

46 **Briefing Among Commissioners' – Discuss Individual Weekly Meetings & Schedule**
47 Commissioners' discussed the various meetings they individually attended and what
48 those meetings consisted of.

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50 **Motion Resolution 59-2018 Rescinding Res. 46-2018**

51 Commissioner Hover moved to approve resolution 59-2018 rescinding resolution 46-
52 2018 which ordered the Okanogan River closed and ordered no wake upon Lake
53 Osoyoos. Motion was seconded, all were in favor, motion carried.

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55 **Discussion – BPA Projects – Roy Beaty and Joe Connor**

56 Mr. Beaty explained his role with the department. He has previously met with the board
57 of commissioners' on various BPA projects. Mr. Connor was introduced as he is the
58 Habitat Area Lead for the Upper Columbia. Mr. Beaty provided a project list of BPA's
59 which he will discuss generally but he said he only has limited answers.

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61 Bonneville is not the only entity funding projects. He provided a list of other agencies
62 that support the program of fish and wildlife. He also provided BPA's mitigation program
63 and described those acts.

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65 All funding for the listed projects is coming from rate payers.

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67 Commissioner Hover asked what tax classification is the property to be purchased at, it
68 was not known.

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70 Mr. Beaty explained habitat restorations in the region of the Columbia Basin Fish and
71 Wildlife program.

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73 Commissioner Hover asked about taking properties off the tax rolls. Mr. Beaty replied
74 that the state law changed a bit to allow some to be removed. Commissioner Hover
75 asked if BPA funds can pay property taxes. Mr. Beatty replied no they cannot. When
76 purchases take property off the tax role we are increasing property tax rates to the rest
77 of the tax payers within the area. If there was money allowed within the purchase
78 agreement where the county is able to collect the tax revenue as things ramp down to
79 reduce the "hit" to the tax payer, and then these would be more palatable. And, make
80 sure you do well for the environment but also consider off setting those tax impacts.

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82 Mr. Beaty stated he spent some time with Assessor Furman a couple years ago to
83 better understand the impacts. Commissioner Hover said it would be good to
84 understand the economics too of the property such as how much economic influx
85 comes into an area. Mr. Beaty said that would be difficult on a restoration project.

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87 Commissioner Hover discussed prioritization of the projects and it is looked at strictly by
88 a biological perspective. Mr. Conner replied yes, in essence it is. There are some other
89 things considered and they will look at other projects that can benefit as well.

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91 Mr. Beaty said BPA did try to figure out ways to work with engineers and leadership on
92 possible ways to fund contingencies/mitigations. The road block involved how to define
93 who pays into it, who is to govern it, and how to disburse the funds and Mr. Beaty said
94 those things could not be figured out by his office.

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96 Commissioner Branch said he would like to be more involved with the discussions
97 where concerns of BPA are discussed so the county is engaged in the process rather
98 than it being us and them. Education is a big thing too and when everyone involved has
99 a good understanding of the project then there is less opportunity for conflict and be
100 partners rather than enemies. Develop a repertoire with the people on the process. Mr.
101 Beaty said there are other avenues on the BPA website where concerns can be
102 submitted.

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104 Mr. Connor stated he will be replacing Mr. Beaty when he retires in the next few weeks.

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106 **Update – Planning – Perry Huston**
107 Char Schumacher, Angie Hubbard, Dan Higbee, Craig Nelson, Conservation Dist.

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109 Kit Arbuckle, Nancy Soriano are present and filming the meeting.
110 *Planning Department. Study Session*

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112 *a. OCC 17A.400*
113 The commissioners' wished to review the draft of OCC 17A.400 in light of some of the
114 legal arguments made by FutureWise. David Gecas was present to help with the
115 discussion. The comments center on the authority we site in the ordinance. The
116 FutureWise Letter was presented via projector. The commissioners' reviewed the draft
117 language and discussed the changes made there.

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119 The commissioners' discussed additional changes suggested by FutureWise. Mr.
120 Gecas explained his position and interpretation of study areas. He referred to the
121 language regarding WRIA 49. He feels they are alone in some of their interpretation of
122 ESSB 6091. The point was to create a water availability study area and a mechanism.

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124 Commissioner Hover would like, Attorney Mark, to look into OCC 17A.400 water overlay
125 section F 2-year review, because of concern there is no trigger point for continuation, if
126 there was that would satisfy him. Create a balanced document.

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128 Additional review was requested by the commissioners'.

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130 *b. WRIA 49*
131 Director Huston provided WRIA 49 update. It appears Planning staff will need to be
132 registered, assuming the county assumes the role of lead entity. Commissioner Hover
133 asked if initiating governments come to a consensus as to who the lead entity is.
134 Director Huston stated that a letter be drafted regarding to DOE in terms of them being
135 comfortable with the county being lead entity and planning unit membership to see
136 about the appointment process.

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138 Craig Nelson explained he understands the question to the DOE in terms of lead entity
139 and planning unit membership. The commissioners' really want to get this going. A list
140 of those interested and a list positions to be filled would be helpful. He showed the
141 positions that were added after the last work session with the board. Director Huston
142 asked about land owners at large, senior water right holder, is there a desire that the
143 land owner is also a water right holder? How big of a group does the board want, but
144 keep in mind sooner or later there may be so many on the committee that the work gets
145 lost.

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147 If the board is comfortable with the process great if not the board should discuss the
148 membership and appointment process. Vetting process should also be discussed. Mr.
149 Nelson provided some suggestions. Director Huston will send the letter of coordination
150 under his signature. He will sit down with Mr. Nelson and go over the mechanics. He is
151 also waiting for the initiating government's responses.

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153 Director explained the grant timeline and what is needed yet for the scope of work and
154 deliverables. He will create what we want to do with it and send that along to DOE and
155 commissioners'. Should be able to come up with a contract for access to the Eagles
156 System. A temp Planner I would be hired to accomplish the work in 13 months. The
157 grant would cover those costs. There isn't much money for studies though. Ecology had
158 done outreach to the tribes in the state to ask them for a list of WRIA's they might be
159 interested in including. Outstanding issues were discussed such as who should invite
160 recognized tribes to the table and DOE has taken responsibility for that outreach to
161 those interested in the WRIAs. Mr. Nelson explained that the guidance document draft
162 won't be finalized until the end of year. The one that comes out this week is a draft as
163 they are still working on a final. The WRIAs under 2019 deadline are looking for the
164 meaning of the mitigations and the draft guidelines are supposed to be close to what will
165 be finalized.

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167 *c. Exempt well tracking program*
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169 *d. Comprehensive Plan*
170 Plan priorities were discussed. Commissioners' would like a list of things being worked
171 on and its status i.e. airport overlays, critical areas, 17A.290 before Planning
172 Commission, WATV cropping up.

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174 *Administrative Officer Study Session*
175 *e. WATV Routes*
176 Director Huston discussed the WATV proposal the board is working on has need of a
177 date for further discussion or open house to engage more people.

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179 The outreach for the agencies that has been done gave a date of either the June 25th at
180 1:30 during Planning Update time or June 26th at 11:00 a.m. during Public Works time.
181 But Mr. Brown is the only confirmation and he has confirmed June 26th.

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183 The board heard that the Omak Chronicle published a map for the public and it
184 contained incorrect roads and the board is trying to stymie that.

185 Director Huston will tract down whether something was published or not and do that
186 research It would seem that anything published should be researched. Jim Brown email
187 chain that was sent to Commissioners' spoke to an awareness there may be miss
188 information. The commissioners' directed Director Huston to find out. Once he finds out
189 an email should go to Teresa Myers with the Chronicle to request retraction of the
190 information. Engineer Thomson explained in the past the Chronicle has worked with him
191 to ensure the information is accurate prior to publishing.

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193 Engineer Thomson explained the work to be completed was the critical areas work and
194 how to show those areas on the map. The county is also required to have a list of roads
195 open to WATV use on the Public Works website and the engineer double checked
196 those lists to ensure accuracy.

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198 Commissioner Hover suggested the Planning Department create an overlay showing
199 the layer with the open roads as color hatched to show clearly where the critical areas
200 are. Commissioners' discussed signage and how many signs should be placed in the
201 critical area areas. Commissioner Branch explained his position; it is illegal to drive an
202 ATV off the road, the map may only serve a function under certain circumstances.

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204 Director Huston will work with the Clerk of the Board to schedule a public hearing.

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206 He stated he could lay the critical areas map over the WATV road map to show where
207 the critical areas are to learn where best to mark the areas.

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209 Engineer Thomson explained addendum's that were previously signed by the engineer
210 that now the board signs. There is a master agreement signed by the board and this
211 request is only regarding addenda. Commissioner Hover stated he would like to see
212 them anyway.

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214 Director Huston discussed his need for either another Planner II or another Senior
215 Planner position to be authorized. He explained what his current staff positions are
216 doing and how they do bump up against an out of class situations. There are currently
217 six bodies and a map guy, but when he started here there were eleven bodies.

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219 Director Huston and the commissioners' went through the county's response letter to
220 the Yakama Nation regarding the tribe's policy issues. Each policy was reviewed and a
221 response generated. Commissioner Hover would like some research done on what the
222 tribe is referencing. David Gecas will review the letter prior to it being sent.

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224 Director Huston noted that the board has the Lake Management District public hearing
225 and the County Assessor wanted to ensure the ballot issue be submitted to him by
226 August 1st. If the board is ready to finalize the hearing on July 10th would provide
227 enough time to do so. Commissioner Hover asked if this has to be on the ballot this year
228 as there are many other things the board is tasked with this year. At the hearing the
229 board will set the boundaries of the district and determine the proposed properties are
230 benefited by being included in the district and if the board finds some properties not to

231 be benefitted those properties could be removed and excluded. It is physically possible
232 to have this issue on the August ballot then it would go to 2019.

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234 **Discussion – Conservation Easements – Methow Conservancy, Jason Paulsen**

235 Two other folks are with Mr. Paulsen.

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237 Mr. Paulsen provided copies to the board of the Twisp Uplands Conservation
238 Easements and corresponding maps showing the proposed easements. (attachments)
239 He went through the several projects and discussed what kinds of protections the
240 easement provides. They are private lands and will remain in private ownership. The
241 easement will allow some development. These projects are contingent on funding.

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243 A letter from the Methow Conservancy was previously received regarding the proposals.
244 The projects get scored and a list is transmitted by RCO to legislature then it becomes
245 part of the capital budget process and if successfully passed in April then funding
246 amounts will be known and finally contracts put into place. Work with the land owner
247 would not begin for another year.

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249 Commissioner Branch asked about the property uses and whether the easement is
250 seen to improve the wildlife habituating it. Mr. Paulsen asked the commissioners' if they
251 were supportive of the projects that letter of support would be welcome. Additionally he
252 said he would like to know whether or not the commissioners' intend to send an
253 opposite letter. The commissioners' did not believe a letter would be necessary.

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255 The Clerk of the Board was directed to draft a letter of support to submit to Mr. Paulsen.

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257 **Motion Resolution 58-2018 Waiving landfill fees**

258 Commissioner Hover moved to approve resolution 58-2018 regarding waiving Landfill
259 fees to help the tribe with clean up on the Salmon Creek property located at 94A
260 Salmon Creek road. Motion was seconded, the vote died for lack of second. The board
261 discussed including language that all household waste be presorted from the regular
262 waste being delivered.

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264 Commissioner Hover moved to approve resolution 58-2018, as revised, motion was
265 seconded, all were in favor, motion carried.

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267 **Motion Letter of Engagement**

268 Commissioner Hover moved to approve the State Auditor letter of engagement for the
269 county's 2017 audit and authorized the Vice Chairman to sign. Motion was seconded,
270 all were in favor, motion carried.

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272 **Motion - Voucher Approval - Commissioners'**

273 Vouchers certified and audited by the Auditing Officer as required by RCW 42.24.080
274 and those expense reimbursement claims certified as required by RCW 42.24.090 have
275 been recorded on a list, and made available to the Board. As of this date, the Board did
276 vote, by unanimous vote, to approve the regular vouchers in the amount of \$224,352.02

277 and Payroll vouchers in the amount of \$1,022,386.20. Warrant numbers as cited on the
278 attached blanket voucher list. Motion seconded and carried.

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280 **Motion Public Health Voucher**

281 Commissioner moved to approve the Public Health Vouchers in the amount of
282 \$52,764.20 Warrant numbers as cited on the attached blanket voucher list. Motion was
283 seconded, all were in favor, motion carried.

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285 **Motion Appointment Letters LEOFF**

286 Commissioner Hover moved to approve the reappointment of Kreg Sloan to the Law
287 Enforcement Fire Fighters Disability Board. Motion was seconded, all were in favor,
288 motion carried.

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290 **Motion Appointment Letters LEOFF**

291 Commissioner Hover moved to approve the reappointment of Kevin Bowling to the Law
292 Enforcement Fire Fighters Disability Board. Motion was seconded, all were in favor,
293 motion carried.

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295 **Motion Teamsters Local Union #780**

296 Commissioner Hover moved to approve the letter of agreement between the Teamsters
297 Local Union Amendment B regarding the Juvenile Union Agreement. Motion was
298 seconded, all were in favor, motion carried.

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300 **Review Meeting Minutes**

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302 The board adjourned at 5:00 pm.

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