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Monday, June 26, 2023 AM & PM

JN—Jon Neal, BOCC, District 3
AH—Andy Hover, BOCC, Vice-Chair, District 1--Absent
CB—Chris Branch, BOCC, Chair, District 2
LJ—Lanie Johns, Clerk of the Board
CHa—Crystal Hawley, Deputy Clerk of the Board
MG—Maurice Goodall, Emergency Management
PP—Pete Palmer, Director of Planning
NP—Naomie Peasley—Fairgrounds Manager
Tom—Tom Even, Veterans’ Relief Board
SK—Shelley Keitzman, Human Resources and Risk Management
JT—Jimmer Tillman, Maintenance and Water Specialist, Elmer City, WA
KR—Kelly Ross, Clerk/Treasurer, Elmer City, WA
CH—Cari Hall, Okanogan County Auditor
LH—Larry Hudson, Manager, Noxious Weed Control
Stan—Stan Christie, Member, Ferry County’s Advisory Board for Motorized Travel and Recreation.

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Summary of significant discussions:

- Maurice Goodall, Emergency Management, discusses the issue of evacuation routes in case of fire.
- Pete Palmer, Planning Director, will be in depositions for much of Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. Commissioner Hover will also be in a deposition Monday afternoon.
- Naomie Peasley and the commissioners discuss the new security fee required for groups greater than 300 and for all groups serving alcohol.
- Tom Evan, Veterans’ Relief Board, tells the commissioners they are having trouble getting veterans to medical appointments at the VA clinic in Wenatchee and are hoping the BOCC has ideas how to solve the problem.
- Fire District 2 in Elmer City asks the commissioners for \$150,000 in ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) funds to help build a structure to house their five vehicles.
- Stan Christie of Ferry County’s Advisory Board for Travel and Recreation, asks the commissioners to consider establishing variable speed limits on Taroda Creek Road from Wauconda to the Ferry County line. This would open up many miles of WATV routes in Okanogan County.

00:15—Pledge of Allegiance

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Changes to the agenda: AH would like a closed session to discuss union negotiations and also an executive session—RCW 42.30.110(1)(g). Because he has to meet with the attorneys at 2:00 PM, he proposes to do the executive session now and wait until Tuesday to do the union negotiations update. AH moves to approve a special voucher run for juvenile detention for \$2640. Motion passes. AH moves to go into executive session under RCW 42.30.110(1)(g)—to evaluate the qualifications of an applicant for public employment or to review the performance of a public employee—for 10 minutes. Inviting Shelley Keitzman, Human Resources and Risk Management. Off they go.

05:40—JN—It’s possible we’ll have another executive session this afternoon if all parties are available. CB—OK. Tentative executive session at 1:45.

No public comments.

15:10—MG—I’m Maurice Goodall, Emergency Management.

MG—I don’t have much—a few small fires in the Methow Valley from lightening. The weather forecast calls for more lightening and winds.

MG—I talked to Chris Furr (District Ranger, Methow Valley Ranger District) about the South Summit Rd, and looked at it on the map. They see it, but there’s no current transportation plan. I called some residents up there and talked to them about the roads. Some of the roads are washed out and unpassable. It’s Forest Service property and not the county’s. There are 29 intersections that’d need a sign or a gate to make sure that people could go from the summit to French Creek. Which road do we do? All those canyons?

AH—you can get there from Benson Creek, too.

MG—That’s what I’m saying.

CB—I think at a minimum the Forest Service could, and I find they do this in other National Forests, put up a sign that says “Ellensburg → This Way”.

MG—So at every intersection, you put a sign or a gate? Some of the roads are maintained to 4WD standards. What do we do if a little tiny car gets stuck? I’m not saying we shouldn’t have evacuation routes or other roads that are open, but it’d be pretty drastic, and I’m not saying drastic can’t happen.

CB—At a minimum, and not just for emergencies, they should identify roads that lead somewhere. It’s not what we should do. It’s what they should do, but we can talk to them about it. It’s just exploration sometimes up there.

MG—Exploration is half of why we go up into the mountains. If we’re going to pave the road and made it into an evacuation route, that’s different.

CB—Is there any mention of it (*potential evacuation routes?*) in the Rural Roads Study?

MG—I didn’t look it up.

CB—I didn’t either.

MG—If somebody wants to block all the spurs, someone else will say—that’s the road I like to go up and eat lunch.

JN—The other side of it is they blocked all of the side roads on Mt. Hall, and then they had a fire and didn’t have access to it.

MG—It’s the locals that would want to use it. I don’t think GPS works up there.

CB—I keep thinking about evacuation routes. Everything is so situational. What expectations do we create with an escape route: escape from what and escape to where.

MG—Most times people aren’t being trapped. I get this about the Methow that people can feel trapped. Most of the time, it’s inconvenient that they can’t go down the road. It’s not that the whole place is

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being engulfed. And if there's a route out, you don't know if there's a tree down across the road. I don't know what the answer is.

CB—As an emergency management program, notifications are important. Trying to manage peoples' situations while these fires unfold—because we don't know... And what if there's another fire? Biggest message is: Beware of your surroundings. If there's an evacuation notice, which way are you going to go?

MG—The most important notification is the first one. People say—just tell me what's going on and let me make the decision. If we're going to compare us to Paradise—we're not likely to be in that situation. They had more people.

MG—I'll keep working on it and talk more to Chris Furr. It's Forest Service land.

CB—When we talk about projects in the forests, whether federal or state, there's talk about roads being closed. Some people want them closed and some don't.

MG—JN talked about that. When I was a boy, they'd just close off roads without any notification or explanation.

CB—Some people want to use the roads without cars.

MG—I'd have a hard time trying to evacuate up into the mountains.

CB—People who know the area can.

CB—Is somewhere else is establishing evacuation routes like this, I'd like to know about it.

MG—I don't know about them. There are isolated areas that can be planned for. We've got people living and we don't know anyone is living there.

CB—Paradise had a plan to evacuate but it didn't work out because of the nature of the fire.

CB—I think you're being accused of resisting, but I understand you're trying to get the concept. We're trying to see what expectations to create.

MG—I'm looking at it to see what's possible and what's not. If we establish an evacuation route, we'll need to patrol it.

AH—Another thing—always carry a chain saw with you—battery powered and 16" bar.

CB—At the meetings you have about wildfires, bring this up and let us know what others are thinking about.

32:25—CB—Pete, are you prepared?

PP—Yes. I'm Pete Palmer, Planning Director.

PP—Just an update. I'll be in depositions with the attorneys today through Wednesday.

PP—The Shoreline Management Plan periodic update public hearing is this evening at 7 PM with the Planning Commissions. Zoom link on the website.

PP—Next week, I'll have two contracts—one for VSP (Voluntary Stewardship Program) and one for the consultant for planned developments.

CB—Is there a hearing date with the Examiner yet for the Copperstone development?

PP—No. We haven't made a SEPA (State Environmental Policy Act) determination. Comment period ended today or Friday. Rocky is putting them together.

CB—We're getting lots of comments, but they're cc'ed to Rocky. They're SEPA comments...

PP—No, they're project comments. Haven't issued a determination yet for SEPA. We hope to get the contract signed ASAP with the consultant so we can hand all of that over. There are still some issues with water through DOE (Department of Ecology).

CB—If there's a water issue, it's not us that have to figure it out. The process is that eventually the Hearings Examiner hears it and makes a recommendation to the BOCC, correct?

PP—Correct.

CB—We should make this clear when we discuss it with people.

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JN—I'll send you photos of the situation we've discussed. It's looking much better. I didn't have to drive out of my way to get them.

36:25—CB—Naomie, are you ready to go?

NP—Yes. I'm Naomie Peasley, Fairgrounds Manager. The Fairgrounds was busy. The RV park was completely full. We're learning because we haven't been that busy before. Some people are helping with parking, and some people are refusing to more. The Vacation Bible School people parked in the wrong place, but we were able to figure it out.

AH—Who's the Queen advisor? It's Cayenne (?), right?

NP—Yes.

NP—I've forwarded the Fair food vendors spreadsheet to you.

AH—Good. There's only two denials and no restrictions for the most part for the menus.

NP—I don't know the price. We don't know how big the vendors' set-ups are, so we don't know what the price will be. Katie will email them to find out. Then you can review the contracts.

AH—The Fair Advisory Committee (FAC) voted on the spreadsheet?

NP—Yes.

AH—Mike was concerned about getting the contracts out right away. Can you get the prices and send the contracts to the vendors? We can sign them after that.

CB—I suppose.

NP—Did you read the emails I sent last week about the food vendors?

Commissioners take several minutes to read the emails.

JN—My only question—What's the reason for the two denials?

CB—Back to the question: Do we want to see the contracts?

AH—It's the information on the spreadsheet plus the amount. And there'd be an addendum on two about restrictions.

NP—You can't sell Red Bull, you can't sell hot dogs, etc.

AH—I was at the Fair Convention. At the Fair Directors' meeting, I asked if these restrictions are common, and they are.

NP—It depends on how big the Fairgrounds are.

NP—One was denied for selling the same things as another vendor.

NP—I've got an email drafted to get the costs so we can get the contracts finalized. I'll send it out now so we can move forward.

AH—Tomorrow on the consent agenda there's the School Discount and the new security fee. What's the security fee going to be?

NP--\$100/hour.

CB—It's required after a minimum number of attendees?

NP—I think it's 300 people or above. With fewer people and they're serving alcohol, we require the fee, too. Risk Management helped with the price, the number of guards, etc. Events starting July 12 will know what they have to pay for county security.

NP—I've emailed everyone for 2023—costs based on attendance and hours. Some groups are happy we're providing security.

AH—For the school discount, are we including private and public schools.

NP—Also homeschooled, too. Some of them fall under the district so maybe they could be under the public schools.

NP—JN had a good way to put it last time.

JN—Hmm. I can't remember.

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BOCC decides on accredited schools in Okanogan County for a school related activity will qualify for a 50% discount.

NP—Moving on, we got people to remove some dangerous trees and tree limbs. We added electrical to the sheep barn, so now we can extend wifi to the RV park.

NP—We're getting bids to extend electrical to the food vendors and the carnival area. They'll also check the arena lights. Hoping we can get the work done before our safety grant expires in October.

NP—Partitions are in the bathrooms. Need some flooring and paint, but it already looks great.

NP—I want to meet with AH and the tribal lawyers to get an agreement for installing the stalls by the end of July.

NP—When can we toss the surplus items that didn't sell at the auction?

AH—The end of the month will be the final cut off for stuff.

NP—OK. We can dispose of the items next week.

AH—Can you send us a list of what's left, in case there's some other disposal method?

NP—Yes. That's all for me.

1:08:20 NP leaves.

1:16:45—Update, Veterans' Relief Board—Tom Even

Tom—I'm Tom Even. With me are Jim Cheek, Jason Allen, Katrina Cates and Michael Stewart.

Tom—We're using the computer based EntelliTrak program with WDVA (Washington Department of Veterans Affairs). It's working pretty well to enter the veterans in the database.

Tom—Outreach to the homeless, we'll go to the foodbanks with Community Action in the area on July 12 and to other food banks in the area later. Katrina has it all under control.

Tom—The outreach to Twisp is working well. We get a good turnout—3 or 4 people at a time.

Tom—With the new PACT Act we're getting lots more people in the office. There's a lot of gray areas Jim and I are researching. We're trying to get more vets qualified. *(Note: The PACT Act is perhaps the largest health care and benefit expansion in VA history. The full name of the law is The Sergeant First Class (SFC) Heath Robinson Honoring our Promise to Address Comprehensive Toxics (PACT) Act.)*

Tom—We're getting zoom training every two weeks with the WDVA with refreshers courses about EntelliTrak, how to better our cases, etc. It's gone pretty good. If the training was in the morning, Jim could attend, too.

Tom—We still have no driver for the DAV (Disabled American Veterans) van. Trango offers a bus to Wenatchee once per week which needs to be pre-scheduled. Who can I talk to to get them to be more open? For a veteran to schedule his appointment at the VA in Wenatchee would be like pulling teeth. So if he had to go Monday or Tuesday, would Trango be willing to help out?

JN—I think the biggest issue is lack of drivers.

AH—We're getting more drivers. So, you want on-demand...

Tom—We'd preschedule, but can they go another day than Thursday? For example, if we call two weeks in advance, can we switch to Tuesday?

AH—I'm on the Trango board. Let me talk to them. Trango contracts with OCTN (Okanogan County Transportation and Nutrition). They do on-demand for seniors for doctor appointments, etc. I'll see how they integrate and get back to you. What would be the way you envision it working?

Tom—We've had to turn a lot down in the past. Most have to go to an appointment at the VA clinic in Wenatchee. There's a service that'll take them round trip to Wenatchee for \$600 or \$800. They can't afford that.

AH—You'd have to schedule it somehow.

?—I wonder if you arrange with the VA that we've got a bus on Thursday and we need to schedule the vets on that day.

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AH—Or another day, but all on the same day.

?—How many need a ride?

Tom—It’s not that often.

?—I think we can arrange with the VA to get the appointments organized.

CB—Who does the transporting for OCTN?

AH—Trango does it with a contract with OCTN. I’ll talk to Trango and OCTN and see if they can connect with the Link to Wenatchee. Maybe that’s why it has to go on Thursday. I need to find out.

CB—Remind me what’s the problem with getting a driver for the DAV van.

?—Communication. The DAV isn’t communicating with us at all. We don’t have any drivers and they won’t talk to us until they do.

Discussion about complications finding a driver.

Tom—Outreach to the homeless. The health Department said she was getting more narcan. How can I get ahold of her?

CB—I’ll give you her number before you go.

Tom—Our stats:

| | Claims | Calls | Vets served | Paperwork assists |
|------|--------|-------|-------------|-------------------|
| May | 10 | 220 | 44 | 38 |
| June | 8 | 180 | 50 | 46 |

We’ve seen an uptick even though it usually gets slower in the summer. With the PACT Act, we’ve been getting more people in and we’re keeping busy.

Tom—Katrina wants to elaborate out the outreach programs.

Katrina—We’re working with Manfishers Ministries. Programs will be (*inaudible*), Community Action, Recovery Navigators, and the Colville Tribe. We’ll meet our clientele wherever they are. We’re planning outreach at Tonasket foodbank on July 20. Trying to meet the population we serve. Any questions?

Michael—Our service officer is doing a great job. We’ll look at the ETK (EntelliTrak) reports to try to get some metrics out of the database to use for reports going into the state.

Michael—I talked with Tom about a business casual dress code, although everybody is looking good.

Michael—We’re having problems with submitting our non-profit reporting on-line. Nothing that affects our business. We’ve got 9 months to get it straightened out.

Michael—We’d like to get someone to run our website. Get word about the legacy project on social media.

Michael—Getting donations for plaques on the walls to memorialize their veterans. When we dedicated the highway, I talked to a guy from the American Legion. Grant County has a lot of money, so they can’t build a memorial because they can’t agree on anything. So we thought of offering the back wall which would hold about 144 plaques to their counties. With a pre-payment of which would go into our funds to assist supporting our legacy.

Michael—Any questions?

JN—The highway dedication was well attended.

Michael—Yes, it was. They gave us a sign but the DOT says it’s too confusing with the other sign. Arnie Marchand is trying to figure out what to do about it.

Tom—Any more questions?

CB—Here’s the phone number for the narcan.

Tom—I’ll call her before I leave town.

Veterans’ Relief Board leaves.

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1:38:10—CB—Okanogan has a change in its ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) project. They won't use any money for a new well because the arsenic level was too high. They'll put the well money into other infrastructure for that project. They'll prepare an amendment to their contract.

CB—The project about storage for the Sheriff's Department? There's a hearing on July 17 and I won't be here. Mike is going to go, but if either of you is interested in going, it might be helpful. It's the shoreline permit. The tribes didn't comment on it.

CB—You've heard about the loss of the councilmember in Pateros. Kind of a surprise. He was a taxidermist. He donated a dried frog purse to the (?).

Discussion of taxidermy and frogs.

AH to CB—Can you apply for the second half of the LATCF (Local Assistance and Tribal Assistance Fund) money?

CB—Yes.

1:47:25—Elmer City Fire District 2 request for ARPA money—Jimmer Tillman and Kelly Ross.

JT—Two years ago we started trying to get a new fire barn for FD2. The town owns the building we already have, but we've got fire vehicles that are parked outside. We got \$772,000 from the state legislature. After we got it designed, we found it wasn't enough. The next time around we got \$537,000.

JT—We went out to bid and received two—the low one was \$1,277,185. We're short. My engineer was the low bidder and we're short \$143,000. We wonder if you guys have some ARPA funds left over.

JT—Coulee Dam's fire department is almost defunct. When they're alarm rings, we get called. We fight a lot of structure fires in Nespelem.

JT—The other thing is—within our FD2, so much is federal land—Bureau of Reclamation, BIA, Trust Land. If we can't get this money, maybe we'll have to go out to bid again next year. We opened the bids on June 14 and we've got 60 days to decide.

KR—The building is simple. Cinder blocks, no bathroom, no meeting room. Just to park the trucks.

JT—Three big bays. We'll use the old building as the office.

AH—I think we've got about \$787,000 left in ARPA.

CB—AH is supportive.

AH—We're supportive, but I need to double check first.

Discussion about rising construction costs.

AH—We'll go over the numbers and get back to you next week.

KR—Jacqueline Maycumber really went to bat for us.

JT—And Mike Steele.

KR—The Fire District put \$30,000 towards this, so they did what they could. The tax base is only about \$12,000 per year. The city pays the water bill, insurance bill, electricity and phone bills. About \$1500 per month. The town owns the building and land.

JT—We sure appreciate you listening to us. I'll leave you our documents, etc.

JT—We'll check back on Monday.

JN—Can you email us a copy of (?).

KR—Sure.

JT and KR leave.

2:19:50—Public Hearing for Budget supplemental for the Elections Office.

CH—This supplemental is to reflect the grant funds awarded by the state for metal detectors for the Elections Office. The grant was cost reimbursement and the money's already been spent.

No public comments.

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AH—I move to approve Resolution 72-2023 for the budget supplemental in Elections current expense funds. Motion passes 3-0.

2:22:05—Public Hearing for budget supplemental appropriation for Noxious Weeds Control.

LH—What I want to do is decrease seasonal field staff funding and add one fulltime field tech position. Also, put all of our grant funding into the budget.

No public comments.

AH—This isn't the usual way the information is formatted.

CH—It's my fault. I didn't give LH the new form to reallocate the revenue.

AH—I move to approve Resolution 73-2023, authorizing the budget supplemental in Noxious Weeds. Motion passes 3-0.

2:31:10—AH—At 2:00, I've got that deposition.

CB—Are you being deposed, too? Is that what's going on?

AH—Somebody else is?

CB—No. Are you?

AH—I am.

CB—Yeah. Pete is being deposed.

AH—Over what? Maybe we shouldn't say anything about that.

JN—I talked to SK. The executive session will be at 1:45.

CB—Anything else?

2:32:40 Adjourn at 11:47 until 1:30

2:40:35 Discussion of variable speed limits—Stan Christie of Ferry County.

AH shares his screen, showing a map of Nicholson Creek Rd. and Toroda Creek Rd. Okanogan County ?—We were over in Ferry County last weekend, riding (WATVs). Now we'd like to ride from the Republic Curlew area in Ferry County, across through Nicholson Creek to Tonasket and into Conconully. Spend the night in Conconully, and come back the next day.

Stan—I'm Stan Christie. I'm on the Ferry County Commissioners' Advisory Board for Motorized Travel and Recreation. Our economic base is no longer mining and logging. Now it's going to be recreation and tourism. So Brad Miller and those guys and I formed this committee to bring ideas to the Commissioners that would support the new base.

Stan—They passed [HB 1632](#) to grant WATV status—street legal—on roads 35 mph or less. But a lot of Ferry County roads are 50 mph, I found RCW 46.61.416 which gives county commissioners the authority to create variable speed limits for types of vehicles or types of weather. (An example of a variable speed limit would be a school zone where the speed limit is lower when children are present.) I've got a copy of a letter from our prosecutor, and she says it's OK to enact variable speed limits. We have a test area behind Curlew Lake. Ran it for two years and there were no problems—no wrecks, no complaints. It's working well. It gives us access from Republic to Curlew without using non-motorized trail they had a big war over a few years ago. (I should never have talked them into rail-banking that.) Lately, we've extended it in various places and now you can go all the way over Boulder Pass to 395. We've got access to so many Forest Service roads that way. We've got great USFS Rangers. To get around a lot of the protesters, they're doing thinning, getting blow-downs out. In the process, in the fine print, it says all roads will be open to all vehicles. No more motorized use maps. This is cool.

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Stan—So by using the variable speed limit laws, we've extended it to the Okanogan/Ferry County line by Nicholson Creek Road. We've always felt that Ferry County and Okanogan County roads don't hook together, so both sides are missing out on recreation dollars.

Stan—The Colville National Forest is extended to Tonasket. I go fishing in places where there are lots of kids riding side-by-sides and none of them are legal. We're trying to get everybody legal. We proved when we first opened up the roads in Ferry County that the more legal opportunities available, the less illegal activities take place.

Stan—Hook the two counties together legally, and we can do that. I've got a list of all the Okanogan County roads open to WATVs. We propose from the Wauconda store to the Ferry County line via Taroda Creek Rd.

Stan—We'd like to propose that you guys test a variable speed limit from the Wauconda store to the Ferry County line. That gets us hooked up to Nicholson Rd, Chesaw, Molson. We can come down Beaver Canyon. There are lots of recreation dollars the two counties can share.

Stan—I'm the vice-president of TCMRA, the Tri-counties Motorized Recreation Association. Started 18 years ago. We lost everything in 2005—we got kicked off the Forest Service roads, so we formed this club to fight for our access again. The people who were once totally against ATVs are now coming up to me at the market and saying—my wife and I are thinking of getting one. What's the best kind to get? People ask us where to go and we're going to tell them to camp at Ferry County fairgrounds. Don't buy your groceries at Walmart. Wait and buy all your hotdog buns in Republic. Spend your money there. When we go places, we spend money. They only ones who spend more money than us are the hunters, because their wives don't know how much money they've got.

Stan—Our purpose today is to see if you guys would do a test ride up Toroda Creek to the county line. That hooks us up to roads already open to ATV use.

AH—Was the engineer's and prosecutor's opinion given to the commissioners?

Stan—Yes. I've got copies for you.

?—On the road we're talking about, it's only about 20 miles to Wauconda. It would really make a neat connector. You can take a club group and make a two day trip.

Stan—I've also got copies of the county ordinance that created the variable speed limit.

CB—There was a public hearing?

Stan—They had several.

?—There are some spots to make connectivity and that's what we're trying to do.

Stan—In 1251, you guys have the authority to open up sections of state highways to variable speeds, like where Hwy 20 goes thru Republic. Where it's 35mph or less. We're going to ask the DOT to change the speed for about ¼ mile.

Stan—In the long run, we're enhancing recreation and tourism dollars.

CB—How did your hearing go, just because I'm curious?

Stan—Good! We never had problems with the variable speed limit except they didn't understand it. One logger said—I don't care. I'm going to drive 50 anyway. We tell them, the limit is 50 until you come up behind a WATV. That makes it a 35 mph zone until you pass the ATV. If you came up on girls riding on horseback what would you do? Slow down until you got around them. The signage is what's important. The guy who ran the ratchet wrench was putting the signs up badly and we caught him doing that. We got that straightened out. Now we've got a stretch from Curlew opened up to WATVs and we might get a round-about there. The first place in Ferry County to have one.

JN—I'm sorry.

Stan—I didn't like them either, but come up to Tug Boats and look at the goofy intersection and tell me how it's going to get straightened out.

AH—There's a page missing in the Public Works memorandum.

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Stan—If I can't find the page you're looking for, I'll have Amanda Rowton, the clerk of the board, send it to you.

CB—Our approval on this would be dependent on where the road is—with respect to getting push back. ?—That's where we are—taking it place by place.

Stan—There's this Sternberg fellow, who's been against everything we've ever tried to do. He said the sign has to be lit up like at Snoqualmie Pass. We told him that's on federal roads and we're talking county roads. He got mad and stomped out. Then Brad Miller said our prosecutor looked at the legalities of it and the commissioners are fully within their power to do this. The nay-sayers said—Well, OK. And we haven't had any problem since. One of our worst enemies was...

CB—We've got an executive session planned for a few minutes ago and we have to do that.

AH—So can you just give us what you want to do?

?—I looked at my odometer and it's about 20 miles of Toroda Creek Road from the county line.

Stan—We have a new commissioner, too.

JN—I move to go into executive session for five minutes for RCW 42.30.110(1)(g) inviting Esther (Milner, Chief Civil Deputy Prosecutor) and Shelley. Off they go.

3:02:30—CB—Sorry about that. We're back.

Stan tells about a bear on his deck last night. WDFW is supposed to come and get him. Much discussion about bear hunting.

Stan—50 years of being in Alaska and I know that bear spray is lots better than a rifle to stop a bear.

CB—AH is in another meeting, so he won't be back.

Stan—I'll get Amanda to send the information to you.

?—Where are we in trying to move forward on the other presentations we've done. There was one for the Methow Valley. (Talks about working with the former commissioners back in 2014.)

?—I've got calls from people complaining about people riding in a place and I tell them they can't do it legally there.

Stan—We're trying to get the adults to be riding legally, and that'll teach the kids to follow the rules.

CB—People sometimes get upset with a whole big group of people riding together.

Stan—When we ride through a town, we're slow, courteous. I wave at people. It only takes 1 or 2 idiots to set us back 5 years.

Stan—I'd like to get the kids doing something fun.

CB—OK. We'll take this into consideration. We're moving forward on your previous proposal.

?—We agreed to take out the Rendezvous access.

JN—I don't think I ever got the map for that.

?—I'll send it.

They leave.

Adjourn at 2:23 PM