New construction helps Winthrop's bottom line

BY DON NELSON

New construction will benefit the Town of Winthrop's tax base for the 2022 budget year, the Town Council learned at its meeting last week.

The council held public hearings on and adopted routine 1% increases in the town's local property tax levy, and the emergency services levy collected to support Aero Methow Rescue Service. The 1% increase in local property tax levies is the legal limit under state law without a vote by residents.

The town's levy in 2021 was \$200,259, and a 1% increase would add \$2,002. The approved levy for 2022, however, is \$211,704, which is a direct reflection of added property value from new construction, Town Clerk Michelle Gaines explained.

The town's assessed valuation increased from \$115,046,089 in 2020 to \$130,692,098 in 2021.

In other business, the council:

 Reviewed a proposed 2022 budget and set a public hearing for its next meeting, on Dec. 1 at 6 p.m. in the Hen House room at the Winthrop Barn. The hearing can also be attended via the Zoom platform.

• Approved the appointment of Rita Kenny to the Winthrop Planning Commission. It's a return to the planning role for Kenny, who served on the commission in the past. She is the former co-owner of Winthrop Mountain Sports. "We're very excited for her return," Mayor Sally Ranzau said. One opening remains on the Planning Commission. Contact the town at 9962320 if interested.

· Received encouraging updates on other revenue streams for 2021. The town's retail sales and use tax collections through Oct. 31 totaled \$423,483, compared to \$443,519 for all of 2020, so the town in on track to exceed last year's total. Stadium motel/hotel tax collections were at \$131,095 through Oct. 31 compared to \$147,181 for all of 2020; hotel/motel 3% tax collections stood at \$196,608 through Oct. 31 compared to \$220,772 for all of 2020.

NEWS BRIEFS

MEDICARE OPEN ENROLLMENT THROUGH DEC. 7

The Medicare Open Enrollment Period this year is scheduled for Oct. 15 through Dec. 7, and is a time when people can enroll, switch plans, or join a Part D drug plan.

The Statewide Health Insurance Benefits Advisors program is a part of the state Office of the Insurance Commissioner, and can provide one-on-one counseling and support.

For more information, go to www.insurance.wa.gov.

SLASH PILE BURNING

The Washington Department of Natural Resources (DNR) plans to burn slash piles from a 2019 thinning and logging project on Virginia Ridge from now through the end of November, weather permitting. DNR advises that people may see smoke in the area.

COUNTY OFFICES CLOSE EARLY

The Okanogan County Assessor, Auditor and Treasurer offices will close at noon on Wednesday (Nov. 24) in observance of Thanksgiving.

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LEGAL NOTICES PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE **BUDGET SUPPLEMENTAL**

APPROPRIATION NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN by the Board of Okanogan County Commissioners that a Public Hearing is set for 10:35 p.m. on Tuesday, November 29, 2021 and will be held via ZOOM, in the County Commissioners' Hearing Room. Those wishing to attend may do so via the following: Join Zoom Link: https://us02web. zoom.us/j/83440791433 Meeting ID: 834 4079 1433 Or Join by Phone: +1 253 215 8782 Or +1 669 900 9128 Meeting ID: 834 4079 1433. The purpose of the hearing is to receive public comment for or against the consideration of a budget supplemental appropriation within Emergency Services Fund 121 in the amount of \$96,650. The budget supplemental is from HMGP Grant revenue and Emergency Services Public Health revenue and will be used for Small Tools and Professional Services for: General, Incident, and Homeland Security services. The hearing will be held remotely in the County Commissioners' Hearing Room located at 123 5th Avenue North, Okanogan, Washington. Persons wishing to comment may attend the hearing via Zoom to be called on for comment or submit comments in writing to the Commissioners' Office at 123 5th Avenue North, Rm 150, Okanogan, Washington 98840, or by email to

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OVG943137 PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE **BUDGET SUPPLEMENTAL**

APPROPRIATION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN

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by the Board of Okanogan Coun-Commissioners that a Public Hearing is set for 10:30 p.m. on Tuesday, November 29, 2021 and will be held via ZOOM, in the County Commissioners' Hearing Room. Those wishing to attend may do so via the following: Join Zoom Link: https://us02web. zoom.us/j/83440791433 Meeting ID: 834 4079 1433 Or Join by Phone: +1 253 215 8782 Or +1 669 900 9128 Meeting ID: 834 4079 1433. The purpose of the hearing is to receive public comment for or against the consideration of a budget supplemental appropriation within TSC-911 COMMUNI-CATIONS Fund 120 in the amount of \$85,000. The budget supplemental is from Reserved Ending Fund Balance and will be used for Equipment Replacement. The hearing will be held remotely in the County Commissioners' Hearing Room located at 123 5th Avenue North, Okanogan, Washington. Persons wishing to comment may attend the hearing via Zoom to be called on for comment or submit comments in writing to the Commissioners' Office at 123 5th Avenue North, Rm 150, Okanogan, Washington 98840, or by email to ljohns@co.okanogan.wa.us Published in the Methow Val-

ley News November 17, 24, 2021; Okanogan Valley Gazette-Tri-bune November 18, 25, 2021. OVG943135

OKANOGAN COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT a public hearing will be held on December 7, 2021 at 11:00 A.M., in the Okanogan County Commissioners hearing room, located at 123 5th Ave North, Room 150, Okanogan Washington regarding an application for a 50year franchise by Methow Valley Irrigation District, to construct, operate, and maintain an irrigation water line.

Franchise is located within the county right-of-way of the roads listed below all within Okanogan

OCR# 3525 Elmer City Access Road

OCR# 3505 Quail Lane

OCR# 3511 Pine Drive

OCR# 3519 Lone Pine Lane OCR# 3523 Riverview

Drive All within Township 39N, Range

30 EWM, Sections 19&30. Members of the public may

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comment on this proposal. All written comments must be received prior to the start of the public hearing in order to be entered into the record. Testimonies will be heard during the Public Hearing at the above time and location. Please send written comments to Okanogan County Department of Public Works, Jo Ann Stansbury, 1234A 2nd Ave. S., Okanogan WA 98840 or email to jstansbury@ co.okanogan.wa.us.

Dated November 9, 2021 at Okanogan, Washington.

Josh Thomson, P.E. County Engineer

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PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE BUDGET SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN by the Board of Okanogan County Commissioners that a Public Hearing is set for 2:50 p.m. on Tuesday, December 7, 2021 and

will be held via ZOOM, in the County Commissioners' Hearing Room. Those wishing to attend may do so via the following: Join Zoom Link: https://us02web.zoom. us/j/86028975191 Meeting ID: 860 2897 5191 Or Join by Phone: +1 253 215 8782 +1 669 900 9128 +1 346 248 7799 Meeting ID: 860 2897 5191. The purpose of the hearing is to receive public comment for or against the consideration of a budget supplemental appropriation within Current Expense Fairgrounds Fund 001.028 in the amount of \$39,000. The budget supplemental revenue is from Fairgrounds Facility Rentals and will be used for Professional Services, Small Tools, Overtime, and Maintenance Tech. The hearing will be held remotely in the County Commissioners' Hearing Room located at 123 5th Avenue North, Okanogan, Washington. Persons wishing to comment may attend the hearing via Zoom to be called on for comment or submit comments in writing to the Commissioners' Office at 123 5th Avenue North, Rm 150, Okanogan, Washington 98840, or by email to ljohns@

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PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE **BUDGET SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN by the Board of Okanogan County Commissioners that a Public Hearing is set for 2:55 p.m. on Tuesday,

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December 7, 2021 and will be held via ZOOM, in the County Commissioners' Hearing Room. Those wishing to attend may do so via the following: Join Zoom Link: https:// us02web.zoom.us/j/86028975191 Meeting ID: 860 2897 5191 Or Join by Phone: +1 253 215 8782 +1 669 900 9128 +1 346 248 7799 Meeting ID: 860 2897 5191. The purpose of the hearing is to receive public comment for or against the consideration of a budget supplemental appropriation within the Title III Fund 137 in the amount of \$5,202. The budget supplemental is from a Title III Transfer Out line item originally budgeted for Emergency Management and will be used for Fire Wise Program. The hearing will be held remotely in the County Commissioners' Hearing Room located at 123 5th Avenue North, Okanogan, Washington. Persons wishing to comment may attend the hearing via Zoom to be called on for comment or submit comments in writing to the Commissioners' Office at 123 5th Avenue North, Rm 150, Okanogan, Washington 98840, or by email to ljohns@co.okanogan.wa.us

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KAISER SP 2021-15 NOTICE OF APPLICATION AND SEPA EXEMPTION

An application for a short subdivision has been submitted by NCW Land Surveying, LLC, on behalf of Robert Kaiser to divide approximately 5.57 acres into 2 lots. Both proposed lots to be served by on-site septic systems and domestic water from Progressive Flat Water system. The property is identified by parcel # 8873220200 located at 226 Conconully Rd, outside the City of Okanogan, WA

The Okanogan County SEPA Responsible Official issued a final SEPA determination identifying this project is exempt from SEPA review in accordance with WAC 197-11.

The comment period for this project ends December 27, 2021 at 5pm. Comments must be submitted in writing. Direct questions and comments to: Charlene Schumacher, Senior Planner, Okanogan County Office of Planning & Development, 123 5th Ave. N, Suite 130, Okanogan, WA 98840, (509) 422-7113 or by e-mail at cschumacher@co.okanogan.wa.us.

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NOTICE OF FINAL DECISION Project: Boundary Line Adjustment: (parcel 4320020000, 4320010000, 4310210000 4310220002)

Proponent: Anne Roberts Thorpe & Robert Thorpe

Decision: Approved Project: Boundary Line Adjustment: (parcel 4920230000,

4920110000 & 4920100000) Proponent: William Huff & Patricia Kato

Decision: Approved

The Okanogan County Office of Planning and Development made a final decision on the above-noted projects. Within 20 days of publication, parties with standing may appeal these decisions to the Okanogan County Hearing Examiner at 123 5th Ave. N. Suite 130, Okanogan, WA 98840, pursuant to OCC 2.67.010. An appeal must include the \$300.00 appeal fee. Published in the Methow Val-

ley News November 24, 2021; Okanogan Valley Gazette-Tribune November 25, 2021. OVG943630

2022 BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that

the Town Council of the Town of Winthrop, Washington, has prepared the Town Budget for fiscal vear 2022. Public hearing upon said budget will be held on Wednesday, December 1, 2021 at the hour of 6:05 p.m. in the back room (Hen House) of the Winthrop Barn, 51 SR20 and via Zoom meeting #862 5906 3671.

All interested persons may appear and be heard at said time and place. Written comments must be received by the time of hearing in order to be considered. All persons requiring assistance in accessing the Winthrop Barn are requested to contact Town Hall at 996-2320 at least one day prior to the hearing.

Said proposed budget will be on file on November 18, 2021 in the office of the Town Clerk, 206 Riverside Avenue, and may be examined there during regular business hours or can be mailed upon request by calling Town Hall at (509)996-2320

DONE this 21st day of October,

Treasurer

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LEGAL NOTICE NEGOTIATION OF STATE LEASES WITH EXISTING LESSEES BETWEEN **JANUARY AND MARCH 2022**

EXPIRES: APRIL 2022 10-A73522-GRAZING-Gov Lot 4 (SW1/4SW1/4), SE1/4SW1/4, Sec 19; Gov Lot 1 (NW1/4NW1/4), Gov Lot 2 (SW1/4NW1/4) Gov Lot 3 (NW1/4SW1/4), Gov Lot 4 (SW1/4SW1/4), E1/2NW1/4, NE1/4SW1/4, SW1/4NE1/4, NE1/4SW1/4, SW1/4NE1/4, NW1/4SE1/4, Sec 30; Gov Lot 1 (NW1/4NW1/4), Gov Lot 2 (SW1/4NW1/4), SE1/4NW1/4, Sec 31; Gov Lot 3 (NW1/4NW1/4) west of SR448, Sec 32, all in Twp 32N, Rge 22E, W.M.

10-B56719-GRAZING-Gov Lot 2 (SW1/4NW1/4), Sec 18; Gov Lot 2 (SW1/4NW1/4), Gov Lot 3 (NW1/4SW1/4), Gov Lot 4 (SW1/4SW1/4), SW1/4SE1/4, Sec 19, all in Twp 33N, Rge 22E, W.M.

Written request to lease must be received by December 27, 2021, at Department of Natural Resources, 225 S Silke Rd, Colville, Washington 99114-9369. Each request to lease must include the lease number, the name, address and phone number of applicant, and must contain a certified check or money order payable to the Department of Natural Resources for the amount of any bonus bid plus a \$100.00 deposit. The envelope must be marked "Sealed Bid" and give lease number, expiration date of lease applied for and give applicant's name. The applicant must be prepared to purchase improvements that belong to the current lessee. Persons wishing to bid to lease any of these properties can obtain more details, bid packet. and qualification requirements by contacting the Colville office or calling (509) 684-7474. Published in the Methow Valley

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NOTICE OF ADOPTION OF **ORDINANCE NO. 752** (TOWN OF WINTHROP, WASHINGTON)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Town of Winthrop has adopted its Ordinance No. 752, which in summary, determines and fixes the amount of Ad Valorem taxes to be levied for the year 2022

Said ordinance may

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This notice is given by order of

examined at the Winthrop Town Hall during regular business hours or a copy will be mailed upon request

the Town Council and pursuant to R.C.W. 35.27.300.

Dated this 17th day of November, 2021.

Michelle Gaines - Town Clerk Town of Winthrop, Washington

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ORDINANCE NO. 753 (TOWN OF WINTHROP, WASHINGTON) NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that

the Town of Winthrop has adopted its Ordinance No. 753, which in summary, determines and fixes the amount of Emergency Medical Service taxes to be levied for the year 2022.

Said ordinance may be examined at the Winthrop Town Hall during regular business hours or a copy will be mailed upon request. This notice is given by order of

the Town Council and pursuant to R.C.W. 35.27.300. Dated this 17th day of Novem-

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TOWN OF WINTHROP NOTICE TO CONSULTANTS FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES

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The Town of Winthrop Washington solicits interest from consulting firms with expertise in civil and structural design for general engineering services. Engineering services may be used for grant application assistance; public works project design; trail design; biological assessment, environmental review, ESA consultation, and permitting assistance; review of development submittals of water, sewer, storm water, and road designs; structural engineering and assessments; construction inspection; water right examination, or similar engineering services. The Town of Winthrop reserves the right to retain the services of the selected Consultant(s) for subsequent phases of projects undertaken within the above scope

Submittals should include the following information: Firm name, address, phone, and email addresses; Name of Principal-in-Charge and Project Manager; subconsultants (if any); the names and experience of employees that would work on the project, examples of successful projects of similar scope. Submittals will be evaluated and ranked based on the following criteria: 1) Key personnel; 2) Firm experience with PS&E on similar projects; 3) Firm familiarity with the Town of Winthrop and immediate area; 4) Firm experience with environmental planning and permitting process; 5) Ability to meet schedule: 6) Approach to project; 7) Familiarity with relevant codes and standards; 8) Past performance/references; 9) Experience in fulfilling federal and state grant/loan requirements. The Town of Winthrop encourages disadvantaged, minority, and women-owned consultant firms to respond. The Town of Winthrop is an equal opportunity employer.

Please submit three (3) hard copies of your Statement of Qualifications to: Jeffrey Sarvis, Town of Winthrop, P.O. Box 459, 206 Riverside Ave., Winthrop WA 98862 by December 16, 2021, not later than 4:00 PM. No submittals will be accepted after that date and time. Any questions regarding this solicitation should be directed to Jeff Sarvis at 509-341-4130 or Rocklynn Culp at 509-996-2320.

In accordance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, 78 Stat. 252, 42 U.S.C. 2000d to 2000d-4 and Title 49, Code of Federal Regulations, Department of Transportation, Subtitle A, Office of the Secretary, Part 21, Nondiscrimination in Federally-assisted programs of the Department of Transportation issued pursuant to such Act, the Town hereby notifies all bidders that it will affirmatively ensure that in any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, disadvantaged business enterprises as defined at 49 CFR Part 26 will be afforded full opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, national origin, or sex in consideration for an award. Published in the Methow Valley News November 24, 2021









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