

Board of Okanogan County Commissioners  
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Summaries written for real time. (Check the clock on AV Capture to find sessions)

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*This is a paraphrasing of conversations by one of several volunteer citizen note takers and published on the website of Okanogan County Watch (countywatch.org) Any writer's comments or explanations are in italics. For officially approved minutes of Board of Commissioner meetings, normally published at a later date, see [www.okanogancounty.org](http://www.okanogancounty.org).*

**9:10 AM: Naomie Peasley, Fairgrounds Staff;** busy with online auctions, 136 kids are registered – only 10 backed out. Some problems with non-profit status for businesses this year. JD called Soroptimist Club to see if they might be willing to sponsor/run the money through their 501 C-3 organization.

Buyers/bidders are unable to register yet.

Naomie is busy getting entertainment for new year, other maintenance, racetrack stalls, barn design, etc. She and 2 others will be on Open Line this Thursday to advertise auction.

**9:36 AM( AH, CB, Pete Palmer, Planning & JD)** work on working and philosophy of **draft Ordinance 2020-6** including water adequacy and determination of such, writing statutes, exempt segregation, condominiums, RV parks, binding sit plans, wells under appeal, in stream flow rule. Palmer directed to include Land Use Attorney.

**10:00 AM** Pete Palmer leaves. There is **more discussion** regarding writing the Ordinance and WRIA, mostly between AH & CB.

**10:05 AM Mostly AH, CB, Tanya Craig;** clerk salaries, policies, debate over first steps, retention, and promotion opportunities. There is one proposed position discussed (deputy Clerk) for BOCC and general staff needed in Clerk's office.

**10:32 to 11:53 AM Report from Washington State Auditors.** \*\*\* Kudos for clean audit over all. On recommendation to be resolved by next visit. \$70, 500 for audit costs\*\*\*

Microphones – LJ: speak in mics, and if you have a mask on, speak even louder. People not consistent with distance from mic.

**11:07 AM Josh Thomson, Public Works;** Continues working with fire crews, Tonasket Airport Road. Reports on ongoing projects and future projects.

Also, discussed road speed changes – utilizing a consultant to help with that. Also reported June revenue of \$180,00 from gas sales. This is not final as people have been given extra time.

Josh Thomson left @ 11:25

**11:30 AM LJ brought forward some code compliance issues**, information needed for grant application and LPAC applications for 2021.

There has been a reasonable quote for windows in the annex, lots of windows – 3 story building.

**11:36: AM Adjourn** for lunch

**1:30 PM- Public Comment Period:** No Citizen comment, one observation re AV Capture Audio performance today. See below:

**1:50 - BOCC complains about an article on the Mission Sale:** Branch sent a column about Mission project to the others, which according the BOCC is full of misconceptions: "People can say whatever they want, even if untrue and misleading." Laughing at article and wording.

Note taker Spohn asks whether there has been any evaluation on this project since the Crescent Fire, and is there information on how many acres burned? (Branch answered later in the day: the project was evaluated, and about 40% burned. That area will not be entered for "treatment" for 3-5 years.)

**2:00 PM - 2:07 PM - Update, Dispatch Center:** Mike Worden - Consultant in design work on projects. Purchasing policy passed this year. Architectural/ engineering board has to look at it. Seeking review of system. Needs of users, design of system to meet needs, frequency for operation, and RFP for construction. Seeking permission to proceed with public notice, etc. Questions and discussion. RCW - decision process driven by qualifications at a fair price. As long as purchasing policy is followed, permission granted. CB - be sure to reach out to minorities (RCW's.)

**3:00 PM- Tonasket District Ranger Quarterly Update,** Kathleen Johnson - Not many updates. Fire crews doing well in re Covid-19. Informal professional and personal chit-chat.

**3:30 PM - Maurice Goodall. Discussion of Palmer Fire.** Figuring out what structures were damaged. Some houses not on tax roll. Need to get data in. Red Cross helping out. Conservation District assessing (Craig Nelson.) Much of it is just dust or ash. One was probably a "grow." Cultural Center working with Red Cross - RV's, trailers, cabins being used. No number of homes lost yet; one example: no electricity, no sewer, no water - claiming primary residence, no insurance. Have heard of no cattle lost. Neither has DeTro. Some fencing lost. All done with Community testing (Covid-19, team is in Chelan.)

CB: We are still in Phase 2.

**3:43 PM - 3:46 - Tonasket Ranger** still there. Informal chit-chat.

**Zoom ends.**