

**Okanogan County Board of Commissioners**  
**Monday, December 10, 2018**

**Attendance:**

**Chris Branch, BOCC (CB)**

**Andy Hover, BOCC (AH)**

**Jim DeTro, BOCC (JD)**

**Perry Huston - Director of Planning and Development (PH)**

**Courtney Engels - (CE) Planning staff, replacing Rocky Robbins**

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**Summary of Significant Discussions:**

**Vault toilet project** apparently approved.

**Broad Band** in local rural areas: Colville Tribe plans to provide ½ of matching funds for grant, spearheaded by Ferry County.

**VSP:** Payment to Conservation District proceeding for work on VSP.

**WRIA 49:** RFQs for facilitator have been sent, Will be sent again. WDOE progress on grant stalled for now. Membership appointment letters to be sent in time for January meeting. Latest membership list included in notes.

**Tunk Valley overlay:** Public hearing January 7, 2019.

**WATV's:** Dist 1 & parts of Dist 2, maps, etc: Public notice to be sent out Wednesday for SEPA review and comment.

**Lake Management, District 1:** Public hearing next week in re assessments.

**Compliance Update:** Compliance on nightly rentals good. Problems with salvage operation discussed.

**Oroville EMS:** PH to attend Oroville hearing. Public vs Private fire protection, ambulance service delivery, payment structure discussed.

**Transfer of County Properties** to "Tabor:" Not on agenda; forms signed by BOCC.

**Planning Department Study Session, 1:30: Perry Huston**

Courtney Engels- New Planning Dept. Staff, replacing Rocky Robbins, is in attendance.

**1:40. Discussion on Vault Toilet Project** - appears to have been approved.

**Broad Band in Local Rural Areas:** A member of the Colville Tribe Planning Commission presented information to the Commissioners regarding a grant to study feasibility of bringing improved broadband/ internet service to local rural areas. The tribe is planning to provide 1/2 of the matching funds for the grant for this project, which is spearheaded by Ferry County. Chris Branch brings up the potential for this project to improve Okanogan county's emergency communications infrastructure as well as address challenges faced by TV Districts.

Planner from the Tribe mentions that Susan Allen, council member from Inchelium, is in communication with the FCC Taskforce on bringing internet (Broadband?) to tribes. This represents a Federal resource to the make project that much more viable.

Commissioners agreed that Perry should continue conversations with Tribe, to identify cost of involvement and benefits of the study. There are two rounds for applications for grant. One is in January and the other in March.

**VSP(Voluntary Stewardship Program):**

County is in process of approving payment to Okanogan Conservation District for work on VSP.

**WRIA 49 :**

RFQ notices went out on the 5th and will go out again this week. Perry Huston and Vanessa (WDOE staff) made “amendments and fine tuning” (not explained or specified) to the grant application, but apparently Vanessa is unable to move on the County’s grant because she is swamped with work related to WRIA’s that have deadlines coming up in February of 2019.

Perry intends to get some appointment letters out to Initiating Governments to formalize memberships to Planning Unit in time for the January WRIA meeting.

**Tunk Valley Overlay: (NOT ON AGENDA)**

Public Hearing scheduled for Jan 7th. If the Commissioners approve, the Code will go from “interim control” to “Codified”.

**WATV, District 1 and Parts of District 2 (NOT ON AGENDA)**

Notice to Public will go out Wednesday for SEPA review and public comment.

**Lake Management District 1:**

There will be a public hearing next week, to hear objections to assessments. Some discussion on the Thorndike subdivision, which was approved just days before ballot was voted on.(?) Perry will speak with the owner.

Chris Branch asks Perry to provide current map of ordinary high water mark. There has been a history of flooding in Oroville.

**Code Enforcement**

Perry reports that the rate of compliance on Nightly Rentals is good. Discussion of a Salvage Operation. (name? location?) Perry expressed great compassion for the owner, who is unable to control the piles of salvage materials. He says that the owner does not have the equipment on site to manage the materials deposited. However, there is a question of public safety. Perry says he will continue conversation with owner.

County's responsibility and abatement action discussed.

**Oroville EMS:**

Not clear as to what Addendum #2 (from Agenda) refers to.

Perry will be attending an Oroville hearing on the subject. He will "report back" to commissioners. Discussion as to how to structure emergency service delivery in Oroville. Some talk about Public vs Private fire protection and ambulance service delivery as well as payment structure.

**Transfer of County properties to "Tabor:"**

Commissioners sign forms regarding excise tax and transfer of properties from Okanogan County to "Tabor". (NOT ON AGENDA)

**Executive Session:**

Andy Hover asks for 10 minute Executive Session regarding Land Acquisition under 110 B. (NOT ON AGENDA). In attendance: Commissioners Hover, Branch, Detro, Perry, "Josh."

**2:30 – Note taker leaves** at start of Executive Session.