

# Okanogan County of Government

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June 8, 2020

Location: 303 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave S, Suite A, Okanogan, WA 98840 (TranGO Office)

Present: Soo Ing-Moody, Town of Twisp, Mayor – OCOG Chairperson  
Carlene Anders, City of Pateros, Mayor – OCOG Vice-Chairperson  
Josh Thomson, Okanogan County Engineer – OCOG Treasurer  
Kelly Scalf, TranGO CEO/General Manager - OCOG Secretary  
Jackie Gleason, TranGO, Clerk of the Board  
Jon Neal, City of Oroville, Mayor  
Andy Hover, Okanogan County Commissioner\*\*  
Chris Branch, Okanogan County Commissioner  
Sally Ranzau, Town of Winthrop, Mayor  
Jon Culp, City of Okanogan, Mayor  
Barry Freel, City of Omak, Council Member  
Laurie Jones, Okanogan County Public Health Department, Community Health Director  
Tony Hawley, Okanogan County Sheriff's Office, Sheriff  
Maurice Goodall, Okanogan County Department of Emergency Management Director  
George Mazur, WSDOT, Senior Planner  
Maxwell Nelson, WSDOT, Transportation Planning Specialist  
Salvador Salazar, Governor's Office Regional Representative  
Teagan Levine, City of Tonasket, Council Member

## **Call to Order**

Chairwoman Ing-Moody called the meeting to order at 4:36 pm.

## **Welcome/Role Call**

Chairwoman Ing-Moody welcomed everyone to the meeting; role call was taken.

## **Approval of the Agenda**

**Additions:** None

**Deletions:** None

## **Minutes**

### **Motion:**

Vice-Chairwoman Anders moved to approve the May 11, 2020 minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Council Member Ranzau and passed unanimously.

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## Update: Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Thomson reported that approximately \$4,600 of the \$20,000 Administrative budget and \$8,000 of the \$50,000 Project budget had been expended to date. Thomson reported that only 5 people from OCOG had participated by logging into the link provided by Hans Shepherd, SCJ Alliance and identifying key roads in their area. Clerk Gleason was asked to send out the link to Maptionnaire again to OCOG members as a reminder. Treasurer Thomson stated that he is available if anyone has problems or questions about the site. Thomson reported that OCOG does not have to prepare an annual report to the State Auditor's Office; there has been no activity.

## Update: Secretary Report

Secretary Scalf had no report, but was asked about the status of the OCOG website; she reported it is a work in progress.

## Update: Okanogan County Report

Council Member Hover reported that the County was in Phase II relating to COVID-19; good news.

## Update: Washington State Department of Transportation

Senior Planner Mazur gave the following report:

- SRTS and PBP grant application cycles are now open. SRTS applications are due on 7/20/20, while PBP applications are due 7/13/20. WSDOT North Central is aware of one SRTS application from the OCOG region (East Omak Elementary). If possible, please send him an e-mail ([mazurg@wsdot.wa.gov](mailto:mazurg@wsdot.wa.gov)) if your agency intends to submit an application for either program. Keep in mind that applications for a project on a State Highway need to be accompanied by a WSDOT 'letter of concurrence'. When requesting this letter, please provide draft application material to the WSDOT North Central Local Programs Office (Paul Mahre, [mahrep@wsdot.wa.gov](mailto:mahrep@wsdot.wa.gov)) at least one week in advance of the due date.
- Expect WSDOT maintenance activities (tree clearing) this week on SR 155 east of Omak.
- The SR 20 and SR 153 chip seal projects remain on schedule for completion in mid-August. The contractor will be doing major work east of Tonasket over the next two weeks.
- Although not in the OCOG region, just a reminder that SR 97A remains closed for several more weeks between Entiat and Chelan due to potential rockfall. The first rock scaling project will be largely completed this week, and the 2<sup>nd</sup> project closer to Knapps Hill Tunnel will begin next week.

## Guest Updates:

Salvador Salazar, Governor's Office Regional Representative reported on the following:

- The Department of Health (DOH) is working on setting guidelines related to opening pools and water parks.

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- DOH is also currently working on getting guidance resources out to small businesses

Laurie Jones, Okanogan County Public Health Department, Community Health Director reported on the following:

- The DOH is watching the Brewster area; mainly 4 households
- We need case counts down, more testing, adherence to the Governor's requirements, and wear masks
- Okanogan County will not be eligible to be considered for Phase III application until there are no cases for 3 weeks
- 1,700 tests have been done in Okanogan County
- She went over Phase II requirements and answered questions

Tony Hawley, Okanogan County Sheriff reported on the following:

- The Okanogan County Sheriff's Offices are open
- The jail construction project should be complete soon
- The Omak demonstration went well, other agencies were on call if there were to have been trouble; there was none even with opposing views present. There was great up-front contact by both groups
- The Sheriff's office is back to more normal calls

Maurice Goodall, Okanogan County Department of Emergency Management Director reported on the following:

- His department is assisting the Public Health Department
- Gathering and dispersing supplies
- The rivers are doing good; no flooding to report
- Fire season is coming; be prepared

## **OCOG Member Question and Answer with Guests**

Winthrop - Sally Ranzau, Mayor – Thanked Salvador Salazar for the information he provided related to Phase II.

Oroville - Jon Neal, Mayor – He asked if he could open the City owned RV Park and if so, what needs to be done? Mr. Salazar stated that the RV Park can be open and to follow the Labor and Industries guidelines.

Pateros – Carlene Anders, Mayor – She asked what guidelines rafting guiders need to follow; Mr. Salazar will send an email related to water facilities regulations to Clerk Gleason for distribution to the entire Council.

Twisp – Soo Ing-Moody, Mayor – She asked Ms. Jones, for education and clarification purposes, if there has been information related to what constitutes a “family” in relation to social distancing. Ms. Jones

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replied that posters had been distributed to growers and packers but no specific definition regarding "immediate family / household".

Okanogan County – Chris Branch, Commissioner - \*\*Commissioner Hover left the meeting when Commissioner Branch joined\*\* Branch stated that he relies on the Sheriff's Department and Emergency Management Department and has confidence in their abilities.

Laurie Jones thanked the Mayors and other Elected Officials for all of the good information they provided.

The Council was reminded that communication is key and to sign up for the emergency notification system to stay updated.


**Roundtable Updates**

Each agency represented was given a few moments, if they wished, to report to the group on important issues / announcements going on in their jurisdictions.

**Adjournment:**

There being no further business to come before the Council, Chairperson Ing-Moody adjourned the meeting at 5:40 pm.

**Approved:**

  
Soo Ing-Moody, Chairperson

**Attested:**

  
Jackie Gleason, TranGO Clerk of the Board