

1 **RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS**

2 **OKANOGAN COUNTY**

3 **SEPTEMBER 13, 2022**

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9	9:00 AM	Review Meeting Minutes
10	9:15 AM	Public Comment Period
11	9:30 AM	Discussion - Barnholt Loop - Stan Carter, Pete Palmer
12	10:30 AM	Update County Auditor - Cari Hall
13	11:00 AM	CANCELLED Update Public Works – Engineer Thomson
14	11:00 AM	Public Hearing Tunk Basin Moratorium - Planning Director Pete Palmer
15	11:30 AM	Discussion 2022 NCW Career Expo - Heidi Ott & Kristi O’Neill
16	1:30 PM	Board of Health – 1234 S. 2nd Ave, Okanogan
17	3:00 PM	Discussion - Hiring Bonus Program - Sheriff’s Office Aaron Culp
18	3:30 PM	Commissioners to set Wednesday’s Agenda
19	3:35 PM	Approve Commissioners Proceedings
20	3:40 PM	Approve Consent Agenda

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22 The Okanogan County Board of Commissioners met for a Public Hearing at 123 5th Avenue North,
23 Okanogan, Washington on September 13, 2022 with Chairman, Commissioner Andy Hover; Vice-
24 Chairman, Commissioner Chris Branch; Member, Commissioner Jim DeTro; and the Clerk of the
25 Board, Laleña Johns, present.

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

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29 **Review Meeting Minutes**

30 Commissioners reviewed their meeting minutes.

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32 **Public Comment Period**

33 Tom Sisson asked when the commissioners will revisit the Fire District #6 request for ARPA funds
34 and various other ARPA funds requests would be finally approved. Commissioner Hover stated
35 the board talked about the Town of Winthrop’s request they are going to review. He hoped in the
36 next few weeks the Board will move forward with allocations. The state auditor also has some say
37 in the matter.

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39 Isabelle Spohn said she won’t be able to attend the Tunk Basin Hearing Moratorium but she did
40 submit comments.

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42 Kathy Warren no comment. Ruth Hall had no comment.

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44 **Discussion - Barnholt Loop - Stan Carter, Pete Palmer**

45 Mr. Stan Carter, Chuck and Planning Director Pete Palmer

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47 Director Pete Palmer has been in contact with Stan Carter about some concerns he has about
48 Barnholt Loop. She provided some history of the 8-person committee appointed by the
49 commissioners.

51 May 1999 rules and regulations were adopted with seven members appointed by the BOCC with
52 two meetings per year including elections with Planning taking on the responsibility of noticing.

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54 A new committee was appointed in 2013 but there is nothing in the file about who those folks
55 were. A different committee was elected at this time but no appointment letters seem to exist.

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57 The Barnholt Caribou Trail ag residential zone at adoption was 2.5-acre size. The last hearing on
58 the matter was held in 2018 and at that time the group decided to meet once per year. But no
59 further records existed after that.

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61 Stan Carter explained he has records that don't quite agree with the county's history. He may
62 have the only existing advisory committee booklet. It says the zoning was created in May 1987
63 by the county commissioners and a committee was appointed. He is trying to understand why a
64 few years ago the district was taken out of the minimum requirement and placed in Agriculture
65 residential zone.

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67 Mr. Carter stated the documentation should be reviewed and sorted out for further understanding.
68 The district needs to be reactivated as there are new residents who are unaware of the
69 complications of the zoning. One issue is derelict non-operating vehicles on properties. Certain
70 businesses are not allowed.

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72 Mr. Carter stated enforcement is a tricky business and feels it is difficult to do. He thought the
73 Planning Department should deal with enforcement issues. A letter from the Planning Department
74 should be sent making residents aware of the regulations and compliance explanation. The
75 residents who are aware of the regulations keep their property up and they know property value
76 is high because of it. Those that are not aware of the regulation should be made aware of it.

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78 Commissioner Hover said if there were people who wanted to serve on the committee then the
79 commissioners can appoint a new committee. Director Palmer stated it is the county's authority
80 to enforce its rules. Call the annual meeting, discuss allowable uses in the designation, talk about
81 code update, what you can and cannot do, and hold elections. A letter can come later once
82 everyone learns what the allowable uses are. Commissioner Branch stated enforcements should
83 be worked through with the Prosecutors office.

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85 **CANCELLED Update County Auditor – Cari Hall**
86 **CANCELLED Update Public Works – Engineer Thomson**

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88 **Public Hearing Tunk Basin Moratorium - Planning Director Pete Palmer**

89 Commissioner Hover opened up the hearing to staff. Director Pete Palmer provided a
90 memorandum regarding Tunk Basin interim controls. The memo provided the history and
91 recommendation for the interim controls' decision. (attached) Comments received from Isabelle
92 Spohn, Nancy Soriano, and Mike & Joy Wilson. (attached)

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94 Isabelle Spohn is in support of the moratorium as stated in the resolution. Ruth Hall had no
95 comment.

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97 Commissioner Hover closed the hearing to the public and opened up to the board.

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99 Director Palmer stated the 2022-7 ordinance was signed on July 19, 2022 and this is the required
100 public hearing.

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102 **Motion Tunk Basin Moratorium Affirmation**

103 Commissioner DeTro moved to affirm the moratorium via ordinance 2022-7 that was put into place
104 July 19, 2022 for six months to January 19, 2023. Commissioner Branch discussed what he would
105 like to see. Commissioner Hover thought a zone be created as Ag 100 or Ag 80 as another zoning
106 designation that can be used in different parts of the county. Commissioner Branch discussed
107 how the designation could be used for Barnholt Loop zone. GIS generated a map showing
108 minimum requirement designations of the area being looked at. Another map was shown of
109 developed and undeveloped areas. Commissioner Hover discussed whether or not there was a
110 tax incentive for landowners to consolidate parcels. Is there anyway to do that? There is a fee
111 associated with parcel consolidation and could that fee be waived for certain ones? The process
112 is one that goes through the Assessor's office. Commissioner Branch would like this issue to
113 come before the Planning Commission as soon as possible. Director Palmer stated it is on their
114 agenda. Motion was seconded, all were in favor, motion carried.

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116 Commissioner Hover closed the public hearing.

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118 **Discussion 2022 NCW Career Expo – Work Source Heidi Ott & FYRE Kristi O'Neill,**

119 Linda Alexander

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121 Kristi O'Neill explained how the group is struggling to gather enough funds to rent the Agriplex for
122 the schools NCW Career Expo. They have an opportunity to bring this back in person this year.
123 The event is near and dear to the schools. The last two held there were over 800 students attend
124 from 12 school districts. It isn't just a Workforce development opportunity it goes beyond that and
125 includes demonstrations by law enforcement, PUD, and wild land fire fighters. It has been greatly
126 missed by businesses and students. The event demonstrates that there are great careers here in
127 our county and young people don't have to leave the county. There isn't really another venue that
128 meets the needs of this type of expo. The cost to rent the Agriplex is a struggle. The funds they
129 do have are needed to bus the students to the event.

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131 Ms. O'Neil stated more than 50% of students are indigent and low income. She asked the county
132 to support the event this year and years to come. Economic Development tries to keep people in
133 the work force in Okanogan County. Commissioner Hover said the county could hold the event to
134 eliminate the challenge. Commissioner Branch agrees. The labor report doesn't include age data,
135 which would help us justify the use. Ms. O Neil said it is alarming how many youths are not part
136 of the work force in our county. This event helps youth understand and become more aware of
137 opportunities. Employers also become more creative when they see all the young people wanting
138 to be engaged. October 26 from 8:30 to? Economic Alliance is on the flyer, not Okanogan County?
139 Is that alright? Yes.

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141 **Motion 2022- County Career Expo Event-Agriplex Rent Waiver**

142 Commissioner DeTro moved to join with the 2022 Okanogan County Career Expo to partner for
143 the event scheduled October 26 and authorize Agriplex rental fee waiver. Motion was seconded,
144 all were in favor, motion carried.

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146 Partners might include Work Source, FYRE, Economic Alliance, 12 School District.

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148 Commissioner Branch thought how important it is to include youth in the creation of their future
149 community. Over the long term, the county will need to figure out the details of the waiver as an
150 economic development benefit.

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152 Commissioners adjourned at 11:55 a.m. until 3:00 p.m.

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154 **Board of Health – 1234 S. 2nd Ave, Okanogan**
155 Commissioners’ attended the board of health meeting.

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157 **Discussion - Hiring Bonus Program - Sheriff’s Office Aaron Culp**
158 Undersheriff Culp provided additional information to his previous hiring bonus program proposal.
159 An MOU will be drafted summarizing the details of the proposed crisis overtime compensation
160 with the thought that overtime be paid out at a higher rate. This type of program is in place at
161 Kitsap County and their overtime rate for this is 2.5. Hours worked would be used as a qualifier,
162 based on division chief discussions. He would like to open it up to those divisions with crisis staff.
163 This would be a temporary program while vacancies are an issue. Anything over 16 hours would
164 be paid out at double time.

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166 The program is for crisis overtime compensation for folks working over a period of overtime.
167 Undersheriff explained the details of the arrangement stating we could pay for maximum bonuses
168 and pay the crisis overtime without a negative budget impact. It would be applied to certain
169 divisions and be contingent upon available funds and budget.

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171 Commissioner Hover thought it was a good idea. The proposal would need to be discussed with
172 the Union as well.

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174 Another piece of the situation, is a recommendation based on Kittitas county’s arrangement for
175 annual leave pay out instead of losing it. Paying it out at the end helps encourage staff not to take
176 their leave at the end of the year which creates staff shortages. He has no computations on this
177 proposed fiscal impact.

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179 Undersheriff Culp said he is also looking at lateral hiring incentives, and accommodation for years
180 of service. Commissioner Hover asked Undersheriff Culp to speak to the Auditor to make sure it
181 is possible. A few other counties are doing this as well.

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183 **Motion Sheriff’s Office Hiring Bonus Programs**

184 Commissioner Branch moved to allow and to go forward with the three items discussed above to
185 bring the items back for commissioners’ future consideration. Motion was seconded, all were in
186 favor, motion carried.

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188 Undersheriff will continue to work on the MOU and resolutions needed for these actions.

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190 **Commissioners to set Wednesday’s Agenda**

191 No Meeting is needed Wednesday.

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193 **Approve Commissioners Proceedings**

194 Commissioner DeTro moved to approve the September 6, 2022 proceedings. Motion was
195 seconded all were in favor, motion carried.

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197 **Approve Consent Agenda**

198 Commissioner DeTro moved to approve the consent agenda items 1-9. Motion was seconded
199 all were in favor, motion carried.

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201 **1. Authorization for File Destruction-Planning Documents**
202 **2. Letter Objection Cannabis Operation Application-Sun Kissed Cannabis-WSLCB**
203 **3. Special Occasion Liquor License-10/29/2022 Methow Arts Alliance Amanda Mott**

- 204 4. Ratify Special Occasion Liquor License Classroom in Bloom 9/11/2022-Kim Bondi
205 5. Appointment Letter Amendment Lodging Tax Advisory Committee-Don Linnertz
206 6. ARPA Funding Reimbursement Request-Economic Alliance EA-2-2022
207 7. Resolution 125-2022 Cancellation of Treasurer's Outstanding Warrants
208 8. Resolution 126-2022 Promotion-Planner Rocky Robins
209 9. Resolution 127-2022 Promotion Planner Pamela Wyllson
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211 **Motion Fair Livestock Auction Agreement**

212 Commissioner Branch moved to ratify the Fair Livestock Auction Agreement between the Fair
213 Youth Foundation. Motion was seconded, all were in favor, motion carried.
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215 **Ratify Fair Vendor Contracts**

216 Commissioner Branch moved to ratify the following list of previously chairman signed Fair vendor
217 agreements: Sparky's, Ali's Hawaiian Shaved Ice, Horticulture Association, The Gideon's,
218 Budrow For Okanogan Sheriff, Tribal Tribal Police, USDA Forest Service, Kelly's Cotton Candy,
219 Sweet Lemon, Okanogan Conservation District, DNR, Family Health Centers, Okanogan County
220 Sheriff, Conservation District, Old Hickory sheds S&H Homes, Bridgeport Seedlings, Frank
221 Rendon, Solutions Pest Control, Smokin Piston's, Valley Tractor
222 Motion was seconded, all were in favor, motion carried.
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224 **Motion Tonasket EMS District**

225 Commissioner Branch moved to adjourn as the BOCC and reconvene as the Tonasket EMS
226 District. Motion was seconded all were in favor, motion carried.
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228 Commissioner Branch moved to approve the Voucher certification and authorize the Tonasket
229 EMS District vouchers to be paid in the amount of \$16,200 to Life Line for August Services. Motion
230 was seconded, all were in favor, motion carried.
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232 **Motion Oroville Rural EMS District**

233 Commissioner Branch moved to adjourn as the Tonasket EMS District and reconvene as the
234 Oroville Rural EMS District. Motion was seconded all were in favor, motion carried.
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236 Commissioner Branch moved to approve the Voucher certification and authorize the Oroville Rural
237 EMS District vouchers to be paid in the amount of \$9,680 for August services. Motion was
238 seconded, all were in favor, motion carried.
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240 Commissioner Branch moved to adjourn as the Oroville Rural EMS District and Reconvene as the
241 BOCC. Motion was seconded all were in favor, motion carried.
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243 **Motion - Voucher Approval - Commissioners**

244 Vouchers certified and audited by the Auditing Officer as required by RCW 42.24.080 and those
245 expense reimbursement claims certified as required by RCW 42.24.090 have been recorded on a
246 list, and made available to the Board. As of this date, the Board did vote, by unanimous vote, to
247 approve the regular vouchers in the amount of \$1,617,523.74. Warrant numbers as cited on the
248 attached blanket voucher list. Motion seconded and carried.
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250 **Motion Methow Valley EMS District**

251 Commissioner Branch moved to adjourn as the BOCC and reconvene as the Methow Valley EMS
252 District. Motion was seconded all were in favor, motion carried.
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254 Commissioner DeTro moved to approve the Voucher certification and authorize the Methow Valley
255 EMS District vouchers to be paid in the amount of \$60,815.16. Motion was seconded, all were in
256 favor, motion carried.

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258 Commissioner Branch moved to adjourn as the Methow Valley EMS District and Reconvene as
259 the BOCC. Motion was seconded all were in favor, motion carried.

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262 The board adjourned at 3:45 p.m.

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