

**COLUMBIA RIVER COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
MEETING MINUTES
EAST WENATCHEE, WA
09-10-2020**

Members Present – Commissioners Kevin Overbay, Marc Straub

Members Participating by Zoom/Phone– Commissioners Cindy Carter, Chris Branch, Terry Thompson, Rob Coffman

Staff Present – Bruce Buckles, Tammy Harvey, Erin Nelson, Ken Sterner, Josh Hamilton

Staff Participating by Zoom – Debbie Peterson, Diane Tribble

Guests – Christine Johnson: Union Employee Representative

Meeting – Kevin Overbay called the Columbia River Council of Governments (COG) meeting to order at 1:30 pm.

Public Comment – None

Minutes – Terry Thompson moved to approve the minutes from the August 13, 2020 meeting. Marc Straub seconded, and the motion carried.

Budget & Expenditures – Expenditures were reviewed for July 2020. Checks 68642-68721, DD17390-DD17509, PRT7-20, DRS13-2020, DRS14-2020, ESD2-2020, LNI2-2020, WPFML2-2020. Cindy Carter made a motion to approve the expenditures for checks. Terry Thompson seconded, and the motion carried.

Equipment Disposal – Tammy Harvey went over the list of equipment for disposal, a Lenovo Thinkpad and a Hobart dishwasher from Oroville Senior Center. Cindy Carter moved to approve the list for surplus equipment. Marc Straub seconded, and the motion carried.

Personnel Update – Tammy Harvey provided the personnel update.

Quarterly Reports – The Director's presented 2nd quarter, 2020 reports for their programs.

Commissioner Overbay led a discussion regarding food security. Ways to use CARES funding with the possibility of leasing a facility to store food for the whole region. Asked Commissioners what their interest is in looking into a leased space in next couple weeks. Advantage to buy food at today's prices and then store for when needed. The consensus was to move forward. Special meeting to be held on September 24th at 1:30pm.

Executive Director's Report – Bruce Buckles shared that the state is looking at a 15% cut. Impacts to 6,300 In-Home clients and 3,000 residential clients. 70 FTE positions between AAA's and HCS. ALTSA has already participated in furloughs, etc. Many services around the state either cut or eliminated. Presently our agency is strong and has met challenges in COVID-19. Agency will continue to host the Incident Command Center for another 30 days and host 6 epidemiologists.

Executive Session – None

Terry Thompson made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 2:32 p.m. Chris Branch seconded, and the motion carried.

Next Meeting - The next meeting will be on October 8, 2020 at 1:30pm.