

1 **RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS**

2 **OKANOGAN COUNTY**

3 **NOVEMBER 20, 2018**

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8 9:00 AM Commissioners' Staff Meeting
9 10:00 AM Finance Committee Meeting – Treasurer Leah McCormack
10 11:00 AM Update – Public Works
11 1:30 PM Citizens Comment Period
12 2:30 PM Update – Central Services
13 3:00 PM Update – Human Resources/Risk Management – Tanya Craig and/or Debi Hilts
14 3:30 PM Budget Work Session – Courthouse Complex Maintenance – Joe Poulin
15 4:30 PM Approve Consent Agenda

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17 The Okanogan County Board of Commissioners' met for its regular session on November
18 20, 2018, with; Vice Chair Commissioner Chris Branch; Commissioner Hover, Member; and
19 Laleña Johns, Clerk of the Board, present.

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21 Chairman, Commissioner Jim DeTro was absent due to attending a BLM meeting in
22 Spokane.

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24 Member of the public George Thornton taking hand written notes for Okanogan Watch
25 Group was present.

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27 **Commissioners' Staff Meeting**

28 David Gecas, Stella Columbia, Joe Poulin and Perry Huston were present.

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30 David Gecas reported on tasks he is involved in.

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32 **Motion Executive Session RCW 42.30.110 (1)(I)**

33 Commissioner Hover moved to go into executive session at 9:10 a.m. for 10 minutes inviting
34 Chief Civil Deputy David Gecas and Risk Manager Tanya Craig to discuss matters relating to
35 agency enforcement actions or to discuss potential litigation the county may be or may become
36 a party. Motion was seconded, all were in favor, motion carried.

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38 Executive session ended at 9:20 a.m. no decisions were made.

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40 Attorney Gecas and Director Huston discussed current code enforcement actions and the
41 resulting letters that will be sent to the violator. Attorney Gecas explained the letters must
42 explain the appeal objection option which is a period of 20 days. Attorney Gecas explained the
43 difference between a criminal action and required evidence gathering to prove the case.

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45 Attorney Gecas explained public records requests that he is responding to. He discussed some
46 work he is doing for Public Works regarding a damaged levee. He is helping to gather all the
47 requested information. He discussed the course of action to be considered on the Riverside
48 levee issues. He said if we own the property we could sign the paperwork but it appears the five
49 levee projects are in different jurisdictions.

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51 Stella Columbia explained the commissioners' hearing room is reserved on December 6th, which
52 is the date the FAC wanted to meet. So, the meeting will be held in the annex like it was before.

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54 She explained there are 32 plastic, 25 round and some particle board tables. She explained
55 they all have something wrong with them. The broken ones were requested to be repurposed
56 and used by the rabbit barn as hutch stands. Commissioner Hover asked that they be
57 inventoried and reconciled. The broken ones that won't be used, should be surplussed.
58 Inventory should be taken of the assets on the grounds. She explained a Chronicle reported
59 attended the last FAC meeting and now there's an article on the Fair going over budget.
60 Commissioner Hover asked if Stella will be handling the FAC budget. He will not accept a
61 budget where someone just says add 10% to every line. He wants to discuss the planned
62 expenditures in order to understand what is increasing for the next year.

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64 Joe Poulin updated the board on maintenance tasks. Commissioner Hover asked about the
65 fairgrounds well and whether it has shown to have sufficient water after improvements were
66 made. There is was not much sand found in the system after that. Commissioner Hover said a
67 sand trap filter should be installed that can be pulled out and cleaned out easily. He found one
68 for around \$350. A flow meter would help determine how much water pressure there is. But
69 without knowing the flow power and pressure info we don't know how much water we are
70 producing. Commissioner Hover made some suggestions on water use and design by installing
71 timers on various portions of the system. The lynch pin is whether the well is producing the
72 water we are entitled to.

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74 There is also the speculation of whether the well is still viable based on what was said in the
75 past and now based on the system repairs and amount of water we are now getting whether the
76 well is broken or not. Commissioner Hover believes at this point we should spend the money
77 after the bidder said we should consider other options to drilling a well. Joe Poulin
78 recommended a flow meter and pressure gage be installed and the sand filter to determine in
79 the spring the pressure and amount of water produced. Mr. Poulin explained the quick connect
80 attachment and that will be installed.

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82 How do items surplussed to the county needs that were not sold at auction then be accounted
83 for when kept rather than disposed of? Commissioner Branch discussed renting the Hancock
84 building and asked for some details which the Clerk of the Board provided.

85 86 **Motion Oroville Rural EMS District**

87 Commissioner Hover moved to adjourn as the BOCC and reconvene as the Oroville Rural EMS
88 District. Motion was seconded all were in favor, motion carried.

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90 Commissioners' discussed their direction on the amendment to the contract regarding reduced
91 services. A letter was received yesterday from Lifeline regarding the 60 days termination notice.

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93 Commissioner Hover moved to approve the October Voucher certification and authorize the
94 Oroville Rural EMS District vouchers to be paid in the amount of \$9,680. Motion was seconded,
95 all were in favor, motion carried.

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97 Commissioner Hover moved to adjourn as the Oroville Rural EMS and Reconvene as the
98 BOCC Motion was seconded all were in favor, motion carried.

102 **CANCELLED Finance Committee Meeting – Treasurer Leah McCormack**

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104 **Update – Public Works**

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106 *Maintenance & Road Conditions*

107 Engineer Thomson provided his agenda and discussed the items listed there. Kermel grade
108 water issues have been reduced, but the landowner said he would be installing a French
109 drainage ditch. More information will be available later today.

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111 Engineer Thomson explained King County is also conferring with CRAB on funding, but it is
112 feared since they are such a large county and voice they would receive the funds over
113 Okanogan County.

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115 Engineer Thomson discussed calls he received regarding Johnson Creek fish passage on
116 Green Acres. CCT have asked to replace it for us over the years. More communication with
117 landowners will be necessary.

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119 *Statler Bridge Replacement Project*

120 Engineer Thomson updated the board on this project. The fully executed contract was returned.
121 The previous prospectus put the 2019 biennium so it should be resigned with the correct
122 timeline.

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124 *Motion Resigning the Statler Bridge Prospectus*

125 Commissioner Hover moved to authorize Commissioner Branch to re-sign the Statler Bridge
126 prospectus dated October 9, 2018 to correct a scrivener's error. Motion was seconded, all were
127 in favor, motion carried.

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129 *Buffalo Lake Rd CCT project*

130 Any records we have regarding the road so they want to pave it, he responded back that it was
131 on the 1955 map and no right of way on the map. Commissioner Branch stated he would like to
132 move forward based on the information on file. The question of whether to vacate a road we
133 have no records of having maintained was discussed.

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135 *Kartar Valley Rd CCT*

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137 *Sinlahekin Rd, Blue Lake outlet culvert*

138 Repair parts have arrived. The public notices went out stating the road would be closed for
139 around two weeks in order to put it together.

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141 *WATV Routes*

142 This is in the Planning office.

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144 *Consent Agenda*

145 Engineer Thomson stated the bid opening advertisement for the fuel & lubricants was submitted
146 for a bid opening December 11th.

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148 Ben Rough provided his agenda and discussed the items listed there.

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150 *Increasing SW Tipping Fees*

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152 *Adoption of Final SWMP-Consent for next week*

153 Mr. Rough provided the final draft is approved by the DOE it is on the consent agenda for
154 adoption next week. A resolution was drafted to include the approval letter from ecology. All
155 requirements have been met and DOE has been very satisfied with the plan. The cities with
156 interlocal agreements will need to be contacted after adoption. The caveat that the
157 commissioners' could schedule an open public meeting to receive public comment, but there
158 were so many comments received already on the preliminary draft. The final draft received one
159 comment from Green Okanogan and they asked for hours of operation to be changed. A letter
160 from WATC on recycling not on solid waste plan. Mr. Rough was concerned that a supplemental
161 would be needed, but confirmed with Ecology that would not be necessary.

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163 *Solid Waste from Ferry County*

164 Likely a CUP amendment because we are seeing solid waste coming in from the CCT. The next
165 meeting is scheduled on November 28th to discuss with them. Their Public Works Director,
166 SWAC representative and their solid waste manager will be there. The commissioners' relayed
167 what information they want to receive from that discussion.

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169 *Apple Maggot Implementation Status*

170 Mr. Rough updated the board on the status. Last week the transfer station in Twisp began
171 implementing. Not much was received around 5 yards. There were many questions from the
172 people as to how to deal with it. Transfer station is closed for the Thanksgiving holiday. Notices
173 were sent out in time.

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175 **Citizens Comment Period**

176 TV District #1 members George Thornton, Victoria Velategui Chair and Bill Black were present.

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178 A gentleman from Malott discussed HB 1639 passing. In his opinion this is a violation of the
179 constitution and state constitution. He pointed out the state of Illinois as they have the Chicago
180 dictating the song everyone else is to dance, in our situation Seattle dictates. Okanogan County
181 did not vote for 1639 and many voted against it. Over half the counties of Illinois has voted or
182 announced they are a gun sanctuary county. He has a resolution put forth by Madison County in
183 June 2018 and Republic has also declared a gun sanctuary and wondered if the County is
184 allowed to as well.

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186 Commissioner Hover asked how it would be monitored through the NIX background database or
187 be required to take a gun safety class. He read from the bill the language of the law. He
188 believes these are things the board should discuss. There was some language from Riverside
189 about constitutionality. The man pointed out that there would not be a single assault rifle
190 affected by this law because the definition has changed. He was a gun restorer and stated an
191 assault rifle definition is readily field stripped he explained the differences. Class III weapons are
192 already illegal in the state of Washington. The definition was written to define for the initiative.
193 Commissioner Hover stated he agrees with what is being said, but the board must discuss this
194 beforehand. The commissioners' thanked him for his comment and took his email.

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196 George Thornton stated it isn't unconstitutional until the court decides.

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198 George Thornton and Victoria Velategui members of the TV District here to answer questions to
199 continue to serve the public with TV and radio.

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201 There are five areas served. If the five issues cannot be resolved, then the district would be
202 dissolved. The license to broadcast are renewed in January and good till 2020. It might be good
203 not to assess if there are not signals so would assess later. The issues were relayed:

- 204 • *The upgrade is not affordable right now, but Mike Peterson said there may be around that too.*
- 205 • *Securing the network and Mike Peterson KSPS relayed there could be some options.*
- 206 • *Securing network support, in the past Mike Peterson provided the technical support, they are*
- 207 *familiar with our system.*
- 208 • *Increasing income, Omak Mt serves Chelan, Chelan is not in our county, but Chelan is very*
- 209 *important to KSPS, so there may be a way to obtain some assistance from either. It is uncertain*
- 210 *whether the county can assess without first having the authority to do so.*
- 211 • *Pending change in signal delivery resulting in discontinuation of major broadcast channels. The*
- 212 *transition of signal delivery is being initiated by Shaw Cable (a Canadian Company) who is*
- 213 *demanding higher fees from most Spokane broadcasters. The Spokane broadcasters are refusing*
- 214 *to pay the higher fee.*
- 215 • *Out of date equipment that is no longer supported and quite difficult to obtain parts (approx.*
- 216 *\$30,000 per site to upgrade).*
- 217 • *No local technician available and use of any outside technician having exorbitantly costs.*
- 218 • *TV District Board inexperience (technical understanding & Board operation), and over reliance*
- 219 *on District Secretary – the only employee of the District.*
- 220 • *Declining assessment collections and inability to raise funds for upgrades and improvements.*

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222 The audience includes the Tribe and basically people who are on fixed incomes. No sure there

223 will be another choice for them, it will be twelve times as much. There is still a debate whether

224 the networks will go away in January. We do offer a market for the KSPS KPBX and an ability to

225 work with the other networks.

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227 Commissioner Branch asked about outreach to receivers and whether they are still able to

228 receive. It would be important to let them know the service concerns. It would be great to get

229 involvement.

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231 Commissioner Hover read from the RCW regarding TV Districts.

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233 Ms. Velategui has in her hands the TV District history and believes it started in 1951 and

234 predates 1971.

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236 Commissioner Hover asked what the funding outlook is for the district right now that could pay

237 or offset the costs of new equipment. Communication to determine viewership in Chelan County

238 from Chelan Butte through Omak Mt. and do they receive any other TV or radio. They receive it

239 all. They will attempt to meet with Mike Peterson and report back to the county. If dissolution is

240 eminent we take the steps to acquire the communications.

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242 There is no debt of the district, all equipment not included Pickens would be surplussed and

243 sold, because the license is January to January still broadcasting. The district is authorized to

244 indebt itself. Are the commissioners' researching the legalities? Yes, commissioners' replied

245 they would inquire of the county's attorney on the legalities.

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247 Vicki stated they have reached out to TV District #2 and they don't want anything to do with TV

248 District #1. It is not known where they receive their signal whether it is Omak Mt. or Pickens's or

249 somewhere else. A map of where the signal serves might be requested from Mike Peterson of

250 KSPS when they meet with him.

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252 George Thornton stated there is another site in North Okanogan that is not operating. He said

253 he would be the communicator between the district and the county as things evolve.

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255 **Update – Central Services**

256 Randy Clough provided his Central Services update to the commissioners’.

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258 A phone call was received from the Health Department regarding PC performance, bad call
259 quality, due to a fiber connection that was installed in the late 1990’s. It was sketchy back in
260 2000, and now it seems that every winter the system appears to be worse. We paid PUD \$200
261 per year for the fiber line. We have tried many things to get it to run properly, but it doesn’t. It
262 was good this summer but now it’s crashing. Mr. Clough said he called NCI and they quoted
263 \$20,000-30,000. A quote from another vendor such as Jeff Hardy owner of Methow Net might
264 be better. Commissioner Hover stated the county could be an internet service provider. Mr.
265 Clough said public facing servers would need to be separated from our systems. It would save a
266 lot of money. There is already a fiber drop to the building he verified it with the PUD. The PUD
267 has a map of all their fiber drops.

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269 Another issue is with our email server. A new server was ordered received and configured to
270 run, but the server had major problems right from the start. We have lost almost half the drives
271 of the existing servers. Email for three days was lost, some were recovered. Mr. Clough
272 explained things are stable right now. There should not be an expense involved, but it might
273 mean working over the holiday weekend for staff.

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275 Aronson Lineal are upgrading the system December 4th. Cams upgrade on the Public Works
276 server. The phone system push to the shops and fairgrounds are coming along and working
277 fine. The shops should be up and going in the next couple weeks.

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279 **Motion - Voucher Approval - Commissioners’**

280 Vouchers certified and audited by the Auditing Officer as required by RCW 42.24.080
281 and those expense reimbursement claims certified as required by RCW 42.24.090 have
282 been recorded on a list, and made available to the Board. As of this date, the Board did
283 vote, by unanimous vote, to approve the regular vouchers in the amount of \$587,063
284 and Payroll vouchers in the amount of \$922,202.28. Warrant numbers as cited on the
285 attached blanket voucher list. Motion seconded and carried.

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287 **Motion Public Health Voucher**

288 Public Health vouchers certified and audited by the Auditing Officer as required by RCW
289 42.24.080 and those expense reimbursement claims certified as required by RCW
290 42.24.090 have been recorded on a list, and made available to the Board. As of this
291 date, the Board did vote, by unanimous vote, to approve the regular vouchers in the
292 amount of \$3,297.14 and Payroll vouchers in the amount of \$33,883.75. Warrant
293 numbers as cited on the attached blanket voucher list. Motion seconded and carried.

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295 **CANCELLED Update–Human Resources/Risk Management– Tanya Craig,Debi Hilts**

296 This update was cancelled by Tanya.

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298 **Budget Work Session – Courthouse Complex Maintenance – Joe Poulin**

299 Treasurer Leah McCormack, Laurie Thomas, Joe Poulin and member of the public George
300 Thornton were present.

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302 The courthouse maintenance budget was reviewed. The section for Jail was removed and
303 placed in fund 160.

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305 The Facility Dude program was explained because Treasurer McCormack doesn't like it and
306 she said other departments don't either.

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308 Commissioner Hover explained the hearing for the budget is set for November 27th and Superior
309 Court has reserved the commissioners' hearing room December 3, 4 & 10, 11, so
310 Commissioner Hover would like to try and get it adopted by then.

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312 Commissioners' discussed approving the commissioners' consent agenda Wednesday,
313 November 21st because it is a regular meeting day and the board will be here.

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315 **Approve Consent Agenda**

316 The consent agenda approval was continued to November 21, 2018.

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318 1. Commissioners' Proceedings – November 5,6, 9 & 13, 2018
319 2. Authorization to Advertise for Fuel and Lubricants Bids
320 3. Re-Appointment Letter - Fair Advisory Committee – Mike Egerton, Position #1
321 4. Re-Appointment Letter – Fair Advisory Committee – Sam Buchert, Position #2
322 5. Re-Appointment Letter – Fair Advisory Committee – Tracey Reagles, Positon #5
323 6. Re-Appointment Letter– Fair Advisory Committee- Kathleen Maltais, Position # 6
324 7. Appointment Letter-TV Reception District #1-George Thornton
325 8. Emergency Management EMPG Grant - EMPG19-168
326 9. Emergency Management SHSP Grant - SHSP E19-163
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329 The board adjourned at 5:00 p.m.
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