

Okanogan Board of County Commissioners  
06/01/2020

JD—Jim DeTro  
AH—Andy Hover  
CB—Chris Branch  
LJ—Lalena Johns-clerk to the Commissioners  
LJones—Laurie Jones, Community Health  
MW—Maryanne Williams, Board of Health  
JW—James Wright, Board of Health  
KE—Kris Erlandsen—Board of Health  
JM—Dr. John McCarthy—Health Officer  
PP—Pete Palmer, Director of Planning and Deveopment  
LG—Larry Gilman, County Assessor

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**Summary of significant discussions:**

***BOCC meeting—morning***

Tape 1:

0:00:30--approval/changes to agenda and consent agenda

0:06:30 to end—Discussion of Commissioner DeTro's controversial Facebook post.

Tape 2:

0:00:00 to end—Discussion continues.

***Okanogan County Board of Health meeting***

0:00:00—approval of agenda.

0:00:30—Lauri Jones discusses what the BOH must do to move into Phase 2. BOH passes Resolution 2020-04 6-0.

***BOCC meeting*** (no recording)

Commissioners discuss exact wording of their resolution in support of the county moving to Phase 2.

Commissioners pass the resolution and adjourn for lunch.

(Note: There are no Tapes 4 and 5.)

***BOCC meeting—afternoon***

Tape 6: Planning Department update by Pete Palmer.

00:00:30—Discussion of Washington State Fish and Wildlife department's request for an update of the critical areas ordinances.

0:03:25—Discussion of request from Methow Trails concerning a Recreation Plan for the County. A plan was written in 2012, but never adopted. If the county were to adopt a Recreation Plan, Methow Trails thinks it would help them get funding.

0:06:45—Shortly after the Carleton Complex fires five years ago, the Planning Department waived some permit fees involved in rebuilding. Should Planning continue to waive the fees? The commissioners decide not to continue.

0:12:00—Discussion of the availability of grant money from the Department of Defense. The money is offered to help with planning needs due to the training flights over the county. The commissioners advise PP to apply for a grant.

0:19:45—Discussion of a safety issue seen in a video of small children riding their bikes in a park very near a spillway. PP describes plans to put up a fence.

#### Tape 7

0:00:00—continue of discussion from Tape 6.

Two issues where land owners may contact commissioners, so PP wants to give them a heads up.

1. 0:03:49—Mazama Pines. Owner of four lots contends his lots are contiguous. (Three are on one side of the road, one is on the other side.) Whether or not lots are contiguous would effect his ability to site wells on the lots.
2. 0:11:25—Orchardist north of Malot with cannabis farms on either side of his land. He's concerned with water issues (whether the cannabis farmers are using too much) as well as drone flights over his property.

0:16:05 to end—Discussion of other issues. Upcoming meetings, etc.

#### Tape 8

0:00:00—continue discussion from Tape 7. AH has upcoming meeting with Colville & Yakama concerning fisheries projects.

0:00:55—Update of vehicle situation involving two vehicles, 2006 Envoy and 2007 Malibu.

0:04:05—Larry Gilman, County Assessor, discusses filling a commercial appraisal position. Commissioners approve his request.