

SPECIAL MEETING
JULY 13, 2017, 7:00 P.M., IONE COMMUNITY CENTER
RE: FORMATION OF A PROPOSED EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES DISTRICT

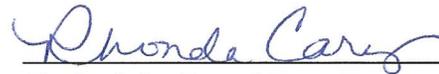
Present were Chair Karen Skoog, Vice-Chair Stephen Kiss, Commissioner Mike Manus, Clerk of the Board Rhonda Cary, Mayor of Metaline Pete Daggett, Mayor of Ione Charles Spears, Representatives of Fire District 2 Pete Smoldon, Robyn Turcotte, Jim Mundy, and one other unidentified representative, Fire District 6 Chief Alex Arnold, City of Newport Administrator Ray King, and county residents DeLane Cates, Kim & Mike Cress, Ken & Connie Oliver, Rick Stone, and Larry & Gayle Pollock.

K. Skoog called to order the special meeting at 7:05 p.m. The hearing was opened and the notice was read. K. Skoog read from Resolution 2017-21 in the matter of setting hearings regarding the county's intent to form an emergency medical services district. M. Manus provided a narrative regarding an overview of the purpose for the hearing, the current EMS situation, and options.

Public comment was opened. Many spoke of opposition to forming an EMS District due to increased taxes to fund the district. Additionally, there was praise for the emergency response efforts of Fire District 2. The question was raised if other funding sources, such as an additional sales tax, could supplement an EMS District. There was discussion regarding EMT training, mandates from the Department of Health, the potential establishment of an advisory council prior to a formation of an EMS District, and creating separate EMS Districts in North and South Pend Oreille County.

Following remarks from the Board, the hearing was closed.

The special meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.



Clerk of the Board



Vice-Chair of the Board