

1 **RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS**

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3 **OKANOGAN COUNTY**

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5 **MARCH 26, 2018**

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7 9:00 AM	Review Commissioners Agenda and Consent Agenda
8 9:30 AM	Briefing Among Commissioners – Discuss Individual Meetings & Schedules
9 10:30 AM	Update – Veterans Relief Board – Eric Fritts
10 11:30 AM	Quarterly Update – Economic Alliance – Roni Holder Deifenbach
11 1:30 PM	Public Hearing-Dance Permits OCC Title 5.20 –Director Perry Huston
12	Update - Planning - following Public Hearing – Perry Huston
13 4:00 PM	Review Consent Agenda and Meeting Minutes

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15 The Okanogan County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on March 26, 2018,
16 with, Chairman Commissioner Jim DeTro, Commissioner Chris Branch, Commissioner
17 Andy Hover, and Laleña Johns, Clerk of the Board, present.

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19 **Review Commissioners Agenda and Consent Agenda**

20 Commissioners reviewed their agenda and consent agenda.

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22 **Briefing Among Commissioners – Discuss Individual Meetings & Schedules**

23 Commissioners discussed individual meetings they attended last week and future
24 meetings they may attend during this week.

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26 **Update – Veterans Relief Board – Eric Fritts –Michael Stewart**

27 Mr. Fritts provided the board with his update agenda. (attached) He discussed the items
28 listed there.

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30 Mr. Fritts reported on the status of the draft interlocal agreement with Douglas County
31 for Veteran Service Officer program training. The agreement is being reviewed by
32 Douglas County and we should hear from them mid-April. The agreement was
33 structured to follow the same veteran program as Okanogan’s program and bills will be
34 processed by Mr. Fritts since they are run through our fund. He stated it will be
35 necessary to show accountability of the services provided since Okanogan County is
36 ultimately responsible. Okanogan would pay the Douglas County employee through this
37 program.

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39 A tri-county (Okanogan, Grant and Chelan) conference call is slated to occur every
40 quarter in order to provide support between the counties.

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42 Mr. Fritts reported that the Spokane VA Hospital is looking for funding to be able to offer
43 services from the Okanogan County Veterans Services office once a month. He will
44 keep the board informed on that funding status it becomes known to him.

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46 Mr. Fritts will attend annual training through the WDVA on April 2-4.

47 Mr. Stewart reported that Mr. Fritts has been helping Ferry County to process their
48 claims etc... It would be good to have a future conversation with Ferry County
49 Commissioners about the program. Mr. Stewart noted that there may be some push
50 back from Douglas County. Either do it our way, or not at all. Mr. Stewart noted that the
51 Governor is looking for a program such as ours to implement across the state. We
52 should present our ideas and what we have going on. He said we have a good program
53 template and the Governor is interested in that. He will provide further info as it is
54 received. Mr. Stewart explained that expanding the program is the right thing to do.

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56 Commissioners thanked Eric and Michael for the update.

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58 **Quarterly Update – Economic Alliance – Roni Holder Diefenbach**

59 Karen Francis-McWhite, Executive Director **North Central Washington Economic**
60 **Development District (EDD)**

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63 Ms. Holder-Diefenbach provided her update and activities list and discussed the items
64 there. (attached) She introduced Karen Francis-McWhite Director of NCW Economic
65 Development District.

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67 Ms. Francis-McWhite provided a robust update on the NCWEDD on those things they
68 are partnering with us for.

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70 Ms. Holder-Diefenbach explained some cities in Okanogan County have applied for the
71 Community Competitive and Set-Aside processes for the Opportunity Zones
72 designation. Commissioner Hover asked if the zones provided private entities
73 opportunity for development. Does the opportunity zone apply to developers? According
74 to Ms. Holder-Diefenbach, yes, but there is no criteria established yet for opportunity
75 zone funding.

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77 A fact sheet was submitted, but the Border Crossing information is about two years old.
78 These are given out to cities, schools, and entities as it shows a broad demographic of
79 our county and provides all the information in one document.

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81 Ms. Holder-Diefenbach explained Okanogan County was re-designated as a HUB zone
82 she is getting the word out to contractors who will need to know this. She has a list of
83 people that she is distributing the information to.

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85 Ms. Holder-Diefenbach said there was good turn-out for the Career Fair showed 44
86 employers and 120 job seekers that attended.

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88 Ms. Francis-McWhite explained information about what they do at the EDD. EDD is
89 Federally designated and maintained and puts into action a comprehensive
90 development strategy and assists locally based regional planning. As the director, she
91 works with several counties on strategic issues within those counties. They start now
92 and runs through spring to the end of June and the SEDS scope of work for 2018-2019

93 project year. She discussed partnerships with Route 97, Thompson Okanogan Tourism
94 Association (TOTA), and San Francisco experiences. Regional priority projects ranking
95 process is being reintroduced with 16 projects ranked. She explained her team and
96 what they do and the excellent support by her board. They foster regional ideas to try
97 and dispel the 50 mile expert. There is a lot of robust work happening at EDD and
98 opportunities to work together are everywhere.

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100 She explained that she is a grant writer, but not soliciting work. Commissioner Hover
101 asked what kind of grants EDD can apply for. The PPA is still being worked through, but
102 there are a number of pools to pull funding from.

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104 Ms. Francis-McWhite started EDD in January and believes the EDD is in a much better
105 place now both in function and in funds. She is excited about Okanogan County's
106 participation. The stakeholders have an old memory, and some work done in Chelan
107 could resonate throughout Okanogan County to foster strategic avenues for the work.
108 Commissioner Branch asked about the EDA civil engineer situation. She replied that
109 she had not heard, but hasn't asked either. The lack of resources may be the
110 contributing factor in that situation.

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112 Ms. Holder-Diefenbach explained the work she has done on the meat processing plant.
113 There was discussion on whether there is demand to justify putting one in place.
114 Commissioner Hover explained the Tribe has to transport the fish they catch to Seattle
115 to be processed. There might be an opportunity for a fish processing plant too. Having a
116 plant here would reduce travel emissions, reduce transportation costs, it would put
117 people to work here, and it could supplement or offset costs for infrastructure then
118 partnering with the Tribe might be a benefit. Fish processing is seasonal. Ms. Holder-
119 Diefenbach explained there would be information such as feasibility studies etc..... that
120 could be used. Commissioner Hover thought it might be a combined plant to help off-set
121 costs of having one for each type.

122 123 **Public Hearing-Dance Permits OCC Title 5.20 –Director Perry Huston**

124 Angela Hubbard, Planner;

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126 Gina McCoy, member of the public taking notes on her computer.

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128 Commissioner DeTro opened the hearing up. No public attended who wished to testify.
129 He asked for staff report.

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131 Director Huston explained the proposed amendments to OCC Chapter 5.20 Dance
132 permit section. The Sheriff handles issuance of the dance permits. He explained an
133 ordinance was drafted to amend the code, Chapter 5.20 where dance permit rules and
134 fees are notated. A resolution was drafted to amend the Sheriff's fee schedule, which
135 also includes the dance permit fee.

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137 Commissioner DeTro closed the hearing to staff and opened up to commissioners.
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139 **Motion Ordinance 2018-4 Dance Permits**
140 Commissioner Hover moved to approve ordinance 2018-4 amending Okanogan County
141 Code Chapter 5.20 which sets the rules for Dance permits and amends the fee. Motion
142 was seconded, all were in favor, motion carried.

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144 **Motion 35-2018 Sheriff Fee Schedule**
145 Commissioner Branch moved to approve resolution 35-2018 a resolution adopting the
146 Sheriff's fee schedule. Motion was seconded, all were in favor, motion carried.

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148 **Update - Planning - following Public Hearing – Perry Huston**

149 Staff: Angela Hubbard
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151 Members of the public Kit Arbuckle, Lorah Super, and Gina McCoy taking notes on her
152 computer.

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154 Shoreline master program and community public access definitions were discussed.
155 The landowner would be required to provide access to those in that community, but not
156 the rest of the public. Public access reverts to language used before. Commissioner
157 Hover would like to ensure the language is read/interpreted consistently whoever the
158 Planning Director is in the future. He worries about the definitions between the terms
159 community access and public access.

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161 Commissioner Branch asked about a previous draft plan he saw that provided great
162 detail. He was concerned about trying to articulate a complicated issue in only a few
163 words as in the current review draft, when a larger amount of detail might work better.

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165 Director Huston suggested another section be added that addresses the public and
166 community access definitions. Commissioners thought that would lend some clarity. If
167 there adequate language, another section could be added that addresses recreation
168 and access.

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170 Commissioner Branch explained his concern regarding the Lake Osoyoos shoreline for
171 public access and the need to be consistent with the City of Oroville Draft SMP. The
172 City draft includes pre designation for those areas in the Oroville City Expansion Area
173 so that when annexations take place a protracted SMP amendment process is not
174 necessary. Commissioner Branch will look over the consistency of the document
175 tonight. Director Huston stated it opens up the door to walk the Lake Osoyoos part into
176 our plan. It will be looked into.

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178 Director Huston explained there was business of the Tonasket EMS District.

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

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184 Commissioner Hover moved to approve the Voucher certification and authorize the
185 Tonasket EMS District vouchers to be paid to Lifeline in the amount of \$21,700. Motion
186 was seconded, all were in favor, motion carried.

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188 Director Huston explained that Life Line is responsible for dispatch costs. That will be
189 discussed with Mr. Worden later.

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191 Commissioner Branch moved to adjourn as the Tonasket EMS and Reconvene as the
192 BOCC Motion was seconded all were in favor, motion carried.

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194 The RCO agreement for the Mazama Parking lot trade was discussed. There were
195 adjustments to the grant and RCO wished to memorialize. The RCO in review of the
196 documents they received so far decided that additional information would need to be
197 memorialized.

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199 Improves the conversion and placement of the property and recognizes the land we
200 traded and received for the parking lot. It requires the chairman signature.

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202 **Motion MVSTA Project Amendment No. 8 Project No.97-1181C**

203 Commissioner Branch moved to approve the agreement amendment No. 8 regarding
204 scope of work changes regarding the MVSTA Mazama parking lot land exchange.
205 Commissioner Branch wondered if the legal descriptions remained the same.
206 Commissioner DeTro explained there was an exhaustive record created for this land
207 exchange due to the land to be exchanged going through Superior Court to determine
208 value. Motion was seconded, all were in favor, motion carried.

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210 *Public Health & Safety Section*

211 Commissioner DeTro asked whether or not a certain property owner had the proper
212 permit for marijuana operations. A building has gone up and a fence is in place. Director
213 Huston explained he was on site last week and discussed with the industry folks and
214 they do not believe it will be a pot farm. He said there is nothing in the books to indicate
215 a marijuana grow is going in. Commissioner DeTro said the fence is made from
216 galvanized metal roofing material. Commissioner Hover noted that if they do apply for a
217 marijuana operations permit the fence would have to be redone.

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219 Commissioners further discussed those items within the public health and safety
220 sections in order to lend clarity and a way to easily identify those critical issues. The
221 board discussed other items that may fall under the public health and safety sections.

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223 Director Huston explained one item that hasn't been incorporated is wildfire.
224 Commissioner Hover suggested renaming the section as Natural Environment???
225 There would be direct tie between wildfire plan and other regulations. He observed that
226 wildfire plan is generated on its own, and it really doesn't incorporate the things the
227 board is prepared to deal with. Commissioners do not believe it should be a tool to
228 enforce land use. Director Huston replied, it's used to inform.

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230 The section for Critical Aquifer Recharge areas was discussed. Director Huston
231 discussed some concerns he has heard regarding the area. Commissioner Hover
232 explained language that is not yet in the document.

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234 Gina McCoy explained that upper areas where precipitation occurs and what ends up
235 down river at some time. The precipitation zones virtually all precipitation is getting
236 captured by the root zone and very little contributes to the flood zone. It would not be
237 too difficult to establish what average precipitation and vegetative cover. There are
238 ways to come up with rules of thumb regarding these watershed areas. There are areas
239 that do not hydrologically contribute.

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241 **Motion - Voucher Approval - Commissioners**

242 Vouchers certified and audited by the Auditing Officer as required by RCW 42.24.080
243 and those expense reimbursement claims certified as required by RCW 42.24.090 have
244 been recorded on a list, and made available to the Board. As of this date, the Board did
245 vote, by unanimous vote, to approve the regular vouchers in the amount of
246 \$1,154,562.56. Warrant numbers as cited on the attached blanket voucher list. Motion
247 seconded and carried.

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249 **Motion Public Health Voucher**

250 Commissioner Hover moved to approve the Public Health Vouchers in the amount of
251 \$13,352.04 Warrant numbers as cited on the attached blanket voucher list. Motion was
252 seconded, all were in favor, motion carried.

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254 **Review Consent Agenda and Meeting Minutes**

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256 The board adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

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