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David Sykes, Chair

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Wednesday, I had a medical incident at the Board of Commissioners meeting. My heart experienced atrial fibrillation, or AFib. This is an abnormal heart rhythm, characterized by rapid and irregular beating of the heart. An ambulance was called, and I was transported to Good Shepherd Hospital in Hermiston.

I was already scheduled for a minimally invasive medical procedure called an ablation, due to an AFib event prior to Wednesday's incident. Because of this, the procedure was moved up and I was transferred to Kadlec, where the procedure was done on Thursday. After the procedure, the doctor told me it was successful and there is a very good chance this will not happen to me again.

I feel fine and plan on going home to take some time off and watch a bunch of football until after the holidays. From there, I plan on being back at my desk in Heppner doing what I love most: serving the good people of Morrow County.

I want to give a big thank you to all the county staff who assisted me when this happened and to the caring and professional Irrigon Morrow County Health District EMTs who transported me. I appreciate all of you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be "D. Sykes", written in a cursive style.

David Sykes
Morrow County Commissioner