

50 reconciliations from each reach. Consult with DOE on the format needed. Director Palmer
51 acknowledged.

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53 Joe Poulin provided his maintenance update. He will be on vacation for 10 days starting Thursday.
54 Getting caught up on fairgrounds leaks. There are galvanized to pvc, some pvc pipes are thin walled
55 and some go to asp to pvc and back to galvanized. As much as possible they are trying to replace
56 the bad pipes. Some areas needed a mini excavator rental to dig up where it was crushed.
57 Commissioner Hover asked that the bills be collected for Naomie to ask for reimbursement.

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59 Public Works HVAC system quotes have not replied. DIVCO replied they would look at it this week.
60 Chad said Public Works has no hatch access so a ladder will be needed. He'd like to put in a roof
61 hatch access if possible. Commissioner Hover wants to ensure it is weather proof and resistant to ice
62 dams and break ins.

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64 Joe Poulin sprayed weeds earlier in the year and right now he's spraying for goat heads. Before any
65 mowing happens in the dry fields be sure to water it well before mowing and be watchful for fire.

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67 Commissioner Hover discussed his preference is to publish an RFQ for price negotiation for
68 Administration of Watershed Council for which Okanogan County is an initiating government.
69 Commissioner Branch would first like to review the Watershed Trust by-laws.

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71 **Approve Commissioners Proceedings July 12th & July 13th, 2021**
72 Commissioner Hover moved to approve the proceedings of July 12, 13, 2021. Motion was seconded,
73 all were in favor, motion carried.

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75 **Approve Consent Agenda**
76 Commissioner Hover moved to approve the consent agenda items 1-2, as presented. Motion was
77 seconded, all were in favor, motion carried.

- 78 1. Award Letter CRP No. 3683-02 North Star Park City Bridge B-4 to Degerstrom, Inc
79 2. Lease Agreements Fairground Facility Use - Tanya Craig 05/22/21; Diane Lowell/NBHA 02
80 06/22/21; Rick Hamilton 05/15/21; Todd & Ann Featherly 05/29/21; Tyler & Ashley Lemons
81 06/11/21-06/13/21; Caribou Trail Junior Rodeo 06/11/21-06/12/21; Teagan Levine/ Republican
82 Party 06/11/21-06/13; Omak- Okanogan Rotary/ Greg Hamilton 06/17/21; Pedro Espino
83 06/18/21-06/20/21

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85 **Finance Committee Meeting Leah McCormack**
86 Leah McCormack, Cari Hall, Lisa Schreckengost

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88 State found they made an error in the calculation two years ago and now they want their funds back.
89 They forgot to take out their administration amount. Almost \$18,000 for all Jr. Taxing with Current
90 Expense around \$1900. We've already disbursed and now they us to pay them back for what
91 happened two and half years ago. It will be a bone of contention at the upcoming conference among
92 those affected counties. We have to redo the calculations.

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94 Treasurer McCormack provided her agenda and discussed the items listed there. (attached) She
95 relayed the committee make up is actually the Treasurer, Auditor and the Chairman of the Board.
96 They felt with the whole board present relaying the financial information to everyone is more efficient.

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98 Routine financial documentation was provided and reviewed. The high light for today is that Current
99 Expense sitting at \$5.5 million. Treasurer McCormack relayed how high the Affordable and Homeless
100 housing funds. These funds are collected by recording fees. These will essentially double. The fees

101 was a last minute bill that surprised the auditors association. It is frustrating it went up \$100 and has
102 gone up four times since she has been here but the county gets nothing.

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104 The jail and sheriff revenues are down and there might be a discussion about why that happened.
105 Commissioner Hover said with limited rules regarding how the Sheriff processes people with drugs
106 has impacted the department.

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108 Treasurer McCormack explained investments, fees, and interest rates. Working with the county's
109 bank to bring down the costs but they also keep rising due to all the wires going out. Why don't we
110 bill for the cost of wires? Treasurer McCormack said because we are their treasurer we cannot charge
111 for that. There is an RCW that says we are not allowed to charge Jr Taxing districts for this.

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113 D.A. Davidson & Co. provided estimated bond payments for \$20,000,000, \$30,000,000 and
114 \$50,000,000 for a 30-year bond at 2.8%. The estimated bond payment would be around \$499,639
115 for each \$10,000,000 bonded. Commissioner Hover would like to look how much it will cost to
116 purchase and remodel the forest service building at the \$11,000,000 price and then do the two Public
117 Works shops. Commissioner Hover said we can use fund 160 and fund 134 capital improvement
118 funds for those two projects.

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120 The group discussed the states PWTF and whether that is still open for application.

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122 Commissioner DeTro reminded the group about the District Court request for additional probation
123 services staffing. The RCW requires support of probation to be funded from the general fund. He
124 would like to look at the request for 2022 funding.

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126 Budget workshops were discussed as the board would like everything tidied up in time for their first
127 budget hearing. Auditor Hall will reach out to departments for their budget info to try and expedite a
128 preliminary budget to the commissioners.

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130 **Discussion Extension Office 4H Position- Kayla Wells- Moses**

131 Natasha Hemmer-Moffitt

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133 Ms. Wells-Moses explained her name will change to Yoakum once everything is finalized.

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135 The 4-H coordinator recently resigned and so she is here to update the board on the WSU process
136 position. Job description was updated. It has to go through multiple steps and reviews and approvals
137 by WSU-Extension before the job can be posted. Ms. Wells-Moses explained there may be a
138 temporary time slip arrangement in order to provide a person for the fair. A request was submitted to
139 the state leader to request staff support. They may designate someone to be available for questions
140 during the fair. Ms. Wells-Moses said there is about a two weeks' time frame to fill, but no interest
141 from experienced 4-H persons. Commissioner Branch suggested contacting Alice Attwood at
142 Tonasket city hall as she may know of someone as well as Conservation District. Commissioner
143 Hover suggested contacting the FFA.

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145 Ms. Wells-Moses asked if any of the commissioners wanted to sit on the interview panel.
146 Commissioner Hover said he would if no one else wanted to.

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148 Natasha Hemmer-Moffitt explained she will be teaching Ag Ec at Brewster schools and she is very
149 excited about the change. Natasha Hemmer-Moffitt explained the Master Gardner program has a lot
150 of new interest. Commissioners thanked Kayla and Natasha for their update.

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152 **Update Public Works- Josh Thomson**

153 Engineer Thomson provided his update and discussed the items listed in his agenda.

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155 *Road and Maintenance Conditions*
156 Engineer Thomson explained the assistance Public Works is providing. Red Flag warning for lighting
157 and winds this evening.

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159 Chip seal equipment breakdowns are affecting the timeline. The borrowed machinery got two flat tires
160 and other issues seem to be related to electrical issues. Rodents may be getting in and chewing
161 things. They are about a week behind on the chip seal schedule.

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163 May be getting the road striping paint this week.

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165 *Twisp River Bridge Rehab Project Funding*
166 Engineer Thomson explained the project funding was awarded. It will be about two years before the
167 work can begin, but will extend the life of the bridged another 20-30 years.

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169 *Tawlks-Foster Bridge*
170 A temporary fix has not yet been discussed with Methow Trails. Engineer Thomson will reach out
171 again to discuss use of LTAC funds for the fix. Commissioner Branch said LTAC funds will be applied
172 for the Similkameen trail. The group is discussing this at their meeting tonight. Transfer the one piece
173 of property from us to them as part of the deal, said Commissioner Branch. They are thinking of a
174 vault toilet and the volunteers would fund the materials.

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176 Commissioners adjourned at 11:25 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. Commissioner Hover did not return due to
177 fires in his district.

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179 **Public Comment Period**

180 Gina & Tom McCoy
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182 Mr. McCoy provided an update of their bio char program. The RnB project does not yet have the
183 permit but they have paid for it. The final environmental draft should be issued soon. The county
184 Conditional Use Permit and the access agreement are in hand. Beginning site layout and hope to
185 bring in line power in the next week or two. In the interim the owner and designer of the machine is
186 flying to Ca the first week in august and will bring it here to set it up around the August 16th or 18th.
187 Rolling a bunch of chippers to the slash piles on the south side of Wolf Creek Road. He would like to
188 get some of the chips to start this summer or fall. It will be awhile before a chipper is available to use
189 on the pile at the gravel pit. Commissioner DeTro said it would be great to have the chips blown right
190 into the trailer. Tom wants to make sure they stay out of their way. The slash piles would be good to
191 access.

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193 The group is trying to move forward with the remaining permitting needed but the fire is affecting
194 everyone who planned on attending a meeting.

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196 Ms. McCoy said air quality expert is on board as Ecology almost killed the project due to a \$40,000
197 equipment modification they were requiring. Carbon credits are being purchased from Europe, said
198 Ms. McCoy. Commissioners will be advocating for the group. An official rollout of the project will be
199 done once they are at that point, said Ms. McCoy.

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203 **Update Building Dan Higbee**

204 Building Official Dan Higbee provided his department's update that included application trends and
205 comparisons. (attached) The numbers are up considerably even though lumber prices are very high.
206 Is there a pattern or predominate application trend to note, asked Commissioner Branch? Building
207 Official Higbee stated he is still issuing permits on lots affected by the moratorium for yurts and
208 buildings that do not require water.

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210 Cost recovery trends show revenue and expenditure peaks in the spring and the fall. For the towns
211 we are up to \$30,000 at the end of June. Winthrop did hire someone but he is not fully trained yet, so
212 Winthrop still needs assistance.

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214 A budget supplemental was requested for professional services due to sending out the sprinkler
215 system and fire alarm inspections because those get sent out. Cas Robbins will need to take the
216 training and testing and that will cost around \$1500. There is funds available for this. The Dude
217 software costs will be split between Building and Planning, but the Building Dept will need a budget
218 supplemental in order to pay their portion.

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220 Additional budget supplementals will be requested later for added expenses that will be covered by
221 the 423 funds. The department brought in more revenue than what was budgeted to be spent.
222 Commissioner Branch asked about a contingency reserve with in the Building Dept. budget.

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224 **Update Noxious Weed Larry Hudson**

225 Mr. Hudson provided his departmental update. Severely understaffed but pushing to get everything
226 done that can be done. Weeds are going to seed much quicker due to the heat. They are looking at
227 shutting down lower valley and focusing on up reaches where it is still green. There wasn't much time
228 to get out there and with being understaffed they will concentrate efforts on grants and projects that
229 help home owners out with their weed control.

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231 Looking at doing a treatment on Lake Osoyoos next week. A message will be generated by
232 Emergency Management to notify people. Met with Spectacle lake businesses as they plan on doing
233 a treatment. Some funds will help offset costs Patterson Lake. Sun Mt wants to do a treatment.
234 Conconully has contacted him for treatment information for the upper lake.

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236 Mr. Hudson explained treatments near the border and some concerns about treating the quarter mile
237 buffer. He will try and get something in writing from Canada for treatments up to the border. By the
238 DOE we can treat, but warned about the informal letter that was sent. He would like something in
239 concrete and will be working towards that this winter. He will contact several groups when he begins
240 the work again. Commissioner Branch had some contacts to provide.

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242 The Department received a whole lot of grant money \$270,000 which will need to a budget
243 supplemental.

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245 **Rescheduled Cont. Discussion- Methow Watershed Council Request for Funds- MVC Sara Lane**

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247 **Motion CDBG Oroville Housing Sewer Project Final A19 Request #3**

248 Commissioner DeTro moved to approve and authorize the chairman to sign the CDBG Oroville
249 Housing Authority sewer project A19 voucher request #3 in the amount of \$9,883.31. Motion was
250 seconded, all were in favor, motion carried.

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255 **Motion Fair Contracts**
256 Commissioner DeTro moved to approve and authorize the chairman to sign the following 2021 fair
257 entertainment contracts: Vanderwal ET#10; Jessica Lynne Witty ET#7; Liz Gregory ET#13; and Eric
258 Fritts Professional Services. Motion was seconded, all were in favor, motion carried.
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260 **Motion - Voucher Approval - Commissioners**
261 Vouchers certified and audited by the Auditing Officer as required by RCW 42.24.080 and those
262 expense reimbursement claims certified as required by RCW 42.24.090 have been recorded on a
263 list, and made available to the Board. As of this date, the Board did vote, by unanimous vote, to
264 approve the regular vouchers in the amount of \$181,770.48 and Payroll vouchers in the amount
265 of \$1,022,968.93. Warrant numbers as cited on the attached blanket voucher list. Motion seconded
266 and carried.
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268 **Motion Public Health Voucher**
269 Commissioner DeTro moved to approve the Public Health Vouchers including regular vouchers in
270 the amount of \$12,711.50 and payroll vouchers in the amount of \$39,587.18 Warrant numbers as
271 cited on the attached blanket voucher list. Motion was seconded, all were in favor, motion carried.
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273 **Motion Methow Valley EMS District**
274 Commissioner DeTro moved to adjourn as the BOCC and reconvene as the Methow Valley EMS
275 District. Motion was seconded all were in favor, motion carried.
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277 Commissioner DeTro moved to approve the Voucher certification and authorize the Methow Valley
278 EMS District vouchers to be paid in the amount of \$2,286.99. Motion was seconded, all were in
279 favor, motion carried.
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281 Commissioner DeTro moved to adjourn as the Methow Valley EMS District and Reconvene as the
282 BOCC. Motion was seconded all were in favor, motion carried.
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284 The board will not need to meet tomorrow unless there is an emergency.
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286 The board adjourned at 2:53 p.m.
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