

1 **RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS**

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3 **OKANOGAN COUNTY**

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5 **OCTOBER 8, 2018**
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8 9:00 AM Review Commissioners' Agenda and Consent Agenda
9 9:30 AM Briefing Among Commissioners' – Discuss Individual Weekly Meetings and Schedule
10 11:00 AM Budget Work Session – Emergency Management
11 1:30 PM Update-Planning-Perry Huston
12 4:15 PM Discussion – Solid Waste & Maintenance Trustee Use-SW, Maintenance & Jail
13 4:30 PM Review Meeting Minutes
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15 The Okanogan County Board of Commissioners' met for its regular session on October
16 8, 2018, with Commissioner Jim DeTro, Chairman, Commissioner Chris Branch Vice-
17 Chairman; Commissioner Andy Hover, Member and Laleña Johns, Clerk of the Board,
18 present.

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20 **Executive Session RCW 42.30.110 (1)(f)**

21 Commissioner Hover moved to go into executive session at 9:10 for 15 minutes inviting
22 Risk Manager Tanya Craig to discuss and receive complaints brought against a public
23 officer or employee. Motion was seconded, all were in favor, motion carried.

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25 Executive Session ended at 9:25 a.m. no decisions were made.

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27 **Review Commissioners' Agenda and Consent Agenda**

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29 Commissioner Hover noted that Congressman Newhouse would be attending a meeting
30 at the Smoke Jumpers Base at 1:00 p.m. near Winthrop. Commissioner Branch will be
31 attending a fly over tour called the Light Hawk Flight NCWFHC with Congressman
32 Newhouse in the morning prior to the Smoke Jumpers Base meeting.

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34 Commissioners' discussed attendance of their agenda items versus attendance at the
35 Smoke Jumper Base meeting at 11:00 a.m. Commissioners' want to ensure they stay
36 on top of the developing conversation about the Smoke Jumpers Base.

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38 **Briefing Among Cmr.-Discuss Individual Weekly Meetings and Schedule**

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40 **Budget Work Session – Emergency Management**

41 Maurice Goodall, Kayla Higbee, Leah McCormack, Cari Hall, Laurie Thomas

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43 Mr. Goodall went through the 2018 expenditures and provided commissioners' with
44 information spend down on certain lines. He discussed lines that were reduced last
45 year, but now may need budget amendment for remaining expenses of 2018.
46 Commissioner Hover noted that the budget appeared pretty consistent even though
47 some lines have not yet been spent. Mr. Goodall explained some additional funds from
48 the 2015 fire that are expected for Current Expense and his budget. It isn't very much.

49 He explained grant funds that are spent down and what he expected to spend by the
50 end of the year.

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52 For the 2019 budget, Mr. Goodall would like to discuss his wages but will likely save
53 that conversation until later. He has two other grants both for about \$33,008 that will be
54 reimbursable. Ms. Hall suggested the funds be budgeted for rather than waiting till later
55 and doing a supplemental. Also, Mr. Goodall's wages are counted as the match for the
56 grant. He would need to see what is allowed for administration. The grant pays for the
57 redoing of the MHMP that we are required to have. A professional service is hired for
58 this update.

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60 **Motion Resolution 104-2018 Lifting the Countywide Burn Ban**

61 Commissioner Hover moved to approve resolution 104-2018 lifting the countywide burn
62 ban and directing the Clerk to email and fax to the media and associated entities.
63 Motion was seconded, all were in favor, motion carried.

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65 **Update-Planning-Perry Huston**

66 David Gecas, Conservation District Craig Nelson and Amy Martin

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68 Public in attendance: Gina McCoy, taking notes on her computer and three others.

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70 **Nightly Rental**

71 Number per owner was discussed.

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73 *Champerty Shores Sewer Extension*

74 October 16 meeting with the city of Oroville on the status of Champerty Shores, and
75 specific run at Oroville doing the revenue bond for the utility. He also wanted to discuss
76 the public works trust fund loan.

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78 **Motion Executive Session RCW 42.30110 (1)(i)**

79 Commissioner Hover moved to go into executive session at 1:40 p.m. for 20 minutes
80 inviting Chief Civil Deputy Gecas and Planning Director Perry Huston to discuss matters
81 relating to potential litigation to which the county may become a party. Motion was
82 seconded, all were in favor, motion carried.

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84 Executive session ended at 2:00 p.m. no decisions were made.

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86 *WRIA 49*

87 Membership on the planning unit was discussed as people who live and work in the
88 watershed.

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90 Commissioner Branch discussed membership concerns expressed by the Farm Bureau
91 in an email to Director Huston on the preliminary list for the Planning Unit such as
92 environmental groups who may not live in the Okanogan Basin. A couple of these
93 groups have driven court decisions that interpret water rights laws but the
94 Commissioners' would like them at the table to understand any issues of concern that
95 might be addressed to avoid further litigation. He pointed out that they are one reason
96 why we are here today. Director Huston replied he did not see that specific direction. He
97 continued by giving other options saying voting members on the planning unit might be

98 better as part of the technical advisory. The issue has been raised, but perhaps more
99 discussion is needed. Commissioner Hover said if it was a group submits their
100 representative he would assume that person would live here. Many have local people
101 involved with a particular group but do not actually have someone who lives here.
102 Commissioner Branch directed moving the Upper Columbia Salmon Recovery Board to
103 the technical advisory list and suggested removing the Lake Osoyoos Water Quality
104 Society since they are more focused on Lake Osoyoos water quality.

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106 Craig Nelson commented that 34 members is a lot; please do not increase that number.
107 He did ask Okanogan County to consider appointees who are willing to find solutions
108 and not be obstructionists. There was also a non-voting position that was held by DOE
109 who represented all the groups. Commissioner Branch said his end goal is to have a
110 process that meets the intent of the statute and meets the intent that landowners and
111 water rights holders are part of this creation and have others that inform the process. He
112 also read a posting from Facebook that said that the Farm Bureau was concerned that
113 there were more environmental representatives than private water rights holders. He
114 pointed out that there are many more water rights holders represented by different
115 groups and that having the interests of those at the table. Director Huston will wait until
116 additional outreach is done for membership.

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118 Implementation funding was discussed and what would be needed to support the
119 Planning Dept. Mr. Nelson was asked to propose a budget about what the conservation
120 district envisions. An amendment may be needed to memorialize.

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122 The Voluntary Stewardship Program document was provided that was approved
123 September 17, 2018. Mr. Nelson went over the section showing goals on page 51 along
124 with the practices that would enhance the critical areas. The practices were chosen
125 because they were already in use.

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127 Director Huston assumed the Planning money would go away, so we need to figure out
128 what educational materials and public outreach material that could be paid for with this
129 funding then figure out what to do with any other money coming from the legislature.

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131 Mr. Nelson discussed the producer packet which has a check list self-assessment tool
132 for those who want assistance working through the program. They will be able to track
133 implementation rate and whether we are meeting the goals. Getting the word out to
134 inform what it is and what it isn't in order to secure some volunteers who can share what
135 they know with us. Verification of what is said will be needed too. To be able to show
136 the state we are meeting the benchmarks and goals is a huge part of the responsibility
137 and getting it done as much as possible up front. If not funded later on it will be a great
138 big challenge. CD submitted for grant funds for implementation to pay for technical staff
139 and help producers implements their tasks.

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141 *Lake Management*
142 Anna Lyon, Mr. & Mrs. Ford Waterstrat and someone else.

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144 Director Huston explained the appeal period ended today, but we could get an appeal
145 through Superior Court. He said the Noxious Weed board has been willing to consider
146 managing the district. For the program management after reviewing the RCW he thinks
147 it would be safe to involve David Gecas on an interlocal agreement with the Noxious
148 Weed board to administer the program within the boundaries of the ordinance. Ms. Lyon
149 said the Weed Board is willing to take this on and are happy with it. It is something the
150 weed board feels needs to be addressed. Director Huston explained the County
151 Commissioners' are still the governing board like they are the governing board of the
152 Tonasket, Oroville, and Methow EMS Districts. Commissioner Hover asked what role
153 the Noxious Weed Board has in developing the advisory committee. Director Huston
154 recommended the advisory committee be appointed by the county commissioners'.
155 Those members would owners of land within the boundaries of the district.

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157 *Similkameen Trail Bill*

158 Director Huston explained there is approximately \$35,000 in donated money for trails
159 that have some nexus to the county road system that might be used to pay for the
160 culvert. The PUD also agreed to that. He will need funds to pay for the invoice as there
161 is none budgeted to the trail. Commissioners' recommended he pay the bill and review
162 the budget for bottom line. If there were funds in his budget then he could pay Public
163 Works to clean the culverts regularly. Commissioner Branch suggested contacting the
164 regional Pacific Northwest Trail system thinking perhaps they could help with some trail
165 funding strategies. Director Huston stated it really depends on how focused the board is
166 on trails.

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168 The Parks & Recreation Board draft resolution that was previously reviewed and not
169 authorized by the prior board was discussed but did not take action. Does the board
170 wish to consider reforming the Parks & Recreation Board? Commissioner Branch
171 discussed economic benefit activities that the Park & Rec Board could address or apply
172 for grant funds for trail work also pointing out that updating the Park and Rec Plan is
173 critical for eligibility for grant funds. The Planning Dept. had previously been charged
174 with some element of trail administration. The county commissioners' adopt the plan.
175 Commissioner Hover has some concern about creating a Parks & Recreation Board
176 because there is the MVSTA and it is not known how a board would affect the
177 association. Director Huston will dust off the draft resolution and resubmit for
178 consideration.

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180 *Comp Plan*

181 Director Huston explained he is on the cusp of having the narrative done on the
182 alternatives. He went over the alternatives map.

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184 **Motion - Voucher Approval - Commissioners'**

185 Vouchers certified and audited by the Auditing Officer as required by RCW 42.24.080
186 and those expense reimbursement claims certified as required by RCW 42.24.090 have
187 been recorded on a list, and made available to the Board. As of this date, the Board did
188 vote, by unanimous vote, to approve the regular vouchers in the amount of \$541,910.68
189 and Payroll vouchers in the amount of \$758,686.03. Warrant numbers as cited on the
190 attached blanket voucher list. Motion seconded and carried.

191 **Motion Public Health Voucher**
192 Commissioner moved to approve the Public Health Vouchers in the amount of
193 \$54,328.99 Warrant numbers as cited on the attached blanket voucher list. Motion was
194 seconded, all were in favor, motion carried.

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196 **Motion Methow Valley EMS District**
197 Commissioner Hover moved to adjourn as the BOCC and reconvene as the Methow Valley EMS
198 District. Motion was seconded all were in favor, motion carried.

199 Commissioner Hover moved to approve the Voucher certification and authorize the T Methow
200 Valley EMS District vouchers to be paid in the amount of \$56,296.50. Motion was seconded, all
201 were in favor, motion carried.

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203 Commissioner Hover moved to adjourn as the Methow Valley and Reconvene as the BOCC
204 Motion was seconded all were in favor, motion carried.

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

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210 Director Huston asked whether the board would approve ad valorem 1% increase.

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212 Commissioner Hover moved to adjourn as the Tonasket EMS and Reconvene as the BOCC
213 Motion was seconded all were in favor, motion carried.

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

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219 Commissioner Hover moved to approve the Voucher certification and authorize the Oroville
220 Rural EMS District vouchers to be paid in the amount of \$9680. Motion was seconded, all were
221 in favor, motion carried.

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

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226 **Discussion – Solid Waste & Maintenance Trustee Use-SW, Maintenance & Jail**

227 Ben Rough, Joe Poulin, Kent Kovalenko and Noah Stewart were presnt.

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229 Mr. Stewart explained trustees are those inmates who have misdemeanor charges that
230 want to work but he cannot make them work like DOC. The Landfill and Courthouse
231 Maintenance both have a need for use of the trustees. This meeting was set to work out
232 some strategies.

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234 Commissioner Hover asked when trustees are needed at the fairgrounds. Mr. Poulin
235 replied they could use two or three for fairgrounds work in April when they begin to
236 prepare the grounds for opening. But in the past he used them for projects in addition to
237 courthouse complex. Mr. Stewart explained Department of Ecology Grant provides funds
238 for litter clean up. Commissioner Hover said the grant work must come first.

239 Commissioner Branch asked about whether or not there was a choice the judges can
240 give for work crew or divert somehow when a person cannot pay their fine.

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242 Mr. Stewart stated the litter pick up on the state highway is grant work, but it is seasonal
243 and only in the summer. Mr. Kovalenko explained he could use the trustees' labor
244 around 60 hours per week.

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246 Commissioners' will see if the Judges have some say in how work crews can be
247 developed.

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249 **Review Meeting Minutes**

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251 The board adjourned at 4:40 p.m.

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