

**COLUMBIA RIVER COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS  
MEETING MINUTES  
EAST WENATCHEE, WA  
11/8/18**

**Members Present** – Commissioners Cindy Carter, Rob Coffman, Kevin Overbay, Dan Sutton, Chris Branch, Terry Thompson

**Staff Present** – Bruce Buckles, Tammy Harvey, Erin Nelson, Debbie Peterson, Diane Tribble, Josh Hamilton, Jill Dempsey

**Guests** – Christine Johnson, Union Employee Representative, Tom Cash, Union Representative

**Meeting** – Cindy Carter called the Columbia River Council of Governments (COG) meeting to order at 1:30 pm.

**Public Comment** – None

**Agenda Amended** – Erin Nelson stated that as there were no Discretionary Fund requests, this action item was removed from the meeting agenda.

**Minutes** – Rob Coffman moved to approve the minutes from the October 11, 2018 meeting. Terry Thompson seconded, and the motion carried.

**Budget & Expenditures** – Expenditures were reviewed for September 2018. Kevin Overbay made a motion to approve the expenditures for Checks # 65810-65952, DD 14750 - DD 14869, PRT 9-18, DRS 17 and DRS 18. Dan Sutton seconded, and the motion carried.

**Personnel Update** – Tammy Harvey announced that Lisa McGowan has accepted the part-time Information & Outreach position in Omak, effective 10/3/18. Whitney Carpenter resigned from her position of Case Manager in Moses Lake, effective 10/25/18.

**Executive Report** – Bruce Buckles discussed the current activities with the Accountable Community of Health. There was also a conversation about rural EMS challenges

**Executive Session** – Dan Sutton made a motion to go into executive session to discuss the union contract for ten (10) minutes at 2:00 pm. Terry Thompson seconded, and motion carried. The executive session was extended for ten (10) minutes. The session ended with the following action taken: Dan Sutton made a motion to approve the union contract per Resolution 18-02, and with the agreed upon language for union security paragraph 7.4. Terry Thompson seconded. Kevin Overbay abstained from the voting, and the motion carried. Resolution 18-02 was signed by the Commissioners.

Dan Sutton made a motion to go into a 2<sup>nd</sup> executive session to discuss the Omak lease for five (5) minutes at 2:47. Terry Thompson seconded, and the motion carried. The session ended with the following action taken: Dan Sutton made a motion to approve the new lease per Resolution 18-03. Terry Thompson seconded, and the motion carried. Resolution 18-03 was signed by the Commissioners.

Bruce Buckles requested and the Board approved, an immediate 10% increase for the base salary rate of AACCW R.N.s. He presented this request as critical to retain and attract essential professional nursing staff pursuant the present inadequacy of the present salaries. After nearly three years of negotiation and agreement, DSHS provided the funding of \$35,000.00 necessary to provide for this increase. The Governor's increased base rate for DSHS R.N.s in 2018 was 20%.

Chris Branch made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 2:55 pm. Terry Thompson seconded, and motion carried.