

**COLUMBIA RIVER COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
MEETING MINUTES
EAST WENATCHEE, WA
1/11/2018**

Members Present - Commissioners Cindy Carter, Kevin Overbay, Dan Sutton, Chris Branch

Staff Present - Bruce Buckles, Erin Nelson, Diane Tribble, Josh Hamilton, Jill Dempsey

Guests - Tom Cash, Union Representative, Christine Johnson, Union Employee Representative

Meeting – Kevin Overbay called the Columbia River Council of Governments (COG) meeting to order at 1:50 pm. Cindy Carter assumed the role of chair prior to the review of action items.

Public Comment- None

Minutes – Dan Sutton moved to approve the minutes from the December 7, 2017 meeting as corrected. The correction was to the new revised sick leave policy for part-time employees that should read, providing 1 hour vs.1 day sick time for every forty (40) hours worked in keeping with the WAC requirement. Kevin Overbay seconded, and the motion carried.

Budget & Expenditures- Expenditures were reviewed for November, 2017. Kevin Overbay made a motion to approve the expenditures for Checks # 64423-64578, DD 13585-DD 13698, PRT 1-17, DRS 21 & DRS 22. Dan Sutton seconded. After discussion for clarification on several expenditure items, the motion carried. Bruce Buckles stated that we will attempt to obtain an additional credit card for the office to offer better access for those employees who travel and provide more specific information on accounting reports.

Personnel Update- Diane Robeck, Registered Nurse p/t in Omak resigned from the position effective 12/28/17. Bruce Buckles reported that it remains challenging to find RN's within our region. Barbara Mays accepted the Case Manager position in Moses Lake effective 1/4/18.

Executive Director's Report - Bruce Buckles reported on the continued development of the ACH; challenges of the critical access hospitals in the region; and AACCW's close involvement with DSHS, APS, W4A, the Alzheimer's Association, Guardianship/legal matters, Five Wishes, and outreach to churches to provide service and resource information to aging and disabled parishioners.

Executive Session- None

Cindy Carter adjourned the meeting at 2:07 pm.