

**Board of Okanogan County Commissioners**  
**Tuesday July 12, 2022 AM**

Present:

Chris Branch (CB) – Vice Chair BOCC, District 1

Andy Hover (AH) – BOCC Chair, District 2

Jim DeTro (JD) – BOCC, District 3

Lanie Johns (LJ) – Clerk of the Board

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Summary of Significant Discussions or Actions: Public Comment period; when was Completely Planned areas in the Methow Valley discussed and passed? New charter for Public Health Discussed and approved, Approved Lionel J Orr to Board of Health as consumer of public health. 2 budget supplemental public hearings – one regarding Water Conservancy Board , short discussion of transfer of water rights, new position in HR hired, Firming up voluntary demotion in Juvenile Detention, Fairgrounds Manager e-mailed new fee schedule for fair vendors, etc. , Public Works Update. List of roads for ATV's discussed.

9:15 Public Comment Period: Isabelle Spohn asked when more completely planned areas in the Methow Valley was discussed and approved. AH responded the week before they actually approved and signed on July 5<sup>th</sup>. Discussed planned areas versus zoning areas. Zoning hasn't changed,yet. Currently 5 and 20 acre minimums.

9:30

Lauri Jones (LJ), Public Health Director and other staff member in to discuss the new legislative changes regarding districts or boards. Attorney Charles Zimmerman has written up the new charter. LJ is also proposing a new position on the board – consumer of public health. Has run this by the County Civil deputy also. Some discussion about whether BOCC needs to be sworn in or the fact that they are sworn in, already, as County Commissioners is enough. LJ will check on this. 2015 was the last Charter. Moved, seconded, and approved to approve the resolution 100-2022 (Public Health Charter Resolution)

9:50

Public Hearing on Budget Supplemental for fund 134 (purchase of generators), no staff comment, no public comment. Resolution 101-2022 Approved

9:55

Public Hearing Budget Supplemental for Appropriation Water Conservancy Board. Lisa De Vera on

Zoom to answer any questions regarding this. Resolution 102-2022 \$5,000. This will need to go through Lanie John (LJ) and vouchers paid out of that for accountability per AH  
The Water Conservancy Board will be responsible for transfer of water rights, etc. Application fee is \$1,000 plus publishing fees.

10:00

Shelley Keitzman (SK), HR/Risk Manager in with Dennis Rabidou(DR) – Juvenile Administrator in to discuss voluntary demotion of a 20 year+ employee. Will remain at Step 5. Moved, seconded, and carried to approve this change Resolution 104-2022

Shelley also reports hiring an HR Analyst that has just begun this position. SK will be attending Risk Conference July 20<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup>, and 22<sup>nd</sup>.

10:11

\*\*\*\*\*Executive Session with SK, regarding possible litigation under RCW 42.30.110.1(j)until 10:25\*\*\*\*\*

10:25Another Executive Session with SK, Esther Milner, Civil Attorney, and Pete Palmer, Planning Director under RCW 42.30,110.1(j) possible litigation \*\*\*\*\*Until 10:49

10:51

Approved Consent Agenda

\*\*\*No meeting on Wednesday & no afternoon session today, after the Public Health Board Meeting\*\*

10:58

Moved, seconded, and carried to may vouchers in the amount of \$2,059,000, and the Public Health Vouchers.\$53,424.

11:02

Resolution #89-2022 to approve Multi Hazards Mitigation Plan, along with the Community Wildland Fire protection plan and Terrorism plan approved.

Moved, seconded, and carried to approve appointment of Lionel J Orr to the Health Board.

11:07

Josh Thomson (JT), County Engineer does Road and maintenance update. The Scotch Thistle on the road by Okanogan Airport on road toward old pit has been sprayed. All roads have been cleaned up since the rains and flooding. Chip Seal started again yesterday. The Chip Box that broke costs \$400,000.

*\*\*AV Capture has not worked from about 10:30 until the end of the meeting\*\*\**

Some discussion regarding whether fire districts firefighting and infrastructure funds meets ARPA guidelines.

11:15

JT reported on the Planning position which will be part Road and the other part Recreation Trails. JT has spoken with the Union regarding this also.

JT reports Army Corps of Engineers will be in town this week re: Levees (*in Conconully, I believe*)

11:20

Some discussion of the ATV Roads list. Requesting all of the West Chewuch, all the way to Winthrop. CB talks about whether JP Green Road is on the list.

11:24

JT discusses the 2 shops on his list to re-send out for bids. AH suggest wood framed, rather than metal.

JT also spoke with DOT regarding the vendors that were set up at the weigh station intersection of Hwy 97 and Bridgeport Hwy. Vendor claims to have gotten a permit from the Tribe, but it is on the DOT right of way.

11:43

Adjourn meeting until next Monday. No afternoon Session.

1:30 Public Health Meeting.