

# BOARD OF YAKIMA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Emergency Agenda Meeting

Thursday, March 12, 2020 at 3:00 PM

City Council Chambers, 129 North 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, Yakima, Washington

## CALL TO ORDER

**PRESENT:** Chairman Norm Childress, Commissioner Ron Anderson, Commissioner Ron Anderson, Legal Counsel Don Anderson, Deputy Clerk of the Board Linda Kay O'Hara, Yakima Health District Executive Director Andre Fresco, City of Yakima Mayor Patricia Byers

## REGULAR AGENDA:

Yakima Health District Executive Director Andre Fresco recommends declaring a State of Emergency due to the COVID-19 Pandemic following confirmed diagnoses in Yakima County.

Chairman Childress presented **RESOLUTION 108-2020 Declaring an Emergency Related to the Novel Corona Virus (COVID-19).**

- Commissioner Baker MOTION: to adopt the resolution
- Commissioner Anderson SECOND

- DISCUSSION:

Commissioner Baker said this is a lever the County is pulling in order to obtain resources.

Commissioner Anderson remarked the Emergency Declaration is a critical step to take to secure funding for emergency purposes for the health and safety of the residents of Yakima County.

Chairman Childress expressed confidence in and appreciation for local health professionals and emergency management team and said this formal procedure will allow the County to take advantage funding as well as expedite procedural issues.

**RESOLUTION 108-2020 Approved Unanimously**

## REMARKS:

Mayor Byers said the City of Yakima City Council will also be declaring a State of Emergency.

Chairman Childress stressed that communication will be critical during this time and the Yakima Health District and the Office of Emergency Management will be the lead agencies responsible for disseminating information related to the COVID-19 Emergency

## ADJORN

Commissioner Baker MOTION: to adjourn.

Audio/Video Recording Accompanies This Record of Proceedings

APPROVED: March 31, 2020

BOARD OF YAKIMA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS



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Norm Childress, Chairman

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Ron Anderson, Commissioner

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Victoria L. Baker, Commissioner

**BOARD OF YAKIMA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

IN THE MATTER OF DECLARING AN  
EMERGENCY RELATED TO THE NOVEL  
CORONA VIRUS (COVID-19)

**108-2020**

**WHEREAS**, the first confirmed cases of Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) have been detected in Yakima; and the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) has issued warnings regarding the impacts and severity of this event; and

**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**, on February 29, 2020, the Governor of the State of Washington proclaimed that a State of Emergency exists in all counties in the State of Washington; and

**WHEREAS**, one or more COVID-19 events have now occurred in Yakima County, and disruption of important services, damage to life, or damage to property can be expected from the above conditions; and

**WHEREAS**, measures must be taken to protect the public health, safety and welfare within the County; and

**WHEREAS**, County resources related to contact tracing, disease investigation and prevention, continuity of operations, public information, and funding are expected to be severely affected and/or exhausted; and

**WHEREAS**, the foregoing affects the entire County and;

**WHEREAS**, the Yakima Valley Office of Emergency Management and the Yakima County Health District have declared a local health emergency and recommend that the Board of County Commissioners declare a state of emergency to manage the impacts of COVID-19;

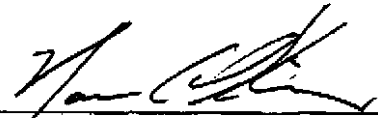
**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Yakima County Commissioners hereby declares a state of emergency to respond to the impacts of COVID-19.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this declaration is cause for activation of the emergency plans and utilization of emergency powers granted pursuant to RCW chapter 38.52 RCW, and RCW 36.32.270 and RCW 39.04.280, which allow streamlined processes for purchasing goods and services.

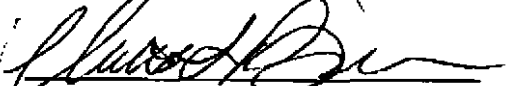
**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Board of Yakima County Commissioners and such other personnel as it may designate are authorized to seek state and federal assistance and potential reimbursement for local funds spent on COVID-19 response;

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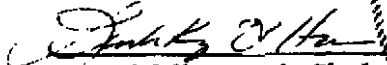
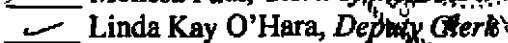
DONE this \_\_\_\_\_ day of March 2020.

  
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Norm Childress, Chairman

  
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Ron Anderson, Commissioner

  
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Vicki Baker, Commissioner  
*Constituting the Board of County Commissioners  
for Yakima County, Washington*

Attest:

  
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Melissa Paul, Clerk of the Board  
  
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Linda Kay O'Hara, Deputy Clerk

