

1 **RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS**

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3 **OKANOGAN COUNTY**

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5 **FEBRUARY 5, 2018**

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7 9:00 AM	Review Commissioners Agenda & Consent Agenda
8 9:30 AM	Briefing Among Commissioners – Discuss Individual Weekly Meetings & Schedule
9 1:30 PM	Public Hearing – Proposed Closure of WATV Roads – Public Works / Planning
10	To Follow – Update Planning – Perry Huston
11 4:30 PM	Review Meeting Minutes

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13 The Okanogan County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on February 5,
14 2018, with Commissioner Chris Branch, Commissioner Andy Hover, and Laleña Johns,
15 Clerk of the Board, present.

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17 Chairman, Commissioner Jim DeTro, was absent due to personal reasons.

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19 Commissioners convened the board at 9:00 a.m.

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21 **Review Commissioners Agenda & Consent Agenda**

22 Commissioners reviewed the consent agenda items. Lobbyist Zach Kennedy provided
23 the week 4 report via email for commissioners review. (attached)

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25 **Briefing Among Commissioners–Discuss Individual Weekly Meetings & Schedule**

26 Commissioners discussed their individual appointments and meetings scheduled this
27 week. Commissioner Hover will attend the Forest Collaborative meeting in Wenatchee
28 tomorrow morning but will return in time for the DOE meeting. There will be no quorum
29 between 9 am and 2:00 pm.

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31 Commissioners discussed how to address the security of the courthouse entrances and
32 the need to provide one entrance that is more easily monitored.

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34 **Public Hearing – Proposed Closure of WATV Roads – Public Works / Planning**

35 Public Works Engineer Josh Thomson, Planning Director Perry Huston

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37 Members of the public taking notes: Lorah Super, Emily Sisson

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39 Commissioner Branch, vice-chairman, opened the hearing up to staff testimony. He
40 stated the board would hear testimony on the closure of certain roads to WATV use.
41 The roads to be considered are:

42 Road 3817 Knox Road from milepost 0.000 – 1.590

43 Road 3819 Knox Road Extension from milepost 0.000 – 1.029
44 Road 3822 Ed Figlenski Road from milepost 0.000 – 1.827
45 Road 3833 J H Green Road from milepost 0.000 – 6.985
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47 Director Huston reiterated the purpose of the hearing was to remove four roads as
48 listed.

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50 Jim Soriano testified, he is an adjacent landowner to the roads proposed for closure of
51 the WATV use. Much of the property along the roads are not fenced and with the
52 amount of trespass they found not much damage to the area, but he feels less traffic is
53 more in this case. The JH Green road is a one lane road with many curves and is used
54 to move hay equipment and cattle and with the type of corners it is difficult to see
55 around them to any oncoming traffic. He wishes to reduce that kind of issue.
56 He thanked the board for their consideration in closing the roads to WATV use.

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58 Lorah Super Program Director Methow Citizens Council. She read from her comment.
59 (attached)

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61 Isabelle Spohn testified that she is in favor of removing the roads to WATV use. The
62 Sharp Tailed Grouse live there and are sensitive species.

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64 Emily Sisson Winthrop agrees with Ms. Spohn and thanked the board for the holding
65 the hearing.

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67 Commissioner Branch closed public testimony and opened up to commissioners'
68 discussion.

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70 Commissioner Hover explained the process used to address these roads and after
71 hearing all comments about the lack of connectivity to other uses, habitat issues,
72 signage, it is in the best interest of the public to remove the roads from the WATV road
73 list. Commissioner Branch stated he did go on site to the four roads. He was not looking
74 at the risk of leaving it open to WATV he was looking at the roads to acknowledge the
75 issues he heard. He has lived here in Okanogan County for many years and he hasn't
76 known of many roads being used up there other than by residents. Commissioner Hover
77 reminded everyone that JH Green road will remain open to ORV.

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79 Mr. Soriano said he would like to keep that fact quiet as he wants to keep GH Green
80 road to a minimum of public use.

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83 **Motion Ordinance 2018-1 Closing Certain Roads to WATV Use**

84 Commissioner Hover moved to approve ordinance 2018-1 which authorizes the closure
85 of certain roads to WATV use, adoption of the findings of fact and conclusions of law.
86 Motion was seconded, all were in favor, motion carried.

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88 **To Follow – Update Planning – Perry Huston**

89 Angie Hubbard

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91 *OCC 20*

92 Director Huston discussed the status of the OCC 20 review. The vehicle was to add
93 language to permit exempt wells under 20, but now we are operating under that
94 procedure. The notification system made through the course of the land use permitting
95 now required a public hearing. He further discussed certificate of water availability with
96 a 5-year shelf life. He is uncomfortable with this now and doesn't think this is what the
97 law intended. In the provisions, the water availability certificate is tied to either building
98 permit or subdivisions.

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100 An ordinance has been drafted to repeal OCC 20 in its entirety and adopts Title 20A on
101 an interim basis so we have procedures to follow. He believes it should be routed
102 through the Planning Commission. The County Commissioners would then hold a public
103 hearing. If OCC 20 is not pulled out we have to run people through the notification
104 process which may not be relevant. If the board feels those notifications and the extra
105 processes provides a benefit to the public then perhaps leave it. We also have a
106 stipulated agreement with Yakama Tribe.

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108 Director Huston has started drafting OCC 14 regarding water. Attorney David Gecas will
109 review. It could be routed through the Planning Commission along with OCC 20A.

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111 Commissioner Hover explained the definitions of the terms will be important.
112 Commissioner Hover asked Ms. Super about her interpretation of the notification
113 system. She has a problem if nearby senior water right holders don't get the notices.

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115 The watershed plan in WRIA 49 will need to be revisited. A list of items to address was
116 discussed. The legislation assumes the old planning units are active, but in the case in
117 the Methow it morphed into the Watershed Council.

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119 Ms. Super was happy to bring it up to the Watershed Council about the old planning
120 units that are assumed to be active.

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123 *Staff Direction*

124 Repeal 20 and adopt 20A after Planning Commission meets on it.

125 OCC 14 Draft Proposal on water-wait on this one till after Ecology meeting tomorrow.

126 Send out to a list of interested parties, he will begin to organize the list.

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128 A budget is being put together on what is believed to be needed to watershed plan
129 revisions, creating internal budget for staffing levels in terms of updating the water right
130 well logs or suggest bringing in a consultant. It will need to be compatible with our
131 current systems. Hiring someone with the specific expertise of the different data bases
132 and how to apply them would be desirable.

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134 Director Huston will begin salting around the notation the county will be making some
135 changes and what those proposed changes might be.

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137 Commissioner Hover thought the Watershed Council might wish to meet with the
138 commissioners.

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140 Director Huston would like to ensure the district zone maps are accurate. The work of
141 the zone code will focus on that map. If the comp plan is adopted the work of the zone
142 code may not be as intense. Commissioner Branch said that the comp plan map has
143 generalities and does not identify specifically those rules to be considered in the specific
144 districts. Director Huston would like the comp plan nailed down and the zone code to
145 follow. DS will be done to initiate scoping.

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147 The Board will conduct a public hearing on February 26, 2018 to consider the repeal of
148 Okanogan County Code (OCC) Title 20 and the adoption of Interim OCC 20A both
149 regarding development permit administration and procedures. The proposals are under
150 review in response to the adoption of ESSB 6091 on January 19, 2018 by the
151 Washington State Legislature. The objective of these proposed actions is to bring
152 Okanogan County Code into compliance with the adopted legislation. If adopted on an
153 interim basis OCC 20A will be transmitted to the Okanogan County Regional Planning
154 Commission for additional public review

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156 Commissioner Branch discussed his desire to wait to sign the letter regarding the Mt.
157 Hull restoration project as there are several forest collaborative meetings scheduled that
158 may suggest treatments. The issue is stated well in the draft letter but he would like to
159 look at it more closely. One issue that was brought up is the closer you are to the stump
160 the more money you make. He explained what improvements are being made and what
161 things should be looked at and discussed.

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163 The Great Basin Ecosystem Strategy was provided which indicates BLM initiation of two
164 programmatic efforts to improve the ecosystem for sagebrush steppe. It is a scoping
165 document.

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167 A draft summary was provided to the board of the Department Head work plan
168 discussion that happened last week. (attached)

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170 Commissioners would like to review the lease agreements between Public
171 Works/Noxious Weed/WSU Office prior to those being put into place.

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173 Fairgrounds budget in terms of staff impacts etc.... what did the commissioners have in
174 mind now that the resolution placing the fairgrounds under current expense.
175 Commissioner Hover would like to look at the budget via projector, then reallocate funds
176 based on new positions, removal of other positions, look at things that were stripped but
177 should provide adequately for grounds. What level of service does the board wish to
178 provide at the fairgrounds. This will be a learning year. Director Huston will put together
179 the pieces so we can learn what is needed.

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181 Director Huston will attend the next Oroville City Council meeting to introduce the
182 discussion about Oroville Rural Levy that will need to be placed on the ballot. Director
183 Huston will explain and introduce them to the conversations the commissioners are
184 having about putting it on the ballot. How would they like to participate then build the
185 meeting? Commissioner Branch asked what Life Line charges above and beyond what
186 they are receiving from the county under the agreement. Life Line is supported by
187 billings. If the county was running the ambulance services the county would still need to
188 bill for the service as the levy collected doesn't cover the cost to provide the service.
189 The standard is being followed.

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191 **Motion Tonasket EMS District**
192 Commissioner Hover moved to adjourn as the BOCC and reconvene as the Tonasket
193 EMS District. Motion was seconded, all were in favor, motion carried.

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195 **Motion Executive Session RCW 42.30.100 (1)(g)**
196 Commissioner Hover moved to go into executive session at 4:06 p.m. for 10 minutes
197 inviting Director Huston to discuss the performance of a public employee. Motion was
198 seconded, all were in favor, motion carried.

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200 Commissioners exited executive session at 4:16 p.m. no decisions were made.

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Motion Authorize the Chairman Tonasket EMS Participation Certificate

Commissioner Hover moved to authorize Commissioner DeTro to sign the certification of participation certificate for Tonasket EMS District regarding several previous EMS employees. Motion was seconded all were in favor, motion carried. Due to the sensitive nature of the document having non-disclosable employment information on it the Planning Office will keep the form in the Tonasket EMS personnel file for safe keeping.

Motion Adjourn as Tonasket EMS Convene as BOCC

Commissioner Hover moved to adjourn as the Tonasket EMS District and convene as BOCC. Motion was seconded all were in favor, motion carried.

The Clerk of the Board clarified that both Director Huston and Commissioner Hover will attend a meeting with the Well Drillers that respond to the county's request for quotes for well repair services.

Review Meeting Minutes

Commissioners reviewed their meeting minutes.

Motion January 23, 2018 Amendment

Commissioner Hover moved to amend the January 23, 2018 meeting minutes to note the request made by Ms. Craig to go into executive session was out of sequence. And, strike the line "~~Ms. Craig did not provide the Clerk of the Board with the relevant info by did provide to the board. Commissioner Branch provided the Clerk with his copy.~~" And replace it with, "The relevant information was provided during a previous meeting." Motion was seconded all were in favor, motion carried.

The board adjourned at 5:00 p.m.