

**Board of Okanogan County Commissioners**  
**Tuesday, April 5<sup>th</sup>, 2022, 1:30 p.m.**

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**Present:**

Andy Hover (AH), BOCC District 2  
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:*** *BOCC reviewed changes to be made in Commissioner District map to reflect annexations in incorporated limits of city of Okanogan, decides to check other cities in county for discrepancies; CB asks to amend meeting minutes, appreciates AV Capture enabling to check what has been said; AH concerned about revenue-generating aspect of auction services provided at County Fair, with CB they decide a non-profit should be contracted to provide this service; Northeast Washington Counties (NEWC) to meet Friday.*

- 1:30 - **AH:** Got Commissioner Districts all figured out. One lot wasn't included (*in map*) and another wasn't named. There's no bounding on the south and east sides. The original legal descriptions included all portions (*in Okanogan*) south of Pine and east of 1<sup>st</sup> Ave. **CB:** They annexed something. That's why we're paying attention to those. (One concerns property along the Okanogan River between Hwy. 20 and west to South 1st Avenue.) **AH:** Technically it goes to the middle of the river. **CB:** In annexations I've done we've always followed the banks. (*They discuss how the bank on your right as you go downstream is always called the right bank. CB: Think "right-return".*) **AH:** There's another that had to be checked, a triangular piece that got taken into (JD's) district. There are two pieces that would have been a boundary to that. Northeasterly along the right bank of the Okanogan to the intersection of Iona ST. and 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave. South, west to the northeast corner of lot 1, Mock Tracts... This one's wrong. The legals are okay. (*He leaves to make copies of the new boundaries. LJ mentions that Jamie from the Auditor's office had been invited for a re-districting meeting that got canceled. AH said in the end they didn't have to have a pulic meeting.*)
- 2:12 - **CB:** We didn't change our districts at all... As responsible commissioners I wonder if we should embark on a correction to check each of the areas referenced in each city's incorporated boundaries to make sure they didn't change the district boundary maps. (*He mentions changes from annexations in Oroville and Omak.*) **AH:** When it was done 10 years ago, when there was an annexation, the GIS (*mapping*) didn't change, just the legal description. It doesn't describe it properly. You're right, we need to go back. **CB:** It doesn't

change districts but it changes precincts... (AH wonders where a person would find out which precinct they're in. The Assessor's page of the website?)

*AH asks if they can approve minutes from previous meetings and CB asks to change the part that said the commissioners were asked what happened at the Fair Advisory Committee, because there had been no minutes of that meeting approved. CB: It said I ordered the building based on a plan B. I wanted to add that I just suggested that. I was talking about a plan B in case the agreement with the Tribes was not (inaudible). He's not sure what will be expected in terms of an exchange. (CB says when someone refers to something he's been reported to have said, he checks with the video of the meeting. They talk about the value of the AV Capture system and LJ says she depends more on written words because you can use key words.)*

2:35 - **AH:** The Fair Advisory Committee should propose something as far as auction services. **CB:** The Fair Youth Foundation is a non-profit that provides services to the Fair. You were talking about putting that out for a bid? **AH:** A request for proposals. If they have several in mind, we could hear what they propose and pick one. **CB:** A separate service is offered to kids who have entered the fair, gone through a process. After the evaluations, ribbons etc., there's a service that allows them to sell their animals. **AH:** The county doesn't pay any money... The only thing is, it generates revenue. The auctioneer charges fees. The Fair Youth Foundation from previous times charged fees that they technically put back in. There's more money generated than was given out. You're generating revenue. **CB:** From the service you've provided. **AH:** I'm totally fine not doing it that way. I've always tried to do as was written. *(They agree it would be good to have a lawyer's advice.)*

2:41 - **CB:** It's a service. That's why we're going to do a request for proposals. That's why we have a contract to specify that. If we have a contract with (the Youth Fair Foundation) they run the auction. **AH:** Yes, we could say we need to have a non-profit run the auction. **CB:** If some entity says they want to donate that 3% fee for the auction, all right. **AH:** Let's do it for a 3-year period. **CB:** This last year, one business said it would be willing to pay the fee to an association in behalf of the kids. **AH:** We can't tell them how to operate, just spell out what we need as a service... It has to be a non-profit, otherwise they might *(arbitrarily raise prices.)* **CB:** Another piece to that, in State Fair rules it says part of a fair is to help teach kids how to do business. **AH:** Yes, there will always be costs. Need to tell them it's part of it. I'm totally anti-not having fees. **JD:** Did you see that steer at the Houston Stock Show that a 14 year-old girl sold for a million dollars? **AH:** She must have had the right connections.

2:49 - *JD moves to approve the ordinance amending County Commissioner Districts. Motion carried. He entertains the BOCC with piloting tales, how he managed an emergency landing when this plane lost power. LJ announces a special meeting Friday with NEWC (North Washington Counties: Okanogan, Stevens, Ferry and Pend Oreille.) JD will attend. He initiates a conversation about an elected official in a Superior Court case who has been exonerated by the State Auditor and may sue the prosecutor for damages because he was removed mid-term and his career has been compromised. AH raises the subject of a farmer's personal property right to save a farm or cut it up and sell it.*

3:13 - *Meeting adjourned*