

BOARD OF YAKIMA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

SPECIAL AGENDA EMERGENCY MEETING

Thursday, July 2, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.

TELEPHONIC

1. CALL TO ORDER

Present:

2. CONSENT ITEMS

A. Resolution 208-2020

In the Matter of Emergency Resolution Adopting Roadmap to Recovery & Movement of Yakima County to Phase 1.5 RE: COVID-19

Documents:

[RESOLUTION 208-2020.PDF](#)

3. REGULAR AGENDA

4. NEW BUSINESS

5. ADJOURN

Audio/Video recording accompanies this record of proceedings

APPROVED DATE:

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IN THE MATTER OF EMERGENCY RESOLUTION ADOPTING ROADMAP TO RECOVERY & MOVEMENT OF YAKIMA COUNTY RE: COVID-19

WHEREAS, COVID-19 is a respiratory disease that can result in serious illness or death, and can easily spread from person to person; and

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 disease, caused by a virus that spreads easily from person to person, which may result in serious illness or death and has been classified by the World Health Organization as a world-wide pandemic, has broadly spread through Washington State and Yakima County, and remains a significant health risk to all of our citizens, and

WHEREAS, the worldwide COVID-19 pandemic and its progression in Washington State and Yakima County continues to threaten the life and health of our people as well as the economy of Yakima County and remains a public disaster impacting life, health, property or the public peace; and

WHEREAS, on February 29, 2020, Governor Inslee issued Proclamation 20-05 proclaiming a State of Emergency for all counties throughout Washington State as a result of the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) outbreak in the United States, and confirmed person-to-person spread of COVID-19 in Washington State; and

WHEREAS, on March 12, 2020, the Health District declared a health emergency, and on that same date the Board of Yakima County Commissioners issued resolution 108-2020, which established a State of Emergency in Yakima County, and

WHEREAS, as a result of the continued worldwide spread of COVID-19, its significant progression in Washington State, and the high risk it poses to our most vulnerable populations, Governor Inslee subsequently issued Proclamations 20-06 through 20-53, and 20-55 through 20-60, exercising his emergency powers under RCW 43.06.220 by prohibiting certain activities and waiving and/or suspending specific laws and regulations, including issuing Proclamation 20-25 as amended, Safe Start-Stay Healthy, and

WHEREAS, the pandemic has greatly impacted the public safety, and financial well-being of the citizens and businesses of Yakima County, and

WHEREAS, between February 29, 2020 and the present, the Governor of the State of Washington has issued various proclamations, and emergency orders that are intended to promote social distancing, and closure and limitations of group events to attempt to mitigate the spread of the virus; and

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WHEREAS, numerous COVID-19 infections have now occurred within Yakima County and disruption of important services, damage to life, or damage to property has occurred and/or can be reasonably expected to occur during this pandemic; and

WHEREAS, Yakima County has been especially hard hit by the impact of COVID-19, receiving special Governor proclamations intended to help limit the spread of the pandemic and to protect the health and safety, of the citizens of Yakima County and

WHEREAS, such measures have had substantial and devastating adverse financial impacts on Yakima County businesses, individuals, and non-profit corporations and

WHEREAS, on July 2, 2020, Governor Jay Inslee issued specific guidelines that allow local governments the option of establishing their own guidelines for safely re-opening local business operations and Yakima County, and

WHEREAS, the Yakima County Health Department held an emergency meeting at 4:00 pm on July 2, 2020, and voted to approve a roadmap for adoption in Yakima County;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that a quorum of the Yakima County Commissioners in collaboration with and partnership with the Yakima County Health District do hereby adopt the Health District’s roadmap to recovery as included as Attachment A to this resolution.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Yakima County shall begin a special pathway to reopening in the Covid 19 recovery process consistent with the Health District’s roadmap and Governor Inslee’s guidelines announced on July 2, 2020.

Attest:

Norm Childress, Chairman

Melissa Paul, *Clerk of the Board*

Linda Kay O’Hara, *Deputy Clerk*

Ron Anderson, Commissioner

Vicki Baker, Commissioner
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