

1 **RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS**

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3 **OKANOGAN COUNTY**

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5 **MARCH 5, 2018**

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7 9:00 AM	Discussion – Homeless Housing Proposals and Allocations
8 9:30 AM	Briefing Among Commissioners – Discuss Individual Meetings & Schedule
9 11:00 AM	Update – Pest Control – Dan McCarthy
10 1:30 PM	Update – Planning – Perry Huston
11 3:00 PM	Discussion/Work Session - Fairgrounds
12 4:30 PM	Review Meeting Minutes

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

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

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20 **Discussion – Homeless Housing Proposals and Allocations**

21 Commissioners compared the cash on hand in the Homeless Housing fund against the
22 Housing Coalition proposals as there was a gap of \$30,000.

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24 The Board discussed a need to develop a process for use of the Affordable housing
25 funds. These funds can only be used for extremely low income persons with incomes at
26 or below 50% of the area median income as outlined in RCW36.22.178. The process
27 used for allocating Homeless Housing dollars could be used for allocation of the
28 Affordable housing dollars.

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30 Commissioner Hover asked whether or not enough funds are going directly toward
31 helping individuals or if too much is used on administration costs. Commissioner Branch
32 discussed the direct connection with other programs, and if trust in OCCAC is not there,
33 then perhaps a third party should handle the solicitations for Homeless Housing funds
34 RFP. Commissioner Hover discussed who would decide what goes towards
35 administration costs versus direct costs.

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37 Commissioner Hover would like to see the Housing Authority proposal cut by \$30,991
38 which is the amount of the gap between Cash on Hand versus what is requested to be
39 spent. It was thought the proposed project maintenance costs could be funded by other
40 dollars that Housing Authority Okanogan County previously discussed.

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42 Commissioners directed the Clerk of the Board to arrange a meeting with the Housing
43 Coalition in order to discuss a process for allocating the Affordable Housing funds.

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45 **Motion Homeless Housing Fund Allocations**

46 Commissioner Hover moved to approve the following funding for listed proposals for
47 2018 Homeless Housing funding:

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49	Oroville Housing Authority	\$26,935
50	Community Action Prof. Svcs	\$40,000
51	Community Action Dir Svcs	\$30,000
52	Room One	\$10,000
53	The Support Center	\$50,000
54	Okanogan Behavior Healthcare	\$20,000
55	Housing Authority Okanogan County	\$15,809

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57 Motion was seconded, all were in favor, motion carried.

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59 **Briefing Among Commissioners – Discuss Individual Meetings & Schedule**

60 The commissioners discussed individual meetings they attended to and meetings they
61 are scheduled to attend.

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63 **Update – Pest Control – Dan McCarthy**

64 Kent Kovalenko, Ben Rough,

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66 Apple maggot is native to hawthorn and transported in infested fruit and established in
67 the 1970. A trapping program was established in Washington. It was found to have
68 already infested west of the cascade. It is also infested Spokane County and since then
69 it has progressed. It is the purpose of the trapping program and was supposed to slow
70 the process.

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72 It has been successful in that it has slowed the movement, but the upper Yakama Valley
73 and Kittitas county and parts of Chelan County are under quarantine. In 2008,
74 Okanogan County identified an adult fly then it was sent to be scoped. It is a slow
75 process and there is a lot of back log due to snow berry fly. When a positive
76 identification is done Mr. McCarthy is notified. He discussed the treatment which has
77 been successful which is cutting the trees down and spraying.

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79 Another fly was found upstream from Carlton Twisp-Carlton Road is the hot spot.
80 Positive trap catches were taken care of. Another fly was trapped in Riverside with
81 several years going by without any trap catches. In 2014 he did not get notified until

82 November with 18 positive sites identified, it was too late in the year to do anything that
83 year. The sites were treated in 2015. The Pest Board is set up to protect commercial
84 orchards.

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86 In 2016, we had no more positive trap catches where commercial orchards are, but they
87 still trapped some in the Methow. The quarantine protocol is two life stages of apple
88 maggot.

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90 In 2017, he was not notified until late Sept and there were 27 catches in upper Methow.
91 They also collected fruit and took those to incubate pupa and one was found. He had
92 been advising the Pest Board and Horticulture Association of the situation. It isn't just
93 the back yard trees, it is volunteer apple trees in the right of way of roads and
94 everywhere. Native Hawthorn is a prominent species along the riparian areas.

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96 He knew when the two life stages were found in the upper Methow there would be
97 quarantine. A quarantine area has been proposed for the upper Methow with a buffer
98 zone between Zahn's and Carlton and he proposed to draw the line there.

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100 Yard waste is a big deal when it is being hauled around the state in and out of
101 quarantine areas and it turns into a trapping program. The material can be infested and
102 it has been found to have maggots. He will see what is recommended by other Pest
103 Boards who have experienced this. Commissioner Hover explained a conversation with
104 an arborist about clean air and not wanting to burn so chipping or hauling to the landfill
105 is the alternative. Soil can be contaminated too as the pupa drops out into the soil.
106 Potted trees could have contaminated soil.

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108 Mr. Rough discussed not taking woody debris at the landfill or developing a policy that
109 addresses this. It is not known whether lawn clippings or dried leaves would also
110 contain the bug.

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112 Educational information was discussed and what should be provided to help the
113 community understand the situation.

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115 Engineer Thompson explained the Flap Grant is ready to be authorized. He stated it is
116 the Flap Grant Application for federal access program grants to convert 1.7 miles of
117 Tunk Rd to BST. Application 244,000 with a small match.

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119 A grant for the Bonaparte Creek culvert replacement will also be repaired where the
120 water runs over the roadway. It will be replaced with a 10-foot box culvert with square
121 top. 13.5% match is just over \$30,000.

122 **Motion FLAP Grant-Tunk Creek Road BST**

123 Commissioner Branch moved to approve the agreement for FLAP funding regarding
124 Tunk Road BST and authorized the chairman to sign. Motion was seconded, all were in
125 favor, motion carried.

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127 **Motion FLAP Grant Bonaparte Creek Culvert Replacement**

128 Commissioner Branch moved to approve the FLAP Grant application for the Bonaparte
129 Creek Culvert Replacement project and authorized the chairman to sign. Motion was
130 seconded, all were in favor, motion carried.

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132 **Update – Planning – Perry Huston**

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134 *Water Resource Inventory Area 49*

135 RCW 90.82.060 and part 2 of ESSB 6091 (attached)

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137 Director Huston explained several representatives from interested groups were invited
138 today. He stated there was a need to go over the water resource inventory for area 49
139 and assess our next steps. Mr. Craig Nelson explained what work is included in that
140 area. The Conservation District would review the watershed plan and provide
141 assistance. What his recommendation is, is to get clarification on how deeply they
142 should go into it. There are many things that were brought forward.

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144 Department of Ecology Vanessa Brinkhouse, stated Okanogan County is going down
145 the right path. Mitigation for rural uses is what it is about. Water banking is a big one
146 and DOE will be tasked with figuring that out in the future. Commissioner Hover said for
147 a county that has a lot of water rights tied into agriculture uses, there isn't a way to
148 transfer those rights to domestic. Can we make it easier to go through the process?
149 Consumptive use is greater for agricultural uses than for domestic uses.

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151 Director Huston stated a formal invitation will need to go out to begin to get this thing off
152 the ground. Ms. Brinkhouse stated the goals are to improve habitat and water quantity.
153 Director Huston said all WRIAs will have instream flow rules, and we have until 2021 to
154 draft our statute. Ms. Brinkhouse doesn't know how the money will be allocated.

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156 Ms. Brinkhouse explained her position, she is still learning her position but will get
157 feedback from headquarters once she has finished reviewing the WRIA 49.

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159 Mr. Nelson explained who was identified as lead entity when it was formed before.
160 Conservation District contracted directly with DOE at that time for phase 1. Then phase

161 2 was data gathering, phase 3 was development of the plan and they were lead entity
162 with contracts directly with DOE.

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164 The contract was discussed and we should be able to capture the time spent by each
165 entity and back date it in order to do so.

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167 Shall Director Huston continue gathering the initiating governments together? Yes.
168 Commissioner Hover asked if we are competing against ourselves to create programs
169 to enhance fisheries or enhance the watershed for exempt well use. Ms. Brinkhouse
170 said there are opportunity to streamline goals.

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172 *Permit Well Tracking*

173 Well logs and a well data base was discussed. Creation of a water well inventory was
174 discussed. A report on water resource inventory was generated as a sample. (attached)
175 It was discussed that the notice of intent could be tied to some other type of land use.
176 The water inventory will be done in house. The notice of intent could be used to begin
177 the research on whether or not there are water problems in that particular area. The
178 Watershed planning unit will likely have some changes too.

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180 *Planning Website*

181 Director Huston discussed the Planning website face page. It was getting really busy
182 before so now it provides the links across the top instead of listed down the side.

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184 *Lake Management District*

185 Director Huston stated he met with Noxious Weed board last week and they are
186 interested in discussing with the commissioners their management of the district.
187 Director Huston also wished to meet with the homeowners

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189 **Discussion/Work Session – Fairgrounds**

190 Sam Buchert, Tracey Reagles, Katherine Maltais, Carol Sivak

191 Director Huston discussed the water rights of the fairgrounds and the possibility of
192 drilling another well instead of fixing the one that is broken.

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194 The fair advisory committee joined the commissioners meeting. Commissioner Hover
195 explained a USDA grant is available for fairgrounds to use towards safety issues. More
196 than one can be submitted, but there is a match requirement. He further explained the
197 Sawdust Makers Union met with the board several months ago and was not preempted
198 by the commissioners and they discussed their desire to donate the Lumbering Trust
199 money towards the fairgrounds and not tie it specifically to an indoor arena.

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201 Commissioner Hover is not sure what project is priority. He suggested a structural
202 engineer to look at the grandstands to determine if there is any life left in them.
203 Commissioner DeTro would like to know if the structure is sound enough
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205 Tracy Reagles explained ideas that have been previously discussed. The county needs
206 a facility that can host multiple events safely. The Jr. Rodeo goes to Stampede grounds
207 and so does everyone else. There is no room left for equestrian uses. She would like to
208 see a safe arena. The arena and race track is the priority for the fair committee as well
209 as community members spoken to. The FAC agrees a better facility is needed.
210 Commissioner Hover would like to put all the money into the facility in order to generate
211 revenue that could then be used for other repairs and maintenance or a larger project.
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213 Ms. Maltais explained if the race track is repaired, the Tribe would be interested in using
214 it.
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216 Commissioner Hover thinks some design work will be needed first, safety issues with
217 track, safety issues with pens, and safety issues with area.
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219 Commissioner Hover discussed what in-kind match can be used. He discussed the idea
220 what they could do and how work performed by volunteers could be used as in-kind.
221 Ms. Reagles explained many clubs have their own insurance coverage which is used
222 where ever they perform. Commissioner DeTro explained the county is in a Risk Pool
223 and if they won't cover something then the county isn't going to allow.
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225 There are so many pigs being shown, it was suggested, the funds in Berg account be
226 used to expand the pig barns. Commissioner DeTro stated the Berg Pavilion was built in
227 a way that would allow sections to be added on.
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229 Maltais said someone is needed on the grounds the majority of the time. She suggested
230 someone live on site to attend to the RV camp ground. Commissioner Hover replied that
231 a 5-day a week employee and a camp host for weekends would be adequate.
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233 The commissioners said okay to beginning the process of forming of ideas and plans for
234 the arena and working out from there. Mr. Buchert will do some design work with the
235 long term big picture in mind.
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237 **Motion - Voucher Approval - Commissioners**
238 Vouchers certified and audited by the Auditing Officer as required by RCW 42.24.080
239 and those expense reimbursement claims certified as required by RCW 42.24.090 have
240 been recorded on a list, and made available to the Board. As of this date, the Board did
241 vote, by unanimous vote, to approve the regular vouchers in the amount of \$293,865.21

242 and Payroll vouchers in the amount of \$1,027,372.82. Warrant numbers as cited on the
243 attached blanket voucher list. Motion seconded and carried.

244 **Motion Public Health Voucher**

245 Commissioner moved to approve the Public Health Vouchers in the amount of
246 \$39,703.52 Warrant numbers as cited on the attached blanket voucher list. Motion was
247 seconded, all were in favor, motion carried.

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249 **Review Meeting Minutes**

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251 The board adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

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