

## **Board of Okanogan County Commissioner Notes, August 15th**

We have a brief summary of the Commissioners' notes for this day from our citizen note taker:

**Lifeline** is taking over EMS services. Oroville and Tonasket are under contract with the county commissioners. The County will now be responsible for all necessary improvements to both ambulance services, which is a very extensive list. Appears to be easily over \$300,000.00 for both.

**Eastside sewer service:** This is Veranda Beach, basically. Initially, the city of Oroville and Veranda Beach were going to share the cost of the sewer system, but both of those entities dropped out. (Oroville because I believe they were unable to afford it.)

Veranda Beach decided that they would do it as needed and building continued, leaving the county the last one standing according to today's meeting.

Apparently the county chose to get loans, and Mr. Huston was expressing concern that one of the two loans could go into default, given the rate of payment the county has been able to pay. The two loans together are very expensive, but default would affect the county's standing in the risk pool. Commissioner Kennedy was extremely upset and kept asking questions that should have been asked long ago.