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RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS

OKANOGAN COUNTY

OCTOBER 10, 2023

9:00 AM Review Meeting Minutes for October 2nd, & October 3rd
9:15 AM Public Comment Period
9:30 AM Executive Session RCW 42.30.110(1)(i) Agency Litigation
10:00 AM Budget Work Session-Commissioners
10:30 AM Update-County Auditor-Cari Hall
11:00 AM Update-Public Works-Engineer Josh Thomson
1:30 PM Board of Health Meeting-1234 S. 2nd Ave, Okanogan
3:30 PM Budget Work Session-Commissioners Miscellaneous Funds 134-Cari Hall, Pam Johnson
4:30 PM Approve Commissioners Proceedings October 2nd, October 3rd, 2023
4:40 PM Approve Consent Agenda

The Okanogan County Board of Commissioners met for a regular meeting at 123 5th Avenue North, Okanogan, Washington on October 10, 2023 with Chairman, Commissioner Chris Branch; Vice-Chairman, Commissioner Andy Hover; Member, Commissioner Jon Neal; and the Clerk of the Board, Laleña Johns, present.

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

Commissioners considered a budget amendment for the fairgrounds.

Motion Resolution 139-2023 Budget Amendment Fairgrounds

Commissioner Neal moved to approve resolution 139-2023 a budget amendment within contingency reserve and current expense fairgrounds in the amount of \$78,600. Motion was seconded, all were in favor motion carried.

Motion Authorization of Conditional Defense through Discovery

Commissioner Hover moved to approve the conditional additional defense through discovery civil complaint 2:23-cv-00280. Motion was seconded, all were in favor, motion carried.

Review Meeting Minutes for October 2nd, & October 3rd

Commissioners reviewed their meeting minutes of October 2 and October 3, 2023.

Commissioners reviewed the FAC meeting notes and issues brought by the Fair Advisory Committee.

Public Comment Period

Ruth Hall attended commissioners' meetings via zoom and she had no comment today.

Commissioner Hover moved to approve the amended contract between MJ Neal to include the Sheriff's equipment and Coroner Storage building architectural work

51 **Executive Session RCW 42.30.110(1)(i) Agency Litigation**

52 Commissioner Hover moved to go into executive session at 9:30 a.m. until 10:00 a.m. for 30
53 minutes inviting Esther Milner, Pete Palmer and Tadas Kisielius with Van Ness Feldman LLP.

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55 Commissioners extended executive session 10 minutes at 10:00 a.m. then again for another 5
56 minutes at 10:10 a.m. and again for another 5 minutes at 10:15 a.m. Commissioners exited
57 executive session at 10:20 a.m.

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59 Commissioner Hover left to attend Interagency Grizzly Bear Committee Virtual meeting.

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61 **Budget Work Session-Commissioners**

62 Auditor Hall, Treasurer Johnson, Lisa Schreckengost

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64 Commissioner Branch stated a discussion of the board is needed to discuss general salary
65 increases or cost of living increases.

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67 **Update-County Auditor-Cari Hall**

68 This time was used to go over commissioners and HR budgets.

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

71 Solid Waste Manager Kent Kovalenko

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73 Mr. Kovalenko updated the board on the apple maggot. He is working on a new permit process.
74 He discussed expansion but more work to identify the boundaries of the section, city agreements,
75 and more discussion with the schools as process continues will be needed. We won't know until
76 it is dropped on their desk, working with Amy as a POC, recommendations from Orchard Growers
77 Association, but we don't know what the boundaries will be but we know where the hawthorn is
78 located.

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80 The Solid Waste Plan history was summarized our plan was developed in 1971, but did not
81 include the cities of Coulee Dam, Grand Coulee, Electric City as they had their own plan, but
82 Elmer City wasn't included. They need a letter from our commissioners stated they are alright with
83 our waste going out of our waste stream, still figuring out what the best solution is for the city as
84 it doesn't make sense to bring it over here.

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86 An agreement will be needed for the Dept of Ecology grant. The Horizontal Grinder 4000
87 equipment quotes were collected for the purchase and one is available now if we commit before
88 Oct. 31. We have to spend the money to get reimbursed from the DOE grant.

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90 Engineer Thomson provided his agenda and updated the board on what was listed.

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92 Regular road maintenance, crack sealing machine is going back to Spokane today.

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94 Road projects-On the Cameron 3R road project, we have tried to get right of way from the Tribe
95 and they are not responding, nothing happened on their end and we've already asked for
96 extension. If something doesn't happen very soon that project will go away unfunded.
97 Commissioner Neal asked about OCOG getting involved. Three property owners are ready to
98 sign.

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100 Twisp River Rd 3R STP funded, but federal rules changed after awarded, and now National
101 Fisheries consultation must happen and he has had no luck getting federal funds exchange to

102 work, so this project is at risk of going away. He explained how it works, but he isn't sure DOT
103 wants it to work. We have been asking for funds for 10 years or more.

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105 Talks foster bridge repair, still hung up on DNR. Hoping there won't be a big spring runoff. LTAC
106 funds are involved in that project.

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108 The Green Acres Rd project moving along and is turning out well.

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110 WDFW has inspected and appraised the pit. Methow Conservancy Mazama project document
111 RCO Hazardous substance documentation. There is no risk or issues on the site. RCO requires
112 certification is sent back and document states we will hold them harmless.

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114 Real Estate Purchase form payment is still in escrow.

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116 Commissioner Hover returned at 11:25 a.m.

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118 **Motion**

119 Commissioner Neal moved to approve and authorize the chairman to sign the Surplus Real Estate
120 Purchase form I/C number 2-24-04305 in the amount of \$115,000. Motion was seconded, all were
121 in favor, motion carried.

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123 **Motion**

124 Commissioner Neal moved to authorize the chairman to sign RCO Hazardous Substances
125 Certification for RCO Project agreement #21-1183A title Mazama Bridge Habitat Acquisition with
126 the RCO Property Assessment Checklist for the Mazama Property parcel #9800820011.
127 Commissioner Hover asked if the assessment was completed, yes it has. No substances were
128 found. Motion was seconded, all were in favor, motion carried.

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130 Commissioner Hover discussed there were 35 LTAC funding applications for 2024 funding. He
131 stated one is for the Lower Goat Creek Bridge. We need to figure out where to pay for the two
132 bridge repair projects from if it isn't decided to come from LTAC. Current Expense Reserve was
133 discussed as a place to fund the repairs. Another place is the LATCF funds. The return on
134 investment is worthwhile, stated Commissioner Branch. The monetary input on the needs of the
135 Similkameen and Whistler Canyon trails is not the same as what the county puts into the Methow
136 Trail system. Commissioner Hover has been pushing for LTAC to consider the needs of the
137 Similkameen Trail and north trail systems. The north trails systems do not have the proponent
138 support like the Methow trails has by Methow Trails. The focus has been on the Methow Trails
139 system, and Commissioner Branch said he has no problem with that.

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141 Commissioner Hover left the meeting again to attend the Interagency Grizzly Bear meeting

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143 **Motion Resolution 140-2023 Budget Amendment Planning**

144 Commissioner Neal moved to approve resolution 140-2023 a budget amendment within
145 Contingency Reserve and Planning budget in the amount of \$130,000. Motion was seconded, all
146 were in favor, motion carried

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148 **Board of Health Meeting-1234 S. 2nd Ave, Okanogan**

149 Commissioners attended the board of health meeting.

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153 **Budget Work Session-Commissioners Miscellaneous Funds 134-Cari Hall, Pam Johnson**
154 Commissioners discussed Capital Improvement fund 134. We need to be mindful of the \$522,000
155 annual bond payment. Be mindful of the costs for engineering design for single point entry and
156 costs for the licensing move and security. Match for Fairgrounds Dept of Ag grant safety grant is
157 \$125,000 and noted in the Fund 134 spreadsheet notes.
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159 **Motion Oroville Rural EMS District**

160 Commissioner Hover moved to adjourn as the BOCC and reconvene as the Oroville Rural EMS
161 District. Motion was seconded all were in favor, motion carried.
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163 **Motion Oroville Rural EMS District**

164 Commissioner Hover moved to approve the agreement for EMS services Response area between
165 Life Line and Oroville Rural EMS with effective date July 1, 2023 to increase the monthly payment
166 to \$17,833 till December 31, 2025. Commissioners discussed possibly digging into the reserves if
167 the levy doesn't cover the full expense of the contract plus increases due to minimum wage
168 increases. Motion was seconded, all were in favor, motion carried.
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170 Commissioner Hover moved to adjourn as the Oroville Rural EMS District and reconvene as the
171 Methow Valley EMS District. Motion was seconded, all were in favor, motion carried.
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173 **Motion Methow Valley EMS District**

174 Commissioner moved to approve the Voucher certification and authorize the Methow Valley EMS
175 District October voucher to be paid in the amount of \$63,499.66. Motion was seconded, all were
176 in favor, motion carried.
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178 Commissioner Hover moved to adjourn as the Methow Valley EMS District and reconvene as the
179 BOCC. Motion was seconded, all were in favor, motion carried.
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181 **Approve Commissioners Proceedings October 2nd, October 3rd, 2023**

182 Commissioners needed more time to review the meeting minutes.
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184 **Motion - Voucher Approval - Commissioners**

185 Vouchers certified and audited by the Auditing Officer as required by RCW 42.24.080 and those
186 expense reimbursement claims certified as required by RCW 42.24.090 have been recorded on a
187 list, and made available to the Board. As of this date, the Board did vote, by unanimous vote, to
188 approve the regular vouchers in the amount of \$449,505.35. Warrant numbers as cited on the
189 attached blanket voucher list. Motion seconded and carried.
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191 **Approve Consent Agenda**

192 Commissioner Hover moved to approve the consent agenda items 1-11, as presented. Motion
193 was seconded, all were in favor, motion carried.

- 194 1. ARPA Request#7-Food Crisis Purchases \$3,818.16-Community Action Council
- 195 2. ARPA Request#7-Equipment \$4,915.11-Community Action Council
- 196 3. ARPA Request#7-July-September Technical Assistance \$15,342.52-Economic Alliance
- 197 4. ARPA Request #11-Tessco Equipment Earthquake Bracing Kit \$348.45-Sheriff's Office
- 198 5. ARPA Request-#4 Food Crisis, Emergency Shelter \$37,106.81-Community Action Council
- 199 6. CDBG Request #15-Public Services, General Admin \$8,200.90-Community Action Council
- 200 7. CDBG Request #33-Public Services Food Banks \$21,779.77
- 201 8. Letter of Submittal-Law Enforcement Pursuit Technology Grant Program-Sheriff's Office
- 202 9. Insurance Claim-Total Loss Fairgrounds 2005 Chevy Silverado-Progressive Insurance
- 203 10. Resolution 137-2023-Employee Promotion Under Approved Training Plan-Planning Dept.

204 **11. Resolution 138-2023 Two Employees be paid under one BARS Code-Facility Maintenance**
205 **Dept.**

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207 Commissioners discussed paying Aspect for the water banking work. Commissioner Hover stated
208 the Planning Department has been dealing with the water. There will be water mitigation credits.
209 The most natural place to pay these would be the Planning Dept budget. Commissioners will
210 discuss with Director Palmer and this bill paid from their budget.

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213 The board adjourned at 4:50 p.m.