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JD—Jim DeTro, BOCC chair, District 3
AH—Andy Hover, BOCC vice-chair, District 1
CB—Chris Branch, BOCC, District 2
LJ—Lalena Johns-clerk to the Commissioners
PP—Pete Palmer, Director of Planning and Development
AHub—Angie Hubbard, Planner
MG—Maurice Goodall, Emergency Management

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Summary of significant discussions:

Public hearing concerning the Lake Management District #1 assessment roll. One person has made a formal objection to his assessment.

Brief discussion of the Commissioners' press release.

Maurice Goodall wants to establish a contingency fund for Emergency Management. He and the Commissioners discuss different ways to accomplish this.

After Commissioner DeTro leaves, AH and CB discuss the Twisp Restoration Project.

There will be no planning update because Pete Palmer is not in the office today.

3:52:45—AH—I'd like to remove items from Tuesday's consent agenda and have them considered on their own. Items #7-11 are all resolutions and we need to have a discussion about them. Especially #11, the wage increase for non-bargaining employees. I want to make sure we know what we're discussing.

4:25:35—Public hearing Lake Management District rolls. Planning Department.

AHub—Today's hearing is to hear objections to the boundaries of Lake Management District #1 as authorized by RCW 36.61.120 [RCW 36.61.120: Special assessment roll—Adoption—Public hearing. \(wa.gov\)](#). The BOCC is acting in the capacity of the Board of Equalization. The RCW allows them to modify special assessment rolls. Other changes to the roll include adding parcels and changing parcel numbers because of boundary line adjustments. Then the BOCC will certify by resolution the special assessment roll. We received one written objection, from Michael Krammers. There are three options: deny the objection, grant the objection and reduce the special assessment so the assessment is \$80 for each parcel, or grant the objection and remove the two sliver parcels from the roll and include the

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parcel that has the house on it. Then the assessment would be \$160. (While the parcel with the house is included in the Assessor's roll, it's not included in the Lake Management District roll.)

After discussion about boundary line adjustments, access corridors, etc., AH moves to grant the objection and approve the resolution outlining the parcel removal and other subsequent additions and removals. Resolution passes 3-0.

4:39:50—Commissioners discuss a press release.

JD—There's been lots of turmoil on both sides and this doesn't put us on either side.

CB—I answered two reporters, saying that we couldn't meet the prosecutor's budget expectations and that's that. I could have gone farther and said I didn't want to comment until the resignation is effective because that's our attorney.

4:41:35—MG—I have a budget question. I'm trying to understand how to build up a reserve fund.

AH—You have to have a separate fund, so we can reserve a beginning fund balance.

AH—Saving money is great, but you need to inflate your budget to save it. You should just ask for \$X/year to save.

CB—Have you looked at other EM departments in the state? Emergencies are hard to predict and budget for.

AH—A reserve fund shouldn't money that's saved from the budget. AH says you need to budget as tightly as possible and then have a budget line for contingencies. If Cari Hall, (County Auditor) says that's OK, then great, but all the other numbers in the budget should be tight.

Long discussion about how MG can get a reserve fund.

AH—So tomorrow at the budget hearing at 1:45, we can discuss this with the Auditor and find out how to do it. Having a reserve is good.

CB—And sometimes you have to have money to get money.

5:06:10—JD leaves.

CB to AH—Did you have a question about submitting a comment for the Twisp Restoration Project (TRP)? AH stands and it becomes difficult to hear him. He and CB continue to talk about the TRP and the county's position should be. CB would like to use Virginia Ridge as a model even though the work is on a much bigger scale.

AH leaves

Note taker leaves the meeting.