approve application for state funding- County/ Area Fairs and to  
78 direct chairman Hover to sign Washington State Department of Agriculture Application for state  
79 funding for a total of \$13,945.37. Motion was seconded. All were in favor. Motion was carried.

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82 **Public Hearing – Budget Supplemental Appropriation – District Court**  
83 Commissioner Hover opened the public hearing to staff. Darla Schreckengast explained that  
84 Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC) awarded a grant to District Court for Therapeutic Court  
85 Coordinator the grant is to pay for costs associated wages of the Therapeutic Court Coordinator for  
86 District Court.

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88 Commissioner Hover closed to staff and opened to the public. There was no public comment.  
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90 Commissioner Hover open the public hear to the commissioners

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92 **Motion- Resolution 166-2022**  
93 Commissioner Branch moved to approved Resolution 166-2022 authorizing a budget  
94 supplemental appropriation within Current Expense District Court Fund 001.011 in the amount of  
95 \$ 40,625. Motion was seconded. All were in favor. Motion was carried.

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97 **Budget Work Session – District Court**  
98 Judge, Charles Short and Darla Schreckengast discussed with the commissioners their budget  
99 for 2023.

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101 Ms. Schreckengast had a few changes for the Current Expense Revenue and Therapeutic Courts  
102 budgets.

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104 Probation Fund 111 had only had one line for the repair and maintenance needed to be changed.

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106 **Discussion – Communication Radio Improvement Project – Mike Worden**

107 Mr. Warden provided an example letter to the county commissioners. Okanogan County requires  
108 assistance from Washington State Legislature to install a modern radio communications network  
109 used by the public safety emergency services agencies. Okanogan County requires assistance  
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111 by public safety emergency services agencies. Okanogan County's newly implemented 2/10" of  
112 1 percent sales tax for the implementation costs is insufficient to complete the project objectives  
113 on a reasonable timeline minimizing transitional delays and hardships. Okanogan County  
114 requests \$2 million dollars to complete the project. For 11 years Okanogan County has  
115 recognized the deficiencies in our legacy analog public safety radio communications  
116 infrastructure. In 2013-2014 an initial study was executed to better understand our radio  
117 infrastructure condition. 2014 & 2015 Okanogan suffered the two largest wildfires in Washington  
118 State history which exposed the limitations in our existing communications systems. 2016-2018  
119 Okanogan County invested \$2 million in radio system improvements to fire harden infrastructure  
120 while system capacity and effectiveness was unchanged. Okanogan County is actively investing  
121 in our public safety radio infrastructure. 2019 Okanogan County passed the 2/10' of 1 percent  
122 Emergency Communications sales tax for the purpose of improving the capacity, effectiveness  
123 and maintenance of our public safety radio communications infrastructure. 2021 Okanogan  
124 County completed a detailed assessment of existing radio communications infrastructure,  
125 available resources and options to correct the current infrastructure deficiencies. 2022 Okanogan  
126 County's multi-agency Dispatch Advisory Board recognized that partnering with and augmenting  
127 the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) radio network as the only  
128 technically and financially viable option to achieve the improvement goals. 2022 Okanogan  
129 County is expanding our partnership with WSDOT by merging county radio communications into  
130 the WSDOT radio network for technical and financial advantage. Commissioner Hover thinks the  
131 letter should come from the commissioners and list the overall cost to rebuild the system, including  
132 all equipment involved. The county needs an end to end system improvement. A list a very basic  
133 budget overview should be list in the letter as well.

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135 Commissioner Branch thought that to call all the fire districts and see if they would be willing to  
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138 Commissioner Hover suggested to take pictures of District 10 and show State Legislature.

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141 **Discussion – Code Update – Esther Milner**

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143 Esther Milner explained the process to update the county code will be a long process and the  
144 county should consider creating a committee.

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146 Code Section 2.04.010

147 The time of regular meetings of the board of Okanogan County commissioners shall be 9:00 a.m.  
148 on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday of each week, except holidays, or as otherwise ordered  
149 by the board. All meetings of the board shall be held at the county seat or at the seat of another  
150 county when any two or more county legislative authorities hold a joint regular meeting to  
151 consider, discuss or act on items of mutual concern or interest to the participating legislative  
152 authorities. Notice requirements for special meetings are still required for those visiting legislative  
153 authorities when attending a joint legislative meeting in another county.

154 The commissioner would like to leave it the way it is.

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156 Code Section 2.04050 B  
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158 The commissioners would like Section B. Agent to Receive Claims for Damages. The clerk of the  
159 board is appointed as agent to receive all claims for damages made under Chapter 4.96 RCW.  
160 Standard tort claim forms are available from the office of the county commissioners and online at  
161 [http://www.okanogancounty.org/Commissioners/Cmrs/claim\\_for\\_damages.htm](http://www.okanogancounty.org/Commissioners/Cmrs/claim_for_damages.htm). Should be  
162 removed completely.

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164 Chapter 2.08.010

165 County Fair Association created- Powers and duties use be removed

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167 2.16 Chapter will be a finance committee question

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169 2.18 HR question and could be removed

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172 2.20 County Office Hours

173 Should be established through resolution with the County Commissioners.

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175 Chapter 2.38 is HR Question

176 Chapter 2.40 is HR Question

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178 Chapter 2.42.010 County employees held harmless.

179 Elected officials, officers, employees and members of appointed boards acting on behalf of the  
180 county shall be indemnified by Okanogan County against any claim, action, or proceeding  
181 instituted or judgment rendered against the individual arising out of the performance, purported  
182 performance or failure of performance, in good faith, of duties for or employment with Okanogan  
183 County, and Okanogan County shall hold these individuals harmless from any expenses  
184 connected with the defense, settlement or monetary judgment from such actions, claims or  
185 proceedings. (Res. 88-85, 1985).

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187 Chapter 2.50.040 Agricultural Pest District Assessment needs updated.

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190 **Executive Session RCW 42.30.110(1)(i) – Commissioner’s Conference Room**

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192 **Motion- Executive Session RCW 42.30.110(1)(i)**

193 Commissioner Branch moved to go into Executive Session for 15 minutes under RCW  
194 42.30.110(1)(i) inviting Esther Milner for 15 minutes. Motion was seconded. All were in favor.  
195 Motion was carried.

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197 Executive Session was extended for 5 more minutes.

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199 Executive Session ended at 3:35

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201 The board adjourned at 3:40 p.m.

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