

1 **RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS**

2 **OKANOGAN COUNTY**

3 **SEPTEMBER 24, 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 & Schedule
10	10:00 AM	Discussion-Title III Proposal-Emergency Management
11	10:30 AM	Quarterly Update-Veterans Relief Board-Eric Fritts, Mike Stewart
12	11:30 AM	Quarterly Update-Economic Alliance-Roni Holder Deifenbach
13	1:30 PM	Update-Planning-Perry Huston
14	3:30 PM	Discussion-Delta Dental-Dennis Carlton
15	4:00 PM	Discussion-Solid Waste -Ben Rough
16	4:30 PM	Review Meeting Minutes

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18 The Okanogan County Board of Commissioners' met for its regular session on
19 September 24, 2018, with Commissioner Jim DeTro, Chairman, Commissioner Chris
20 Branch Vice-Chairman; Commissioner Andy Hover, Member and Laleña Johns, Clerk of
21 the Board, present.

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23 **Review Commissioners' Agenda and Consent Agenda**

24 Commissioners' reviewed their agenda and previous meeting minutes.

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26 **Briefing Among Commissioners'-Discuss Individual Weekly Meetings & Schedule**

27 Commissioner DeTro updated the other board members about a meeting he had with
28 Jay Keane about creating a game underpass in a high kill area. Commissioner DeTro
29 also explained he met Jeff Hardesty who also attended the meeting. Commissioner
30 DeTro was impressed with what Mr. Keane has done on this so far and discussed ideas
31 for Hubbard Road as it is being viewed as mitigation for a by-pass near Riverside.

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33 Commissioner DeTro explained information he received about BLM negotiating with the
34 Figlenski's in the Tunk Valley to purchase 14,000 acres with plans to place wild
35 mustangs on the property. The board expressed some concern about water availability
36 in the Tunk Valley. Commissioner Hover replied he toured Tunk Valley with Ms. Soriano
37 the other day and he explained what he saw and what he learned from the site visit. He
38 agreed there are unique water disadvantages that would seem to be compounded if
39 mustangs were allowed on the property.

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41 **Discussion-Title III Proposal-Emergency Management**

42 Maurice Goodall, Perry Huston and Eric Fritts were present.

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44 Mr. Goodall was asked to go over his Title III funding proposal as he was out of the
45 office last week. The Emergency Management proposal was for Community Wildfire
46 Protection Plan (CWPP) update which supplements the Multi Hazard Mitigation Plan
47 (MHMP). He explained he could not find a mandate for the plan but he did find that it
48 complements the MHMP. His request was based on discussions with other counties on
49 what their cost was to produce those plans. The cost would depend on how in-depth the

50 plan needed to be. The last CWPP appeared to be a cut and paste job and it is his wish
51 to overhaul the plan to be unique to Okanogan County. Commissioner Hover explained
52 because we have enough funds collected for 2020 to allocate the 32,500 and allocate in
53 2019 for 2020 as he was trying to think about the importance for the plan versus the fire
54 wise program. Mr. Goodall stated the plan is all interrelated with the fire wise program.
55 He wanted to double check with the state to see if any of the CWPP is required. He
56 thought it could be put off a year, but it is best to work on both the MHMP and CWPP
57 together and he is currently working on the MHMP update.

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59 There were five FMAGS issued in Washington, but Okanogan County did not get one
60 because we did not have enough primary houses with damages and therefore we did
61 not meet the eligibility.

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63 Commissioner Branch asked if Title III money as match for the Multi-Hazard Mitigation
64 Plan grant. Mr. Goodall thought yes, it could. He also mentioned that the two plans had
65 been separated at one point. Some entity districts had to be annexed into the plan as
66 they were not in there before. He isn't sure why they were not included originally but he
67 feels more participation can happen with outreach. Commissioner Hover stated he
68 thought it was important for both plans to be run concurrently. Commissioner Branch
69 thought so too. MR. Goodall stated this plan is what spears some of what the
70 commissioners' were discussing.

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72 Mr. Goodall explained there are ties between the county Comprehensive Plan and the
73 CWPP, but it isn't structured to inform land use documents. The risk assessment is
74 short in terms of informing useful mitigations of clusters, road standards, plat proposals,
75 and fire code. Because it is used with other regulatory documents, whomever is doing
76 updating this thing ought to understand those other documents. Commissioner Branch
77 asked if the plan talks about Fire Wise, it does. He also wondered if there were dollars
78 available in Title III for after fires.

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80 **Motion 2019 Title III Allocations**
81 Commissioner Hover moved to approve Okanogan County Conservation District
82 proposal funding at \$72,500 for 2019 funding and approve the Community Wildfire
83 Protection Plan update at \$32,500 for 2019 funding of Okanogan County Emergency
84 Management

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86 **Quarterly Update-Veterans Relief Board-Eric Fritts, Mike Stewart**
87 Mr. Stewart was not present for the update.

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89 Mr. Fritts provide his summary update. (attached) He discussed the items of particular
90 interest regarding veteran services.

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92 Mr. Fritts discussed the recent outreach provided during the Veteran's outreach events.
93 The event provided training such as how to fill out forms, provided info on resources like
94 Work Source, SSVF, and VASH and provided a location for participation where services
95 are in one place.

96 October 24th is the date for handing out the supplies that have been gathered to help
97 veterans.

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99 Mr. Fritts explained work to get the WDVA accredited in order to properly guide the
100 veterans and their claims to prevent denial and keep folks service connected.
101 Commissioners' thanked Mr. Fritts for his work and update.

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103 **Motion**

104 Commissioner Hover moved to direct staff to draft an offer letter to Ms. Kelly Burbank-
105 Ross offering the Senior Clerk position to start at Grade 12 step 2 \$2537 on the non-
106 bargaining pay scale. Motion was seconded, all were in favor, motion carried.

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108 **Quarterly Update-Economic Alliance-Roni Holder Deifenbach**

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110 Ms. Holder-Deifenbach provided her agenda and discussed the items listed there.

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112 Ms. Holder-Deifenbach explained the Economic Alliance received applications from
113 cities for infrastructure project funds. The project applications were ranked by the
114 Infrastructure Committee and nine applications were received. On September 6th the
115 entities presented their project application for ranking. She listed the priority projects in
116 order of priority.

- 117 1. Tonasket Complete Streets Project
- 118 2. Omak Shumway Interchange
- 119 3. Omak Airport Development
- 120 4. Pateros Down Town Mall Pavement Resurface
- 121 5. Omak Jonathon Street Development
- 122 6. Pateros Starr Road Development
- 123 7. Tonasket Annexation Phase I
- 124 8. Tonasket Police Station Project
- 125 9. Brewster Sewer Development Plan

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127 Ms. Holder-Deifenbach explained the importance of the prioritization list in terms of the
128 cities application for funds. If the board approves the list as presented, a resolution is
129 normally used to memorialize list which the entity can then submit with their funding
130 applications.

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132 **Motion-Prioritization List**

133 Commissioner Hover moved to accept the prioritization list as presented by the
134 Infrastructure Committee and directed staff to create the resolution to memorialize.
135 Commissioner Branch discussed the only concern he had with the list was the Tonasket
136 Annexation Phase I project because he was concerned that at the far end of the
137 annexation area there is a significant sales tax generator so the plan appears to annex
138 businesses that support the county through property and sales taxes into the City, so he
139 doesn't agree with putting that project very high on the list as the county would lose
140 important revenues to pay for indigent defense, etc.. Motion was seconded, all were in
141 favor, motion carried.

142 Ms. Holder-Deifenbach further explained training opportunities that Economic Alliance
143 provides to businesses. On October 16th from 9-12 Economic Alliance, through the
144 Small Business Development Center, will provide the “Essentials of Entrepreneurship”
145 to help business owners learn the essentials of owning a business. The training series
146 handout was provided. (attached) It will be held at the 12-Tribes Casino.

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148 The next training series is called “Crossing the Digital Divide”.

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150 Ms. Holder-Deifenbach explained another issue she is working on. She has met every
151 month with businesses on the viability of the railroad and it has been a big issue after
152 Columbia Carbonate went out of business. She continues to work with Genesee on
153 what they need to make the railroad viable, like, how many daily cars are needed and
154 what kind of rail maintenance is needed to ensure timely deliveries of products. The
155 other new issue was the surcharge of \$200 per car which is a huge expense to
156 businesses. There was a Newhouse discussion about this issue to try and get the
157 surcharge dropped. She said the added per car expense charge discourages
158 businesses from locating here. It was difficult for the Railroad to articulate and get back
159 to her with the information in time for a meeting. There are many business planning on
160 putting businesses in near the rail system but were concerned when the railroad did not
161 show up to the meeting. She has the ability to apply for \$1 million dollar grant for the
162 deferred track maintenance which affects business, it had no match. Genesee would
163 have needed to commit to the grant and work supply for it, but when contacted she was
164 told they were not ready for it.

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166 **Update-Planning-Perry Huston**

167 Member of the public, Katie Haven, videotaping and audio recording the meeting.

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169 Director Huston provided permit application status report. The applications they are
170 getting seem to be growing in complexity for short plats but in terms of numbers they
171 seem steady.

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173 He explained a spot check to track revenues seems to show everything in order, but
174 details of that will be discussed at his budget work session on October 1st.

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176 Director Huston posed a question regarding WRIA 49 discussion which deals with water
177 availability subject, some things can be done in house, but he needs further direction on
178 the hydrological study and use of a consultant for that work. Commissioner Hover stated
179 some of the grant funds can be used for that type of work. Director Huston stated in
180 past discussion with WDFW on cost indicated the cost around \$50,000. Director Huston
181 further discussed work staff can do on lands most likely to be developed and gage
182 connectivity with ground water and recharge areas and the nature of the movement and
183 capacity of the movement and to where. He can explore what can be done locally.

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185 Director Huston stated this will be a foundation for the database. He further discussed
186 the results of the draft Letter of Intent that he discussed with the Oroville-Tonasket
187 Irrigation District OTID but they were not comfortable with the commissioners”

188 suggestion at this time. Commissioner Branch said an agreement would need to be
189 bullet proof and reviewed by an attorney for that purpose and he feels it would be worth
190 it.

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192 The Planning Commission is meeting tonight regarding the Cannabis Interim Controls.
193 Does the board wish for him to repopulate the Cannabis Advisory Committee as some
194 members have left for winter vacation? No, the board stated we would have to start all
195 over again.

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197 The light is a simple thing to fix, but too much traffic is a concern that was heard about
198 and that has not been worked out in terms of mitigation. Commissioner Hover said as
199 an example; Benson Creek Road which is curved, has farming going on, and there is
200 slow moving vehicles and stuff like that and now there is an industry there that requires
201 even more traffic. In general, do folks have to project traffic counts or predict numbers of
202 vehicles using the road for their permit application? Director Huston explained what was
203 likely to happen in terms of traffic was inconsequential but during harvest and short
204 parts of the year there would be more traffic, but still inconsequential. Commissioner
205 Hover stated he has seen otherwise. Commissioner DeTro also discussed the request
206 from Mr. Zittel that there be more buffer area between cannabis operations and
207 residential properties. Commissioner Branch explained at the September 17th hearing
208 there were comments made by the public that indicated they did not know what they
209 were to comment on. It was a legislative process.

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211 He will report to the Planning Commission and then discuss with the advisory committee
212 on meeting on October 3rd. Commissioner Hover asked if both would be meeting
213 together like a workshop. Director Huston stated no, but it could be arranged that way.
214 The Planning Commission dates will need to be morphed because of Holiday
215 schedules.

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217 Champerty Shores Sewer Extension
218 Josh Thomson and Ben Rough present.

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220 The map of the area was projected via video projector. Director Huston discussed the
221 Champerty Shores settlement near Eastlake Osoyoos is required to hook into the sewer
222 system because they have city water. They are doing this as they can. What has
223 happened is Barker on the lake and north of that is Champerty Shores and Veranda
224 Beach is to the south. Champerty shores collection vault to Veranda Beach landing
225 station. He has offered to do the engineering for the whole lot. He anticipates a good
226 cost estimate for the entire lot. Champerty Shores is willing to do when they can, but Mr.
227 Barker is much more interested. Would the commissioners' be interested in a bond
228 issue or whether the City of Oroville would handle the debt service and bill out for the
229 SID. If we do the county would be in charge of the project if Oroville does it then they
230 can supervise out of their utility dept. Either way public funding use requires prevailing
231 wages. He doesn't know if we subtract the gravity flow then how much difference does
232 that make where Champerty Shores can write a check. If they cannot do that then he
233 suggested contacting the land owners, Public Works and the City of Oroville to begin to

234 hash it out. He did contact the county Treasurer to discuss the options and we do have
235 the debt capacity, for a bond issue, but there was some concern about billing out. No
236 one has volunteered to pay for the system, so he wanted to get this back on the front
237 burner as he feels things are moving along. Mr. Pecha and Mr. Barker have already
238 agreed to do the technical work. Commissioner Hover asked about other lots going in
239 and how those would be required to hook into the sewer system. If the system is sized
240 only for his one development would be a problem, so he would have to oversize his to
241 accommodate expansion.

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243 If there is an identified debt service, the county should not have a problem with a bond
244 issue. Director Huston stated if Oroville issues a revenue bond through the utility they
245 would collect from those in the improvement area whether they get service or not. If the
246 county, it would be a local improvement district created that would sell the bond, pay for
247 the project, and run the costs through the annual tax assessment, whatever that might
248 be. The difference is the per parcel fee, sewer districts are based on a larger base of
249 payers so it was assumed a per parcel fee would not be charged. Director Huston said
250 four or five years ago a joint resolution was drafted that outlined the policies attached to
251 the system. Many things we already do, but we never adopted the resolution. He
252 recommended that something be signed into the record in terms of the guidelines.
253 Commissioner Branch is interested in picking that back up and also address the issue
254 with the franchise. Need interim franchise agreement because the typical form doesn't
255 quite fit, but an addendum could be attached with the details of the arrangement.

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257 Ben Rough stated if Public Works assistance is needed there would need to be some
258 identified revenue source to pay for that. Director Huston replied the bond would pay for
259 that. Josh Thomson asked if there was going to be a need for Public Works to provide
260 maintenance services of the system? Director Huston said he would like to see a
261 reduction of Public Works items being handled by the Planning Office. Commissioner
262 Branch encouraged the land owner to do his site analysis prior to moving forward with
263 the system due to wet lands in the area. Ben Rough said there would be something in
264 the file about this as the area was previously proposed for development.

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

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270 Commissioner Branch moved to approve the Voucher certification and authorize the
271 Tonasket EMS District vouchers to be paid in the amount of \$21,700 for August
272 Services. Motion was seconded, all were in favor, motion carried.

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

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277 Director Huston explained on October 18 in the afternoon, where Mr. Joseph Tovar,
278 Ruckelshaus Center will hold some workshops in the Commissioners' Hearing Room.

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280 Population for the Water Resource Inventory Area #49 Planning Unit Members as
281 revised 9-24-18 was provided to the board by Director Huston as well as a memo
282 summarizing the membership's criteria. Areas were shown on the projected map
283 showing three distinct areas for WRIA #49. He discussed representation of those areas
284 and who he still needs to hear from and receive names for.

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286 Commissioner Branch moved to accept the list of Water Resource Planning Unit
287 Membership and provide to the Department of Ecology. Motion was seconded, all were
288 in favor, motion carried.

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290 Director Huston will be out of the office on Thursday and Friday this week.

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292 An ordinance was generated for subdivision applicants specific to closed basins in
293 WRIA #48, would the board like additional time to discuss. Treating those closed basins
294 differently should have something to back it up. The key to making people doing it prior
295 to preliminary approval he suggested something be in the code about it.

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297 **Discussion Delta Dental-Dennis Carlton**

298 Tanya Craig
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300 Mr. Carlton introduced himself stating he and the county have been doing business for
301 around 15 years now. He provided the group income –cost experience for Delta Dental
302 insurance that is provided to the county. Mr. Carlton summarized the county's
303 experience for the year and it appears costs are awash. The rating form proposed a rate
304 decrease of -3.05%. (attached) He explained group renewals for 2019 showed current
305 rate at \$77.71 and a proposed renewal rate of \$75.34 with an option to set rates at
306 \$77.71 for two years so that would not change. He discussed the rate differences for
307 administration that would be charged with each scenario stating that is really where the
308 question is as the dental provisions don't change. Mr. Carlton thanked the board for the
309 County's business, and asked for a decision on which option the board wanted to go
310 with.

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312 Commissioner Hover thought keeping the rate the same for the next two years looks
313 like the best option in terms of costs.

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315 **Motion Delta Dental Price Guarantee**

316 Commissioner Branch moved to authorize option one for the dental coverage utilizing
317 the two year rate guarantee for the group renewals for 01/2019 and authorized the
318 Chairman to sign the proposal. Motion was seconded, all were in favor, motion carried.

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320 **Discussion Solid Waste Tipping Fees-Ben Rough**

321 Kent Kovalenko was present.
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323 Mr. Rough explained this meeting was set to discussion further the solid waste tipping
324 fees. Commissioner Hover explained to stay on par everyone else's tipping fee would
325 have to be increased by \$0.39 to make up for the \$12,000 loss. The basis of everything

326 they are doing is to project budget numbers for next year. There will be a commercial
327 notification that will go out, but there is usually more time needed by commercial
328 haulers, as well the cities would also need to be informed so budgets can be prepared.
329 SWAC put in a recommendation to increase to \$7.50 with many thing happening since
330 then. On July 24th to September 24th the meetings were well attended by the Tribe and
331 a cost analysis was provided to the board, and now would like to know what the board
332 wants further to make a decision.

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334 Commissioner Branch stated the Tribe gave him October 23rd for a meeting on this topic
335 and that appears to be the same day as he will be in Wenatchee at the Infrastructure
336 Assistance Coordinating Committee where he arranged a “tech team” of potential
337 funders for our communications systems with Mike Worden. Commissioners’ discussed
338 avoiding the negative appearance that the county would subsidize the tribe if the county
339 were to adjust the cost only for them.

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341 Commissioner Branch noted that the cost saving to the county by not operating a
342 transfer station is what we are trying to address. In response to suggestions that the
343 tribes delivery of waste from the transfer station sites, he said if the Tribe is not efficient
344 in the delivery of their waste from any particular location then that cost is on them. If
345 they do not deliver a lot on a regular basis, then the waste stream is less, and therefore
346 our costs would be less because the tribe is doing it. Commissioner Hover asked how
347 then do commercial haulers with roll off trucks collect the garbage. The roll off container
348 is in the pit, they fill it, and we haul it off. There is a collection point and they pick it up
349 and haul it to us, so where is the difference at? Mr. Kovalenko stated transfer stations
350 are there to provide efficiency and to move as much waste as possible in order to save
351 money. The Tribal transfer station is not efficient as they are currently running it. There
352 issue is the way they operate their solid waste system. It seems more about the people
353 than the cost. Commissioner Branch stated it is their decision to be inefficient, but that
354 does not negate the fact that our system is not burdened with the cost of operating a
355 transfer station and hauling the garbage from Nespelem and Disautel. We charge the
356 same fee at the Landfill for solid waste that they deliver from Nespelem. For example,
357 take the Ellisforde Transfer Station out and the County would not have the cost of
358 hauling from Ellisforde and would collect the tipping fee at the landfill instead. Mr.
359 Rough explained that he learned some of the garbage the Tribe bring us is from Ferry
360 County because the cost is higher to haul to Ferry County as they charge \$160 and we
361 charge \$74. Commissioner Branch stated that is an important piece of information that
362 should have been pointed out at the beginning of this conversation as it is a big game
363 changer.

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365 Commissioners’ would like the tipping fee numbers projection analysis data even
366 though the information gathering began in July and is not as robust, but is something
367 needed for a discussion with the tribe. Mr. Rough acknowledged that he would gather
368 the info and submit to the board.

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371 Maurice Goodall discussed the Everbridge notification program. The system sends
372 emergency information to the public and to certain officials. The system also has the
373 ability to send group messages to certain area residents. Mr. Goodall would like the
374 commissioners' to think about ID cards and how those would be issued. The ID cards
375 are needed by his department and he explained why. He said other departments with
376 the same need may also require ID badges. The details of how that would work are still
377 being understood and standards for issuing and deactivating the cards are still to be
378 developed.

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380 The badges could be issued like the door key cards and integrated to provide the
381 necessary checks and balances in our current system. He is looking at different options
382 to discuss further with the board.

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384 **Review Meeting Minutes**

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

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