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# Douglas County Regional Council

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Douglas County • City of Bridgeport  
Town of Coulee Dam  
City of East Wenatchee  
Town of Mansfield • City of Rock Island  
Town of Waterville

## Minutes

Monday, August 9, 2021  
01:30 PM

### **Douglas County Public Services Building, Hearing Room, East Wenatchee WA**

#### **I. 1:30 PM The Board Convened with the Douglas County Council of Governments.**

Attendees: Mayor Crawford, Mayor Agnew, Commissioner Sutton, Commissioner Straub, Commissioner Steinburg, Mayor Conklin via Zoom teleconference.

1:33 PM Pledge of Allegiance and call to order

A. Opening from Commissioner Sutton, purpose of the meeting is to allow for increased communication, transparency and collaboration amongst the county and cities. Request of quarterly meetings as needed to discuss topics.

B. First discussion item is the fireworks ban within the County and various cities during the summer months, in turn encouraging the firework discharge during the New Years and Christmas time.

C. Mayor Agnew provided an update to the city council regarding the Fire Marshall's presentation regarding the discharge of fireworks. Mayor Thompson stated within Waterville it is not worth the risk of potential fire within the Wheatland plateau.

D. Commissioner Sutton proposed allowing for the sale and promotion of fireworks stands during the New Year timeframe. Further discussion was held on the incorporation of the necessary code language for bands and allowance for the New Year holiday. Concern for code language that is all encompassing rather than site specific. Discussion held on reaching out to the radio stations regarding collecting poll information from citizens to gain their perspective.

E. Discussion ensued regarding the American Rescue Plan Act, the use of funds and communication to the public regarding the allowance of fund use. City of East Wenatchee has established a committee with allotment of a third of the funds for city use, one third for saving/future use, and one third for small business and local needs funds. The YWCA hvac system

and the resources center landlord liaison position was funded through the ARPA funds with the City. The Mayor of Bridgeport provided an update that the city is holding the funds currently as there is concern as the federal guidelines on the allowable use is changing. ARPA funds for the water reservoir improvements and infrastructure lines will be use. The town of Waterville is looking to improve their water and sewer infrastructure for their ARPA funds. The City of Rock Island is still in the evaluation process for potential projects. The County has established a review committee for funding request who will provide a recommendation to the Board.

F. Commissioner Sutton provided an update that the Chief Medical Officer of the Chelan Douglas Health District has provided notice he will be stepping down, an interim replacement search is underway. There is currently significant staffing needs for the Health District, the County has provided \$100,000 of CARES Act funds and is planning an additional \$100,000 up to \$250,000 of ARPA funds, request made of the cities and towns to provide a contribution of support as well. The City of East Wenatchee has determined they will be providing some level of support. The Mayor of Bridgeport stated each city and town should share in the responsibility of support the Health District proportionally via their ARPA funds.

G. The Mayors provided an update regarding their current projects. The Mayor of Rock Island would like to set a presentation date with the Regional Council pertaining to the population allocation for the City of Rock Island and expanding their urban growth area. Commissioner Steinburg provided an update regarding the County projects and water reservoir development.

3:30 PM meeting was adjourned to meet again on Monday, November 8<sup>th</sup> at 1:30pm in the Douglas County Public Services Building in East Wenatchee, WA.

The minutes are hereby read and approved.



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