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**RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS**

**OKANOGAN COUNTY**

**AUGUST 13, 2018**

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8 9:00 AM Review Commissioners' Agenda and Consent Agenda  
9 9:30 AM Briefing Among Commissioners' – Discuss Individual Weekly Meetings & Schedule  
10 1:30 PM Update – Planning – Perry Huston  
11 *Planning Department Study Session*  
12 *Planning Department. Administrative Session*  
13 4:30 PM Review Meeting Minutes

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15 The Okanogan County Board of Commissioners' met for its regular session on August  
16 13, 2018, with Chairman Commissioner Jim DeTro, Commissioner Andy Hover and  
17 Laleña Johns, Clerk of the Board, present.

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19 Commissioners' convened at 1:20 p.m. due to no quorum this morning Commissioner  
20 Chris Branch Vice-Chairman was absent attending to personal time. Commissioner  
21 Hover was absent until 1:20 p.m. due to attending this morning's fire brief regarding  
22 fires burning in his district. No meetings were held this morning.

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24 Arrived at 1:20 p.m. Gina McCoy member of the public took notes on her computer.

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26 **~~Review Commissioners' Agenda and Consent Agenda~~**

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28 **Briefing Among Commissioners'–Discuss Individual Weekly Meetings & Schedule**

29 Commissioner DeTro discussed the EMS Medicaid reimbursement issue that Life Line  
30 Wayne Walker and Chief Communications Deputy Mike Worden has been relaying to  
31 concerns about. The reimbursement amount no longer covers the costs. Commissioner  
32 DeTro said he discussed the issue over the weekend with Senator Shelly Short, Rep.  
33 Joel Kretz, Rep. Jacquelyn Maycumber and Congressman Dan Newhouse and they  
34 said they would bring it to the forefront at Legislative meetings this next session. There  
35 will likely be some further discussions with commissioners' and legislators prior to LSC.

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37 **Update – Planning – Perry Huston**

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39 *Planning Department. Study Session*

40 1) Wolf Management

41 Director Huston updated the board on Wolf protocol to be agreed upon by the assorted  
42 agencies. 1) Response protocols public safety 1<sup>st</sup>. The Director explained a meeting in  
43 September would be used to iron out protocols. If any written protocols exist, then those  
44 would be brought forward too. Once hammered out the protocol work material will build  
45 the foundation of what happens next. 2) Training. 3) Public outreach/training.

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47 Also, the kernel of the discussion would be what exactly a rendezvous site is and what  
48 the best course of action is when a person comes across one. We need a Wolf specific

49 code of the west that can actually be disseminated as a kind of public service.

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51 Director Huston stated written material would be drafted for the September 10 meeting.  
52 WDFW Director and Enforcement should be here, suggested Commissioners' Hover.

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54 Commissioner DeTro stated he conversed with Stevens County Commissioner McCart  
55 about Denali National Park, which has a healthy controlled wolf population. There is  
56 twice the amount of land in the Denali Park than what we have here yet we have twice  
57 as many wolves. Not to mention how many more wolves that is not being named  
58 officially. Mr. McCart was furious about that. Commissioner Hover stated a comment he  
59 heard that there was a range of expected population and the assumption was when it  
60 reached a certain number of animals it was assumed recovery based on those  
61 numbers. Commissioner DeTro stated that is the problem and is fatally flawed and used  
62 as propaganda garbage. Commissioner McCart and Commissioner DeTro both agreed  
63 they have constituents that are no longer afraid to shoot a wolf. They are treated as  
64 holier than though status, and it becomes a trust issue, stated Commissioner Hover.  
65 Cougars don't reproduce as rapidly, not protected, and people don't fear them as much.  
66 If a cougar had treed the woman it would be a different discussion. Commissioner  
67 DeTro discussed the depredation process and what a producer has to do to be  
68 reimbursed. The other side has their injunctions waiting on the sidelines whenever a  
69 depredation claim is filed, they file the injunction the minute the depredation paperwork  
70 is submitted.

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72 Should other counties be invited to the September 10<sup>th</sup> meeting? Commissioner Hover  
73 would like to inform them of what we are doing. It will go out informally as an invitation  
74 to listen. Director Huston will make that outreach.

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76 2) Well Tracking System

77 Director Huston discussed well tracking systems. Vanessa and John Kirk regarding the  
78 well tracking data. They and he are on a different place in the book in terms of what is to  
79 be achieved. What does the board see as conflicts? The scope of work is ambitious and  
80 whether there is money enough to cover all the work. He suggested reconciliation of the  
81 well logs with the parcel overlay. Parcel overlay would assess current future uses  
82 parcels/no well. Commissioner Hover stated that there was \$300 million dollars in  
83 HB6091 to purchase water rights for water banking. With the OTED presentation, we  
84 are so far along that we would be high on the list and we need to get the application in  
85 for the money and we need to get that info. Be sure to get it in talk with Sage Parker  
86 about the application. Director Huston stated he was going to look into the water  
87 banking details and discuss that next week. Commissioner Hover said WRIA 49 would  
88 go way better and if the water is available and can be purchased with money to use to  
89 enhance watersheds. Double check on if it was offered to the county. Ms. McCoy was  
90 there and she yes that was what she heard. Director Huston will follow up with that.  
91 Commissioner DeTro agrees to include that as part of our mitigation program. Net

92 ecological benefit and we will need a water right, stated Director Huston.

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94 Water and Conservancy Board has approached Director informally about conducting  
95 the SEPA/NEPA review on the proposal. It will be an interesting discussion.  
96 Commissioner Hover stated he personally has seen a water right go from start to finish  
97 until it was adjudicated. When they were claiming water they claimed as much as  
98 possible.

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100 Commissioner Hover continued discussing strategies and points on water usage and  
101 banking. They discussed the assessors overlay.

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103 Is Director Huston looking at steep slopes egress ingress? He stated all commenting  
104 agencies weigh in and they do look, but it is codified. DOE has weighed in on on-site  
105 septic. Was beefed up from what was done in past specifically against the findings to be  
106 arrived at will be a more robust decision. It is more than just a checklist.

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108 3) WRIA 49

109 The letters are out. Director Huston is uncertain exactly what the funds can be used for.  
110 He will figure out what he can do with it in terms of plans revision. Tied to that are the  
111 applications noted on the status report. (attached) He explained he isn't sure what will  
112 be spent in this year versus what will be spent in 2019 so the budget isn't exactly clear.  
113 He thought the first six months would be more vigorous. He only wished to build into the  
114 budget what is necessary.

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116 4) Comprehensive Plan Review

117 August 21 at 3:00 pm is the set time to tear into the comp plan again. Director Huston  
118 explained the main topics and sections to be discussed. He explained a conversation  
119 he had with Mr. Jordon. He isn't sure how to characterize the conversation. There was  
120 some notion it didn't say what it was supposed to say in terms of conditional use permits  
121 and what is permitted or not. If it doesn't specifically say it the activity is permitted then it  
122 must be conditioned. All our shoreline development is single family residences and  
123 would be exempt anyways. It could come into play for a facility and he would say it is  
124 permitted but DOE may not.

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126 Gary Graff ordinary high water mark issue DOE essentially overriding someone else's  
127 decision, and that is a problem. He is not issuing any permits until prepared and know  
128 they proponent has gone through all other agencies involved. Now, they must prove  
129 they have taken it around as it creates a problem when the county has issued a permit  
130 without all the sign off. DOE was on board with that and training may ensue on how to  
131 determine the high water mark.

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136 *Planning Department. Administrative Session*

137 1) Business Licenses

138 Nothing new to report. Director Huston explained some inconsistencies in the code. The  
139 OCC 5 section should be gone through as there are some inconsistencies in terms of  
140 issuing licenses. This is on RCW 36.71.070.

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142 2) CXT Toilets

143 NEPA will need to be done on our portion and FS will do it on the one they have.  
144 Director Huston will monitor the situation but he really doesn't know. Commissioner  
145 Hover doesn't want him to spend all his time doing NEPA on a toilet. The trail system is  
146 a good thing, but he is getting sucked into this grant thing. A NEPA contractor is out  
147 there and they can find one. Director Huston hears everything and is something that  
148 typically gets addressed at application time not this far after. It makes more sense if the  
149 Forest Service does one they do both. The director will report back. The county  
150 supports the trail system in many ways, but this was not anticipated.

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152 3) Title Insurance

153 Director Huston sent an email to Mr. DeSalvo after speaking with Tanya Craig. This is  
154 regarding the trail head and the portion the county owns. Title Insurance conveyance  
155 may be difficult since this didn't happen earlier. Title insurance covers very little. Title  
156 insurance is a requirement, however.

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158 Director Huston explained the resolution for tomorrow's surplus hearing will be drafted  
159 by him since there isn't anything in RCW that addresses the particular situation.

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162 The board adjourned at 3:30 p.m. as there was no more business to attend to.

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