

**Board of Okanogan County Commissioners
Virtual (Telephonic) Meeting
4/14/20**

In Attendance:

Jim DeTro, BOCC (District 3)
Chris Branch, BOCC (District 1)
Andy Hover, BOCC (District 2)
Lalena Johns, BOCC (Clerk of the Board.)
Dan Higbee, Building Dept.
(See below for attendance at Public Health Board meeting.)

Other unknown individuals attending via telephone, totaling nine in the meeting.

These notes were taken by a volunteer note taker with Okanogan County Watch. Notes have been taken over telephone transmission, verbatim inasmuch as possible. For official minutes of this meeting, usually published by the county at a later time, see okanogancounty.org, under "Commissioners," then "Commissioners' Proceedings."

Summary of Significant Discussions/Actions:

Covid-19 issues: BOCC will contact Ecology for **extension on WRIA/water timelines**. BOCC reserves Mondays at 1:00 to deal with important issues in view of the current situation and the need to consider them as they arise; Bids for **Newspaper of Record** bids opened; Figures to be calculated and public hearing announced; **Letter to Governor** re construction dilemmas, making single family residences essential (County will send letter.) **Covid-19 issues, Resolution #49-2020 re Overnight Transient Accommodations, Hospitality lodging, etc.** Lengthy discussion of compliance with state guidance, **Commissioners' position/enforcement**. Public Works update; **Board of Health meeting, Community Health Report, Covid-19 Questions/Answers.**

Note: The meeting started at 10:00 AM but due to technical issues the notes begin at about 10:20.

10:20 - Picking up with discussion of WRIA proceedings:

AH - Talk to ecology about extension of these plans, due to the size of the meetings, etc. The last meeting went until 10:30 PM because of so many people voting and so forth. It would be a good idea to send ecology an e-mail for an extension due to the situation - or we can call them.

CB - Agrees. I think there may be an opportunity to do that. A few folks out there are technically challenged, and even if they had the equipment, they may be remotely located and it may be difficult.

AH - Hard to get people to see all the charts and also to get the voting done.

Covid-19 Issues: Overnight Transient Accommodations, Hospitality Lodging, Wednesday meetings expected/ passage of Resolution #49-2020

AH - Yesterday we were talking about shutting down the OTA's (Overnight Transient Accommodations) and the Hotels, etc. In the meantime, the state health officer has drafted a joint letter, or basically a joint order, for the closure of overnight transient accommodations and Hospitality Lodging. Lanie has it in Word and will e-mail it.

CB - Very early this AM, I drafted an order for Health Department and Lauri (Public Health Director) wrote back thatI made sure the Sheriff's Dept and Building Dept knew about the transmission ...It was a take-off from Pacific County, also a Health order. The commissioners and committees there approved. But since Lauri is working with health officer, this may be the way to go. I suggested the order from Planning Dept be held until we see if the order goes through

AH - Lauri wanted the BOCC to sign on with the Health officer, and Lanie suggested that it say by the order of BOCC and the Health officer and have her signature and our signatures on it jointly.

CB - I haven't seen it yet.

LJ - It's in your e-mail now. I was putting it into resolution #49 form and putting in the formatting it to our....It may look a little different than the one you are looking at now.

CB - Yes, that is what I had sent, with those changes, and it sounds perfectly good to me.

One question - if the sheriff and building officials have had a chance to look at it. Their input is always helpful when we adopt something. Will you be at Board of Health meeting today? I thought we would discuss it at the health meeting afterwards.

CB - Another thing to consider today - We don't have to meet a long time, but a good idea to provide the means to meet more frequently, because things do come up. More of us as a board....we do have Wednesdays open, but there are also a series of webinars, etc on that day. Maybe later in the day on Weds because we do have it available as a scheduled meeting day. We could get a brief update and respond to considerations that arise. We could do it like we are now.

AH - We could do that on an as-needed basis, maybe Lanie could coordinate and let us know.

CB - Good with me. I'd like to pick a time....she could poll us....and then we could reserve that time. I have a lot of requests for meetings that I need to schedule for that day.

AH - ok with me.

LJ - Next Wed from 9 - 12:00 a lodging tax meeting. After that might be a good time if there are things to bring to the table. You will let me know?

OK.

AH - question: If it's notare you going to put that on our agenda on Friday? At 11:00 a possible meeting to discuss permits..etc.

LJ - I'd reserve Wednesdays in case there is a need for a meeting

CB - This is what I mean - on Wed at 11:00 -- I have an Economic Alliance meeting. Weds has always been a meeting day for me. As long as we coordinate those times.. there is a series of meetings that happen on Wednesdays. In the mornings on alternate dates.....Lanie should see my stuff on her calendar.

LJ - Confirms.

CB - I had this issue this AM because of the health discussion at the state level - If we could just coordinate that so that we don't overlap.

I'm suggesting we hit on a regular time - that way, it is reserved on Wed. What would be better - except.....1:00 on those days are typically a better deal, for me.

AH - Agrees, checks with someone (DeTro?)

Agreed

AH - Do we want to wait on reservations for OTA's until after the Board of Health meeting?

CB - Yes. We could pass it tomorrow. If we get done with Health today and all is clear.

Person (Jlm) from Board of Health says we can do it this afternoon.

AH - We can move everything up, because 11:00 has been extended until April 28th.

Detro - Move the minutes up and the disc of grant writer application....right now we have 1045 newspaper opening. Everything else could go - Not going to Board of Health. If I hear one more time that the sky is falling, I'm going to have some words also.

CB - Expecting a call from computer repair in Omak, and they are only open 10 - 12:00. I might need to leave early.

AH - On Wed at 1:00 - call in to consider this resolution. Either we ..

CB - I understand we will consider resolution this afternoon, and if we need to meet at 1:00 it is on my calendar.

AH - If we move everything up right now, there is no reason we come back here.

DeTro - couldn't hear.

CB - Andy , you are going to the meeting....I can join by zoom and not attend.

AH - I really want to get this Health resolution signed as soon as possible. All 3 have to sign. So Chris, concerns?

CB - If we need to expedite... Dan has a copy of resolution.... Did you look?

Yes.

Any issues? Dan - no issues.

AH - Will have Lanie print out Draft Resolution.

CB - Suggestion for Pete (planning Dept.) - she can reference the letter she sends also.

LJ - It is Resolution # 49-2020

AH - Reading for folks on phone. Will wait until bid opening is done. Signed by OK health officer, MD,(McCarthy) and 3 Commissioners.

JD - Get McCarthy at Board of Health meeting?

LJ - Will e-mail to Lauri. Can we get electronic signature?

Not sure

LJ - Will mail Lauri to see who could sign for Health Dept.

People talking over each other, one of them out of reach of phone.

LJ - Lael trying to get ahold of you, DeTro asked to call her at home or at the office. He will.

10: 45: Newspaper of Record: DeTro opening bids. (Note: all numbers too rapid to record accurately.)

Wen World: Standard legal advertising type gothic 7_{pt} see 8.4 for comparison, single column at 6.93 per line 16.93 double column, etc. etc. *Couldn't follow all.* Invoicing to show . Fairly well-documented. That's it.

Chronicle: Same. Clarification documentation. Invitation to bid 52.20 per insertion at 4.50 per column inch . Standard legals 4.5- per column inch . Public Hearings 11.25 f per insertion at 4:??? per column inch. Tax notices - 4:50 per parcel. *Missed one.* Will need to figure out (??)

Sound publishing: Examples of columns, sizes, 8.0 pt. Legals per run inch - \$5.00 includes publications in print and online. Subsequent notices %5.00 per column inch. Flat rate for all legal notices. Affidavits of publication - *Did not understand.* Several items. Website - legal notices are online free of charge on same date of publication. Sample invoices included. Does not understand what parcel differences are. The longer is the more expensive. \$5.00 per column inch. Length determined. Invitations to bid - \$5.00, public hearing notice \$ 5.00.

JD - Obviously, this will take some deciphering. When this happens, we will advertise and award.

AH - Do you want me to read resolution? The draft for the purpose of OTA and Hospitality lodging.

CB - You don't need to read it unless she added substantial language.

LJ - I only made it signable with resolution template.

AH - Moves to approve Res. #49-2020, Joint resolution for purpose of closure of Overnight transient Accommodation and Hospitality lodging.

No disc.. All in favor. Passes.

LJ will send to Lauri to see about getting John McCarthy's signature.

Building Dilemmas - Letter to Governor

AH - Pete was asking about building. I've been getting a lot of calls about why people are still excavating, building on their house and bring friends over to build on house. The letter you sent to governor to make single family residences essential..... need to figure out where we are at with this....whether there will be any penalties. Called L&I to ask if they were doing any enforcement. They said that's through the governor's office. People sign up for a complaint form, etc. A lot of ambiguity. We need to figure out what we are going to approve or disapprove.

CB - In your e-mail coming through is a response from governors office. I got ahold of our rep in E WA and you will see his reply.

LJ - McCarthy will authorize us to stamp his signature. (the health resolution)

JD - From an enforcement standpoint, I hate to put our something that enforcement people can't make compliance. One opinion - we get these calls and they go on a priority list. A lot would get no attention (becomes inaudible. Can only hear typing.)

CB the next question for Salvador Salazar - are you responding to the reports of noncompliance? How are you doing that? He's stating that it's.....to enforcement.

AH - when did you send this e-mail?

CB Yesterday afternoon. That was at 7:30 AM. He replied to me at 7:56 this morning.

AH - I didn't get any.

CB - I replied to an announcement he made, out of the blue. This AM I got a reply and shot it off to building folks to see what kind of feedback they had before this meeting. Regardless, that's their reply. (on e-mail to AH, Salvadore's reply. Forwarded 3 minutes ago.)

AH - Got nothing.just got it. Here is the part that is hard and frustrating for me. You have ...I got a report that someone turned in the concrete plant in Winthrop . But if they are not open, I can't bring in gravel for my driveway. But I can get it for the farm. So we get these complaints - it's a nightmare.

CB - At first glance, there are other implications. There are a lot of reasons for limning, but on the other hand, if there is a dump truck driving around doing several jobs, I don't have a complaint. But if they go out only for that, I have a problem. But they are sending complaint to the governor. I guess we'll see wha happens. Some people are trying to comply, but

JD - People will get more aggressive as time goes by. I get calls that say people are just going to go do this, between 2 and 6 AM.

CD - When people do this, I explain the side effects of all this - if they decide to go ahead....I don't know that we have an enforcement position here unless we make a rule that the county enforces as well. I do suggest we send a letter as part of the letter-writing campaign to convince the Governor to consider some other things. He has a regular meeting. If I go to Home

Depot, there are more people there - homeowners and contractors ...than there would ever be without Covid-19. Some risk by home contracts. (???)

I think the Association (of builders') of North Central Wa is advocating for, but I don't know what else we would do in terms of addressing the issue. I guess the discussion should be - do we see a huge risk?....single family homes?

AH - You look at "single"...one of my neighbors mows people's lawns. He said I don't want to break the law....am I essential? Non-essential? I couldn't find anything in the Governor's law about single proprietor. It's less risk than me going to the hardware store. One or 2 workers with one piece of equipment - little or no risk. Some of them are not even talking to the home owner. With a framing crew, it's more of a risk. Or bringing people in from outside the county.

JD -Do you actually see people with 4-5 motorhomes around the house?

AH - Yes. Yesterday I was working across from my house and there are trucks pulling 3 RV's. Either they all went to the same place to pick up their RV's or they came from down south together, or.....Post mistress said she saw a lot of mail boxes rented out, and a large table with mail forwarding from over there.

JD - More a problem in your area than ours. I drove all around Conconully and there were only twoLiar's Cove...upper lake, some rented, but only one vehicle.

AH - I've been getting calls regularly asking why the county isn't enforcing? We don't have powers. Governor's, L&I...etc. have the power. But you need to take some sort of a stand. Everyone is looking at us asking what are commissioners doing? People really scared, others who don't seem to care, and others who are not sure.

JD - Watching news last night. A channel called One America News. I watch it because they don't have ads. A case of a gal 83 years old that lives in the county . A spinster. Had no contact with anyone in last 90 days, never saw anyone and she got it.

(Someone?) - We had a case like this in the Methow (couldn't hear.)

CB - The anecdotal info - I do not give it as much credence as the guidance we are getting. I've gotten a lot of misinformation in past few weeks. I'm more inclined to do something we can do something about. If we agree that what we are doing to avoid the spread...and whether the Gov. or health officials come from across the county....that is the best info. Cannot verify the stories. What we can do....like if the fire chiefs don't believe it's necessary to have a burn ban, we will inform people. Maybe we should spend our time informing the public.

AH - I agree. Either we go all in, or we ask why we are doing this - Shut everything down for 2 weeks and tell people not to go anywhere. More people at the hardware store now than if there was no ban.

JD - Trying to do busy work, projects.

CB - Is the hardware store metering folks going in and out?

AH - No. They have signs out saying social distancing. When I say a lot, 10 people in store you can keep 6 feet away. Not like Walmart. Seems like we are shutting down things and people getting hurt, even.....If we shut down everything for 2 weeks and see what happens.....But we are in this in-between and it is putting a strain on people because - Why , if the governor has put on a stay at home order, why didn't they close down he passes? Why aren't there check-

points? It's frustrating to see ... I'm only trying to push these issues. I've heard from a lot of different people out there to figure out where we stand.

CB - I say we take this stand to follow the guidance as well as we can. There are things that are or are not fair. I tell people we are in a high risk situation and you voluntarily do what you are going to do - limit your self..... Otherwise, regarding checkpoints on passes, it activates a whole bunch more people. Some people are in transit due to health issues, etc.

I hear a lot that the pot stores and even the damn liquor stores are open. I won't justify itcan you get your hair cut? As far as I'm concerned it's the same as getting your lawn cut. There was the grant that went out for 30 business, and there were 120 applicants. My answer is what if this viral situation goes so far that you lose employees, etc as a result? I can speculate all day , but looking at the global situation - it's pretty bad. If you look at Facebook look at a post by Melanie McClellan that defunks...says do you realize what this means to you and your family?

AH - I am pretty certain people are moving back and forth from second homes to the coast. What sort of messaging do we want to put out? I want to address this.

CB - And you don't want to see this? We could put out a message saying that. We hate to say this, but do you realize what it means? I think if we communicate this to our health officer or emergency manager, they could create an effective press release.

AH - I want to get this done. When can we ...do you want me to communicate with Laurie and Maurice about this? Between them they can come up with something. And they agree with us.

I would like them to put out a press release and something over Everbridge. And to the construction asking if they want to lose their licenses, etc.

CB - Include the info from the governor's office.

Dan Higbee - Currently I'm addressing homeowner/builders...?

AH - Hard to say. Are they doing construction? I called the governor about getting gravel in my driveway. They asked are you were getting the gravel yourself. They said that isn't essential. If I'm doing construction on my own house, are you going to stop me?

CB - The point is, the fact is, there is a big limitation on what can be done and what activity takes place. We have never lived in a perfect world.

AH - Dan said he's still doing it on homeowner builders. That same type of people are the ones we had the complaint over, where a bunch of people or part of the family came over from the coast to build on their relatives' or friend's house.

CB - They mostly need to be educated on the subject. That's the approach the gov's office is takingobviously there is something about this they do not understand. I'm asking people to take the high road. Either we, as county commissioners believe this is the course of action we need to take in order to keep people from dying, or we are not. This is about people's lives. Melanie's latter was pretty profound. She said, "I'm a young person....Don't you have a grandfather, a mother," etc??? All this doesn't get resolved by regulation.

AH - I'm not disagreeing. But we either need to go all-in, or you are risking people dying. RE Dan Higbee: if he is doing homeowner builder inspections, he should write a letter that they should not have people from outside the county doing their construction.

CB. Yes. There may be a message that you need to do. I agree with you, Andy.

Dan - I am happy now...when they ask those questions on the application - I don't know if they are lying or not.

AH - The best we can do is to take a stand - we don't want people from out of the county coming in. I want people to know that we, as commissioners, are discussing and making decisionsMaybe say I will not inspect if this is the case? Okanogan county will not respect people who are just coming in.....(cites the situation in Ketchum, Idaho, because people from out of the area went there.)

CB - Where the rich people go. They have the \$\$ to get away. Our statement would say something like...."If this is what you are doing, we hope you are not."

JD - (Some kind of a joke about shutting it all down. Inaudible.)

(Ana Lyons?) from Weed Board: We have been discussing this. It's not time yet for weed control. We have a lot of out-of-town folks who come over to do weed control. We are trying to figure out how we are going to deal with all this.

CB - Good idea.

AL - if they don't come to control their weeds, how will the weeds get controlled? We only have 5 local applicators. Also... people come in.

AH - People's lives are a lot more important than the weeds right now.

AL - I agree!

AH - Maybe we should say this to the Governor's office too?

CB - Fact is that the governor's office will not solve all this. It's monumental. But if we join in with this message, it will help. We have to also pay attention to how much capacity we have to enforce. There's more than just conversations between us and other counties. But every week, WSAC (Washington Association of Counties) has a deal on Covid on Friday afternoon another is a polling message, on Zoom...you can write in the chat box.also the polling mechanism on another website asks, "What is your greatest concern today?" People share what they are doing....but the message of appealing to people's common sense - we came up with one today - some of the things that are being implemented actually came from these conversations.

If you suggest that we either be all in or all out....I will never be all out, and I don't think you will be either, Andy. (Andy had walked away from phone momentarily.)

Public Works Update

Josh Thompson - Landowner on Hunter Mountain property - needs signature.

CB - Do you have the doc?

JT - E-mailed to BOCC an hour ago. *(They find it.)* RCO form - Says we as landowner are ok with this being submitted.

All vote to sign.

JD - Claude (?) called me. A lot of poles up there. Said to call Josh and say what you are going to do, and do it.

Josh - It's a % of the capital budget that goes for critical habitat. Still a good chance this will go through.

Liberty Woodlands sewer system. State wants a flow meter for the part they manage. Also, one other repairs needed. \$12,000 estimate not in budget.

AH - question about Conconully, cabin on federal grounds. What is our role in the sewer system in Conconully? (Federally owned cabin.)

Josh - Odd system. Each resident usually has own tank they pump out so we do not deal with solids. This one is connected to several cabins.

JD - We should write them a letter, because when they moved the last owner out, it was a difficult situation. He said the last way I'm leaving is in a body bag. I got him calmed down. They agreed to rent some cabins, remodel some that were left. Also something about the west and east part....nice, they brought in a cement outhouse, etc. Very nice. But have not done the improvements they agreed to.

JT - They are upgrading sewer systems?

JD - Yes, when they re-do the cabins.

CB - Are the cabins all on one tank and pump, or individual?

JT - not positive -

JD - Thinks there are maybe 3 cabins clustered.

Consent Agenda: 11:45

11:49. All County documents approved

Reconvenes as Tonasket EMS:
Approves the contract Voucher - for \$21,700 for EMS contract.

Reconvenes as Oroville Dist.
Approves April contract for \$9,680

Reconvenes as Methow Valley EMS Dist.
Vouchers for EMS for \$57,550.

AH - Discussion of grant writer, admin, etc. Let's move to table this item to "To Be Determined." (Out of time to discuss at this point.)

CBDG -grant amount of - Public Service Contract Request #9 for \$55,000 +.

CB - One thing first (some confusion re Lael's, in re Community Action -LJ clarifies.)

CB - Seconds, motion passed.

LJ : Need direction on: Letter to governor - do you want to sign today?

AH - Moves to pass, passes. (It is the letter on single family construction, joining with other counties and home builders)

CB - Anything you want me to sign down there today? I can swing by.

JD - Letter to Governor.

LJ - Meeting minutes. I will leave them to be signed along with the letter.

Another issue - Jail cooling not operating properly, per contact from Joe. Low-flow. Some things had happened to system ...cooling for the jail. Proposal was obtained - \$13,000. Joe and Ameresco contractor are going back and forth to see why it happened. Joe, Saucedo, and Ameresco have different theories. Regardless, it is getting warmer and it needs to be fixed. We either fix it or go through a legal.....

AH - Fix the system first, then go after whoever. We need to fix it anyway. The other would take forever.

(Seems to find agreement all the way around.)

LJ - This is just for the jail, but there is a separate fund for the maintenance. The thing is, we have about \$60,000 for other things re maintenance. We have \$42,000 (from some other fund.)

JD - We need to get it done. (Is that "essential"? All laugh.) Closing the jail would not be a good thing.

Motion passes to do this.

CB - haven't heard anything from civil deputies these days.

(Joking around: Too busy to talk to us, or good news?)

CB - Will call in remotely for Pubic Health meeting. Will be there for signatures, keeping distance. AH will take the resolution so they can stamp it. There will be nothing after the public health meeting. Everything is "moved up." Will not be in session after public health meeting.

12:05 - Meeting Adjourned for lunch.

1:30 - Board of Health Meeting

Board:

Marianne Williams
Patricia Stanton
Chris Branch
Andy Hover
Jim Wright
(Jim DeTro not attending)

Staff:

Lauri Jones
Dave Hilton
Patty Hendrickson

Members of public:

Nora Sheridan
Marcy Stamper
Isabelle Spohn
Katie Haven

1:30 Marianne Williams leads meeting.

Addition to agenda: Amendment to combined income home contract. Approved.

Public Comment:

Nora Sheridan: Question - Re Wa state Board of Health - Abbot Company with new tester which doesn't go up nose, works in less than 15 minutes, demonstrated on FOX news yesterday. How much PPE does Omak have? I'm rooting for you.

(This will be answered later.)

Aministrative Reports and Action:

Draft minutes March 10 Approved.

Financial Report - questions:

Voucher - sit-to-stand item. Approved.

Contract with Family Impact Network (Used to be children, youth, & families.)

Lauri - Jim DeTro signed last October. Only amendment other than \$\$ amount - 3 lines called a (CANS?) ass't. She will upload their assessments within 10 business days with family. Have

always done this. Only change - she can see birth-12 years and 6-12 under "incredible years."
Contract amendment to implement these. Motion to pass amendment carries.

Covid-19: Joint Resolution #49-2020

Joint resolution for closure of Overnight Transient Accommodations and Hospitality Lodging until further notice, signed by Commissioners and Health Officer John McCarthy.

Marianne - How will this be published?

(Sent to media today, on county website, also Emergency Management.)

Also. Do you have a list of all hotels and OTA's to send it to?
(Yes.)

CB- Also, Planning sending to all facilities on record with copies of order itself.

(Below is a paraphrasing of a few most of the items. A request for a copy of the resolution itself has been made, and it will be posted on the County Watch website if not received on time for posting of these notes. Please use the official resolution itself rather than this paraphrasing.)

RESOLUTION #49-2020

Whereas:

Violations to comply with the governor's order is punishable by fines, etc. and the virus passes quickly, etc. etc., steps to limit travel must be taken, etc.

Be It Resolved: (Ok County and Public Health Officer jointly resolve under RCW 70.05.070):

Effective immediately 8AM, 4/14/2020, and continuing until further notice:

All hospitality lodging and Overnight Transient Accommodations are closed under the Health Officer. This includes resorts, hotel, motel, short-term rentals, bed and breakfasts, nightly rentals, campgrounds, RV parks, etc, and private property being used for campgrounds.

It shall not be a violation to remain open for: Anyone who has resided there since 3/03/20 or earlier; any person employed in hospitality lodging; anyone involved in Covid-19 response, employees responding to Covid-19, any person required by employment to provide Covid-19 deliveries - truck drivers and service providers; anyone else assigned by the Public Health Officer to prevent Covid-19, and more etc.....*(For a more accurate account, or if you are in one of these groups, check okanogancounty.org for posting of the actual resolution. This went by so quickly I cannot assure completeness or accuracy.)*

Copies of this order will be posted on the county website (okanogancounty.org) Also the county will request it be posted on WA state parks and Hospitality website where it is viewable to the public; on social media; press releases will be sent out re this order.

If any subsection is declared invalid re any person, structure, gathering, etc, such decision will not affect any other portion of order.

Health officer may at any time may extend, cancel, or issue other orders. Health Officer requests cooperation of all law enforcement.

Signed by Okanogan County Commissioners and Health Officer John McCarthy

Community Health Report, Lauri Jones

Covid-19 cases in County: As of this afternoon, 14 cases in Okanogan County. Website said 15, but a person was assigned to our county that was not in our county. Trying to get DOH to take her off the list.

We have 10 out of 15 who have totally recovered. Could be as high as 13 or 14. Great news. Unfortunately, someone is still hospitalized and is not doing very well. Keeping fingers crossed. Hopefully that situation will turn out better.

Marianne - any info on the person? Older? Younger?

Lauri - Younger than me. Do not know of any underlying conditions. Also, there are a couple of younger people who are not symptomatic at all - maybe a small cough for a day or two. EMS briefings - We do this differently from fires - meetings are every morning by phone or by zoom. Taking a lot of calls. Office closed to public for a couple of weeks. We take in water samples in lobby. Foyer is open, but main doors not.

Questions:

Marrianne - Her sister says the county is doing a fantastic job. Happy with info and distribution.

Lauri - One person was not in our account because she has been living in southern states for 6 months. Everyone else was tested in our county, but initially had to go to Confluence in Wenatchee.

Nora Sheridan : I recently read in the Wenatchee World about another county that said misdemeanor or fine up to \$5,000. Is there anything in this resolution that gives more of a push like this?

Lauri - No , we are anticipating full compliance. Many other counties are doing the same thing.

Reply to unknown person/question: If you are not getting our alert, sign up with Everbridge. People want to know where there are maps. If over 60, take advantage of special hours at stores. Make sure you keep social distancing.

Qu: Dave (Hilton ?) - (missed this.)

Laurie - if we can hold steady this week..... The problem is we doubled our number of cases in 4 days, but we have not doubled again. We are approaching 400 mark for tests. Not a huge thing, but it gives a fair idea. The message is that the virus is circulating in the county. But we have put in MPI's for several weeks now; but as the gov't may not lift restrictions, we are in fairly good shape as long as we hold strong. As long as we do not have people from outside coming in. There are people from hot zones wanting to bring families in.

Patty - A little off the subject, but have a friend who is seasonal employee with weed board. What is their status?

AH - Weed board still working. Weed board has concerns if people can't come in, they may not be able to get weeds taken care of.

Question: "What are you looking at?"

Lauri - Eastern Washington-wide. We are maybe 3 weeks behind the coast. Yakima has well over 400 cases. Knocking on wood - we have not had outbreaks in our long term care. We have locked those down, and ..for example in Yakima, once one of the nursing homes had covid, they all got them. They often share staff. It's been a blessing so far. One reason North Valley Hospital will not take Covid patients is that they are connected with long term care.

Qu: What about making Brewster the Covid hospital?

Lauri - I won't be politically correct. Bottom line, they felt they could do it all - deliver all the babies and take care of Covid also. Other hospitals aren't doing it. Mid Valley did not agree with Brewster taking over all covid (*or non-covid?*) patients. Doug Jones from Confluence - Confluence is still operating normally. They will take all Covid patients until they can't anymore. 3 Rivers is more than willing. They have a solution. They do not have a respiratory therapist, but North Valley does. (*Not clear. Will they be sharing?*) We have the state EOC incident command task force here on Friday to go over isolation and quarantine plans. If someone is positive and doesn't want to go home, they could go to the isolation facility. Community action got Nicholas Motel to be quarantine facility - ie for homeless waiting for their tests, etc. We are working with all hospitals and clinics - for isolation facilities, looking for 2 nurses, a couple of volunteer EMT's, and more.

Qu: Does Health Officer (John McCarthy) have ability to decide that one hospital would be Covid hospital?

Lauri - He does. But while it would be nice to have a Covid hospital, it's not always a viable option to designate one. We will see how it goes. He does have that authority. He wanted everyone to play nice - for the most part they have.

Qu: The private institutions, Nicholas Motel, etc. being designated - who reimburses the private sector?

Lauri: Dept of Commerce received \$\$ from the state. There was some \$\$ amount earmarked for OK County. That was a centralized location.

Qu - Economic impact horrifying. Also, we are expecting another punch in the fall.

Isabelle Spohn: How many ventilators are in the county?

Lauri - 4 or 5 at Mid Valley. Confluence hospital received 50. They wouldn't keep anyone who needs a ventilator for very long. They would want to send to an intensive care unit. They would go to Confluence Hospital in Wenatchee.

Dr. Ann Diamond - It probably would be Central Washington Hospital. There are 8 ventilators in valley, but not enough staff here. Anyone requiring ventilation would go to Wenatchee. If

things got worse, the hospitals here (*in our county*) would be the spill-over for non-covid patients.

Qu: My daughter is a nurse at Mid-Valley. You mention Respiratory Therapists - anyone on a ventilator needs 24-7 care.

Lauri - That's why Central Wa is designated for our area. Those patients would go to Central WA hospital. Cool we had all these people attending! Dave Hilton, call Cmr. Branch after meeting

Meeting Adjourned 2:19 PM.