

OKANOGAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS'

ORDINANCE 2023-20

AN ORDINANCE revising Okanogan County Code (OCC) Chapter 2.80 County Law and Justice Council, revising sections 2.80.030 Membership, 2.80.040 Duties and 2.80.060 Organization and repealing Section 2.80.050 North Central Washington Law and Justice Council – Membership.

WHEREAS the Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) is in the process of reviewing and updating the Okanogan County Code.

WHEREAS SHB 1201 (1991) revised RCW 72.09.300 to permit a county legislative authority to establish a county law and justice council ("Council");

WHEREAS SSSB 5521(1993) revised RCW 72.09.300 by mandating county legislative authorities to establish a Council and the BOCC adopted Ordinance 93-4 in 1993 to comply with the legislative mandate;

WHEREAS the Council was required by statute to develop a law and justice plan.

WHEREAS the Council developed a law and justice plan which was adopted by the BOCC in 1996 via Resolution 26-96.

WHEREAS in 2007 the Washington Legislature revised RCW 72.09.300 by removing the requirement for the Council to develop a local law and justice plan and replacing the Council's mandated duties with permissive duties (SSB 6157).

WHEREAS Okanogan County is no longer a participating member in North Central Washington Law and Justice Council.

WHEREAS the BOCC after consideration has determined that OCC Chapter 2.80 should be revised to only require the members mandated by statute and that duties of the Council should be modified to be permissive in line with the current version of RCW 72.09.300.

WHEREAS, the Colville Confederated Tribe is a sovereign entity and cannot be mandated by the County to be a member of the Council, but should be given the option to participate should the Council hold any meeting or engage in any of the activities authorized by statute;

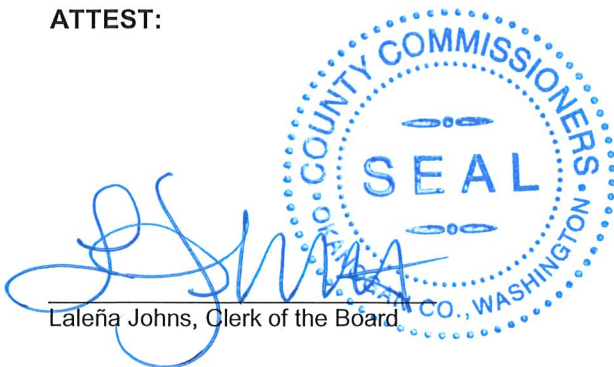
WHEREAS publication of the public hearing notice was placed in the newspaper of record and the BOCC conducted a public hearing on July 10, 2023 to consider whether OCC Chapter 2.80 County Law and Justice Council should be revised as described in Attachment A.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF OKANOGAN COUNTY that the revisions to OCC Chapter 2.80 County Law and Justice Council as described in Attachment A, which is attached hereto and incorporated by reference are hereby adopted; this ordinance takes effect immediately; and the Clerk of the Board is directed to proceed with codification of the revisions described in Attachment A.

DATED this 10th day of July, 2023, at Okanogan, Washington.

ATTEST:


**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OKANOGAN COUNTY, WASHINGTON**



Laleña Johns, Clerk of the Board


Chris Branch, Chairman


Andy Hover, Vice Chairman


Jon Neal, Member

Attachment A
Chapter 2.80
COUNTY LAW AND JUSTICE COUNCIL

Sections:

- 2.80.010 Created.**
- 2.80.020 Purpose.**
- 2.80.030 Membership.**
- 2.80.040 Duties.**
- 2.80.060 Organization.**

2.80.010 Created.

The Okanogan County law and justice council (hereafter, "council") is created pursuant to RCW [72.09.300](#). (Ord. 93-4 § 1, 1993).

2.80.020 Purpose.

The purpose of the council is to provide a forum where the agencies providing justice services in Okanogan County can plan and coordinate activities and resource allocation toward the goals of enhancing local resources, reducing duplication of services, and sharing of resources between the state and local government in Okanogan County. (Ord. 93-4 § 2, 1993).

2.80.030 Membership.

A. The council shall consist of the following designated officials:

1. The County sheriff;
2. A representative of the municipal police departments within the County;
3. The County prosecuting attorney;
4. A representative of the County's superior, juvenile, district and municipal courts;
6. A representative of the city legislative authorities within the county;
9. The administrator of the County jail;
10. The County clerk;
11. The Secretary of the Washington State Department of Corrections or designee;
12. A representative of the municipal prosecutors within the County;
13. The County risk manager;

B. Any designated official may appoint a representative to sit in his or her stead on the council. (Ord. 93-4 § 3, 1993).

C. A representative of the Colville Confederated Tribes and a representative of the Colville Tribal Police shall be invited to participate in any meetings of the Council and may attend and take an active membership role.

2.80.040 Duties.

In addition to the duties described in RCW 72.09.300(3), the council may advise the BOCC and make such recommendations as it deems appropriate on matters relating to law and justice in Okanogan County. (Ord. 93-4 § 4, 1993).

2.80.060 Organization.

The council may organize itself in such manner as it deems appropriate, consistent with RCW [72.09.300](#), including the adoption of rules and bylaws and the formation of subcommittees. (Ord. 93-4 § 6, 1993).