

**Board of Okanogan County Commissioners**  
**Tuesday, April 26<sup>th</sup>, 2022, 1:30 p.m.**

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**Present:**

Chris Branch (CB), BOCC District 1  
Jim Detro (JD), BOCC District 3  
Lanie Johns (LJ), County Clerk

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**Summary of Important Discussions:** *Commissioners Branch and Detro approve two letters to liquor and cannabis board, Branch discusses the Privilege Tax he is to give a report on, reminisces about his work as a planner in Oroville.*

1:39 - *JD arrives. CB says AH is "in negotiations". They approve, in addition to the usual vouchers, two letters to the Washington State Liquor and Cannabis Board, one from Leroy Farm LLC, the second from Pure Extracts LLC. JD: Our illustrious governor declared the word "marijuana" to be racist. CB: I have a hard time seeing the connection. I'd have to read what he said.*

1:43 - *LJ: Item one of the consent agenda is a letter the Board is ratifying regarding Fire District #1 for the district's "fresh truck" surplus application.*

*No meeting planned for Wednesday but CB must give a report which seems to concern a decision about the privilege tax and utilities tax which cities receive from the PUD. This year the county received \$711,000 with Douglas County included. This is down from some \$800,000 last year. The cities receive a share of this tax. The conversation turns to annexations. CB relates his past experience in Oroville as a planner and how because he had notified its irrigation district that some annexations under consideration would raise the taxes they would have to pay, a certain property was never annexed. They talk about "that deal in Oroville" with one of Zosel's properties that would have generated electricity. JD: The biggest reason it didn't go through was because they didn't want a private individual and two farm boys selling electricity." CB: We were in favor. It would have made the mill viable.*

*CB mentions a Wednesday meeting with the Conservation District. LJ adds that in the morning Economic Alliance is meeting, and Community Action will meet as well.*

2:06 - *AH arrives, finds there is not more business, adjourns the meeting.*