

RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS

OKANOGAN COUNTY

APRIL 14, 2025

9:00 AM	Review Commissioners Agenda, and Consent Agenda
9:05 AM	Briefing Amongst Commissioners and Discuss Individual Weekly Meetings & Schedules
9:15 AM	Public Comment Period
9:30 AM	Discussion Opioid Abatement Council Invoices-Nicole Thompson
To Follow	Commissioner's Staff Meeting
10:30 AM	Discussion-Ringhoffer Lease-OCCDA Julie Hurlbert
11:00 AM	Update Public Works – Josh Thomson
1:30 PM	Discussion Next Steps Opioid Abatement RFP's-Mike Beaver

The Okanogan County Board of Commissioners met for a regular meeting at 123 5th Avenue North, Okanogan, Washington on April 14, 2025 with Chairman, Commissioner Jon Neal; Vice-Chairman, Commissioner Andy Hover; Member, Commissioner Nick Timm; and the Deputy Clerk of the Board, Stacy Nicole McClellan, present.

AV Capture and Zoom provided audio and video accessibility for public interaction. Angie Morgan Chilmonik attended via zoom.

Review Commissioners Agenda, and Consent Agenda

Commissioners reviewed their agenda, and consent agenda.

Briefing Amongst Commissioners and Discuss Individual Weekly Meetings & Schedules

Commissioners briefed, discussed weekly meetings and their schedule amongst themselves.

Public Comment Period

No public comments.

Cancelled Discussion Opioid Abatement Council Invoices-Nicole Thompson

Commissioner's Staff Meeting

Planning Director Pete Palmer, Fairgrounds Manager Nick Bates, Emergency Management Maurice Goodall

Planning Director Palmer mentioned the teams meeting with the LCB is set for this Friday April 18th from 9-10 am and she would like to know which Commissioner will attend. Commissioner Neal said he would attend. Commissioner Hover mentioned getting all the previous objection letter responses and ask how can you get a license if you can't find the address.

48 Planning Director Palmer said she got a response back from the Department of Ecology, this
49 was a joint application with Methow Conservancy on mapping and channel migration zone. It
50 was accepted but the work has recently been paused because of the federal funding.

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52 Planning Director Palmer mentioned Shelia Kennedy with the farm bureau reached out for
53 training. They do have an opportunity in July for \$150K to help with this update, would like to
54 set this up on the Commissioner agenda with the Planning Commission, this would be just
55 like what we did with the shoreline. Commissioner Neal suggested setting up a special
56 meeting.

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58 Planning Director Palmer said she researched some of the BOCC's questions on the LCB
59 state licenses, so they are required to do an annual renewal and the fee is \$1381.00, they are
60 allowed to have 3 processors. She looked into Chelan County and they are running the code
61 just the same as our code.

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63 Fairgrounds Manager Bates he located the water line and he updated the map. He discussed
64 the well issues.

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66 Fairgrounds Manager Bates updated the 2025 waivers. Commissioner Hover mentioned
67 sending them off to Mrs. Milner to see about adding RCWs to the waiver.

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69 Commissioner Hover and Fairgrounds Manager Bates discussed the parking issues at the
70 fair.

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72 Emergency Management Goodall handed the BOCC a binder/copy on the Community Wildfire
73 Protection Plan, he said to reach out to Conservation District to get a copy.

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75 Emergency Management Goodall mentioned assisting with the Sheriff's department with a
76 search and rescue, had great success with using the drone.

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78 Emergency Management Goodall discussed his thoughts for the emergency button on the
79 computer. Commissioner Hover asked for clarification on this. Emergency Management
80 Goodall responded it has good points to it, the system could specify a specific emergency.

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82 Superior Court Administrator Yadi Godina handed the BOCC an updated job description,
83 budget supplement and adjustments. The BOCC reviewed and Commissioner Hover asked
84 Clerk of the Board Johns about the ending fund balance and a public hearing.

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86 Chief Special Operations Mike Worden emailed his update, the Morgue Update:

- 87 ○ Footings have been poured; forms now being removed.
- 88 ○ Building frame materials have been delivered.
- 89 ○ Excavation for in-ground plumbing to be installed before a floor slab pour.
- 90 ○ Project at about 18% complete.
- 91 ○ Pay application #5 is currently in payment process
 - 92 ▪ \$846,746 spent, Balance remaining \$3,222,548

94 **Discussion-Ringhoffer Lease-OCCDA Julie Hurlbert**

95 Jodi Decesari Executive Director of OCCDA and Julie Hurlbert Director of Administration.

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97 Executive Director Decesari discussed the lease expires in August for the OCCDA. They
98 have looked at several buildings in Okanogan for OCCDA and nothing has worked out for the
99 square footage space to accommodate the children's need. They don't want to see this
100 program go away in Okanogan, would like to come up with a plan to accommodate everyone.
101 Commissioner Hover explained the rules of the bond and making sure they will be ok with all
102 the particulars with defendants. Ms. Decesari explained it should be fine other counties have
103 childcare centers near or around county courthouses. Commissioner Hover said as long as
104 it is ok, but would like them to just keep looking for another space just in case. HR Manager
105 Keitzman responded right now defendants are having to meet their attorneys off site and this
106 isn't an ideal situation. Commissioner Hover said let's look into things and he mentioned the
107 importance of child care centers.

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109 **Executive Session RCW 42.30.140.1(4)(b) Union Negotiations Strategy**

110 Commissioner Hover moved to go into executive session at 10:44 a.m. until 10:50 a.m. RCW
111 42.30.140.1(4)(b) to discuss contract union negotiations strategy. Motion was seconded, all
112 were in favor. Motion carried.

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114 Commissioner Timm discussed amongst the Commissioners about his meeting to get an
115 animal shelter for the Okanogan County area.

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117 Mrs. Milner attended via zoom.

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119 **Update Public Works – Josh Thomson**

120 Public Works Engineer Thomson updated the BOCC on the maintenance and road conditions
121 with some problem areas, but nothing major.

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123 Public Health Administrator Lauri Jones updated the BOCC in regards to the relationship they
124 currently have with Public Works as tenants in their building. They would like to work on a
125 longer-term lease agreement and have come up with a proposal for the BOCC to review.
126 Commissioner Hover asked how long of a lease are they looking for and what is the current
127 term. Mrs. Jones responded in the past it would be a five-year lease, but would like it to be
128 longer than that. She mentioned in the proposal using some of the back-office space, asked
129 where they could set up the water log. The BOCC said they will talk with MJ Neal on the
130 proposal and make things work.

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132 Pat Byrd who lives off of green lake road, she discussed an incident with teenage kids getting
133 stuck on green lake road near brown lake because of the flooding on the road and would like
134 to suggest metal snow gates to close that road off, but it could present a liability to the county.
135 Public Works Engineer Thomson responded the expense and the work it would take to put in
136 a metal snow gate. Commissioner Hover asked about signage to put up for water over the
137 road way.

139 Public Works Engineer Thomson discussed in detail what is on the Consent Agenda an award
140 purchase of a pickup, the Solid Waste cash funds resolution and the report of Twin Lakes Rd
141 speed limit change.

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143 Public Works Engineer Thomson and the BOCC discussed the Jake-brake issue and possibly
144 put up signage on the road.

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146 The BOCC recessed at 11:50 am until 1:30 pm
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148 Discussion Next Steps Opioid Abatement RFP's-Mike Beaver

149 Mike Beaver Juvenile Court Administrator updated the next steps for the opioid abatement
150 RFP's. He had given a list of all the RFP candidates, and a list of potential conflicts to the
151 BOCC. He would like guidance on the RFP's scoring looking to have 5 people and also would
152 it be all three or just one commissioner? Commissioner Neal said it would be just one for the
153 committee and all three of them for the final decision. Commissioner Hover asked how many
154 people are on the scoring committee. Mr. Beaver said 12 with no conflicts. Commissioner
155 Hover asked about getting the committee together to do a Q&A process and look at the
156 scoring sheet, he suggested April 25, 2025 and two weeks to score. He mentioned discussing
157 with Nicole Thompson about the Opioid invoices. Mr. Beaver said allocation will be the end
158 of May.

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160 Luis with MJ Neal attended via zoom to discuss the proposal with Okanogan County Public
161 Health. Commissioner Hover said we are ready to move forward with Public Health,
162 wondering if MJ Neal could update the drawings and paperwork. Commissioner Neal said
163 everything looks good with the County and Public Health. Luis had concerns about a
164 temporary lab. Commissioner Hover said yes that was discussed earlier today and ready to
165 move forward, also if they could get things separated for billing purposes.

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167 Commissioner Neal mentioned the Sheriff/Corner building and inspections seem to be moving
168 along.

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170 The board adjourned at 2:10 p.m.
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