

1 **RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS**

2 **OKANOGAN COUNTY**

3 **NOVEMBER 5, 2018**

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8 9:00 AM	Review Commissioners' Agenda & Consent Agenda
9 9:30 AM	Briefing Among Commissioners'
10 1:30 PM	Update – Planning – Perry Huston
11 4:30 PM	Review Meeting Minutes

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13 The Okanogan County Board of Commissioners' met for its regular session on November 5,
14 2018, with Chairman, Commissioner Jim DeTro, Vice Chair Commissioner Chris Branch;
15 Commissioner Andy Hover, Member and Laleña Johns, Clerk of the Board, present.

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17 Commissioner Hover attended a Department of Ecology conference call this morning. He
18 returned to the meeting at 10:00 a.m.

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20 After the conference call, Commissioner Hover updated the other commissioners' and
21 Director Perry Huston on the conversation about the watershed and water right holders'
22 discussion he had with DOE. He believes the other option is to legislatively lock the 2cfs
23 allocation. He would like to see the process they used to calculate that. They pretty much
24 cannot amend the code and must put it out to public comment with comment on any part of
25 the rule. If legislatively set aside no one can take that away. Director Huston replied they
26 would have to stomp all over Whatcom Hirst to do that. One thing that came out of the
27 cases is that appropriation of water is appropriation of water no matter what. They could
28 stomp all over their own decision or could change the definition. We have enough water in
29 all the reaches except for the lower one, sooner or later we have to do something.

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31 Director Huston explained some land use complaints he is responding to and what course
32 of action will be taken.

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34 **Briefing Among Commissioners'**

35 Commissioners' used this time to discuss tasks they were individually involved in.
36 Commissioner Hover updated the other commissioners' on the Orca Task Force he is part
37 of.

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39 **Review Commissioners' Agenda & Consent Agenda**

40 Commissioners' reviewed their meeting minutes and items listed on the consent agenda.

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42 Members of the public Salley Bull, Gina McCoy, and Lorah Super taking notes on her
43 computer for Okanogan Watch Group.

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45 **Update – Planning – Perry Huston**

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47 *WRIA 49 Planning Grant*

48 DOE has not completed their review of the grant application, but an approval form was
49 provided to the board for chairman signature. The grant form stated the amount applied
50 for was \$300,000 ESSB 6091 and will be used to support the initiating governments and

51 the planning unit for WRIA49 in creating the watershed plan updates as required by the
52 bill. There is no county match. The DOE allowed the grant effective date as January 1,
53 2018 which will allow the county to submit for reimbursements for work done in 2018.
54 Director Huston stated he does not know what the time frame is for the award but
55 expects DOE to relay that to him soon. The effective date of the grant is noted at
56 January 1, 2018 expiring on June 30, 2021.

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58 **Motion Grant Approval**

59 Commissioner Branch moved to approve the grant application titled WRIA 49 Watershed
60 Plan Revisions (RCW 90.94) in the amount of \$300,000 and authorized the chairman to
61 sign the grant preapproval form and the grant application. Motion was seconded, all
62 were in favor, motion carried. (attached)

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64 *WRIA 49 Plan Revisions*

65 The revised Water Resource Inventory Area Planning Unit Members list was reviewed
66 and discussed. (attached) Commissioner Hover discussed membership and voting on
67 watershed when the voting members are included in that watershed. Commissioner
68 Branch said it makes sense to put them in the technical advisory group. Director Huston
69 stated the commissioners' may see people listed on the Unit Members list that do not
70 actually live in Okanogan County, but represent a group that functions in Okanogan
71 County. Commissioner Branch mentioned the Okanogan Water Board which is for the
72 Okanogan area north of the border.

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74 During the January meeting they will begin to pass off the rest of the work and in 2019
75 begin in earnest. The first batch is due in February of next year so those processes and
76 membership structures should be in place to support that.

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78 The next Planning Unit meeting will be on November 8th at 6:00 p.m. and will have the
79 IG discussion at that time.

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81 Lorah Super stated her group was hoping to discuss the issue with someone from the
82 county. She is still on the board and there is a meeting tomorrow she said. Director
83 Huston said he would attend. Ms. Super said Director Huston attendance would work
84 even though it was short notice. Commissioner Branch said the concerns of the district
85 should be addressed; the costs could be driven if the watershed planning unit took too
86 many side trips. Director Huston discussed those items that need a finer point, then
87 Aspect and DOE has done their analysis.

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89 *Water Availability Study Area*

90 Maps were handed out showing the Tunk Valley water study areas. Director Huston
91 stated that a six month timeline has started according to RCW 36.77.095. One map
92 showed the parcel overlay and the five acre lots in the study area with the rest being
93 larger than that. He showed the common ownership of several parcels which lends a
94 little complexion to the overall picture. The well log in lower Tunk showed 20, upper Tunk
95 creek 137, and Tamarack springs there are seven. The accessory uses of the parcels
96 was discussed to see what usable parcels have developable water. Director Huston
97 showed the map showing the public and private parcels and the potential. He is
98 gathering the base info and has not laid it all out to determine what it all means. There is
99 the hydrology study in the gaining reaches and non-gaining reaches. Solutions of the
100 commissioners' will be dictated as we go. Commissioner Hover said he toured the Tunk
101 Valley and was told there were many beaver dams that hold the water back.

102 Commissioner DeTro stated in the mid 70's they were basically trapped out of there.
103 Commissioner Hover wondered if the beavers could be returned to help store water in
104 the basin. Artificial beaver dams were suggested. He said this would mitigate what is
105 already there not mitigating for more development.

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107 Director Huston will complete the maps so it demonstrates the developable lots and
108 parcels. There was a build out study that showed 1587 lots on lower Tunk. Director
109 Huston said it was a snap shot and they didn't look at accessory dwellings or binding site
110 plan reviews. There are things like selling development rights for conservation
111 easements that were not considered in the snap shot. They haven't refined it yet, but
112 will.

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114 *Comprehensive Plan Review*
115 Director Huston explained where he is at with the proposed amendment. He explained a
116 45 day scoping period taking us into the first week of January. He identified several
117 items the EIS will be written around and for the public and public agencies to comment
118 on.

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120 Director Huston stated the revised Taber land transaction will be submitted for
121 reconsideration. Director Huston explained the changes and how the wrong parcel
122 number happened to be on the document prepared for commissioner signature.

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124 Director Huston stated he had nothing new regarding the Champerty Shores Sewer
125 Extension listed on his administrative agenda.

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127 Commissioner Hover explained DOE said they won't allow anymore wells in the
128 restricted areas. They do not believe they can make the determination of hydraulic
129 connectivity or not in that area. It affects 1017 parcels in Commissioner Hover's district.

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131 Director Huston asked how he might help with the deliberation of the Comp Plan. The
132 commissioners' said there are three alternatives, no change, more restrictive, less
133 restrictive. After scoping, the next tier of review will happen with the Planning
134 Commission.

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136 Director Huston explained the process for publication where the publication will note the
137 documents will be available on the Planning Department website. Commissioners' are
138 alright with the arrangement.

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140 **Motion - Voucher Approval - Commissioners'**
141 Vouchers certified and audited by the Auditing Officer as required by RCW 42.24.080 and those
142 expense reimbursement claims certified as required by RCW 42.24.090 have been recorded on
143 a list, and made available to the Board. As of this date, the Board did vote, by unanimous vote,
144 to approve the regular vouchers in the amount of \$772,340.50 and Payroll vouchers in the
145 amount of \$1,030,378. Warrant numbers as cited on the attached blanket voucher list. Motion
146 seconded and carried.

147 **Motion Public Health Voucher**
148 Commissioner moved to approve the Public Health Vouchers in the amount of \$50,263.61
149 Warrant numbers as cited on the attached blanket voucher list. Motion was seconded, all were in
150 favor, motion carried.

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152 **Motion Methow Valley EMS District**
153 Commissioner Branch moved to adjourn as the BOCC and reconvene as the Methow Valley
154 EMS District. Motion was seconded all were in favor, motion carried.

155 Commissioner Branch moved to approve the Voucher certification and authorize the Methow
156 Valley EMS District vouchers to be paid in the amount of \$56,296.50. Motion was seconded, all
157 were in favor, motion carried.

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159 Commissioner Branch moved to adjourn as the Methow Valley and Reconvene as the Oroville
160 Rural EMS District Motion was seconded all were in favor, motion carried.

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162 **Motion Oroville Rural EMS District**
163 Commissioner Hover moved to approve the Promissory Note regarding two ambulances
164 between City of Oroville, Okanogan County, and Lifeline and authorized the Chairman to sign.
165 Motion was seconded, all were in favor, motion carried.

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

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170 The Clerk of the Board presented the Agreement with Northwest Vital Records for records
171 Storage and Services for commissioners' consideration. She discussed the Non Departmental
172 revenue and expense lines where recording funds are received for the preservation of historical
173 documents in accordance with RCW 36.22.170. The RCW requires the county auditors to
174 impose a surcharge of five dollars per instrument for each document recorded. One dollar of the
175 surcharge should be deposited in the county's general current expense fund and be used at the
176 discretion of the county commissioners' to promote historical preservation or historical programs
177 and includes the preservation of historical documents.

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179 **Review Meeting Minutes**

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