COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES KITTITAS COUNTY, WASHINGTON WEBEX SPECIAL MEETING

THURSDAY

9:00 A.M.

JUNE 10, 2021

Board members present via Webex: Chairman Brett Wachsmith, Vice-Chairman Laura Osiadacz, and Commissioner Cory Wright.

Others via Webex: Taylor Crouch, Administrative Assistant; Julie Kjorsvik, Clerk of the Board; Tristen Lamb, Public Health Administrator; Lisa Young, HR Director; Darren Higashiyama, Chief Deputy; Patti Stacey, Solid Waste Director/Interim Maintenance Director/Project Manager; Chelsey Loeffers, Health Promotion Supervisor; and one member of the public.

SPECIAL MEETING

IMT UPDATE

COMMISSIONERS

At 9:00 a.m. Chairman Wachsmith opened a Special Meeting to get an update from the IMT and to discuss the Declaration of Emergency.

Tristen Lamb, Public Health Administrator discussed with the Board how the response to COVID-19 is winding down. There was an increase of 10 FTE Staff this last year directly associated with the pandemic.

Darren Higashiyama, Chief Deputy stated the Resolution 2020-042 was the Declaration of Emergency in response to COVID-19, this was necessary because the pandemic overwhelmed local resources. Local resources are no longer overwhelmed. The mass vaccination clinic will have their last day on June 17th, 2021. The IMT is shrinking in size, all contracts and PSAs are being transferred to Public Health. There is no longer a need for FEMA funds or supplies. Mr. Higashiyama recommended to the Board to lift the Declaration of Emergency on June 21, 2021.

Commissioner Osiadacz asked what was learned through this process. Mr. Higashiyama stated there would be a lot during the de-activation process and there would be a full After-Action report prepared. There were some big wins for the IMT and the County through this process though. The Board would like to have a meeting to bring all the key stakeholders together to recognize their efforts.

Meeting adjourned at 9:23 a.m.

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

KITTITAS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS KITTITAS COUNTY, WASHINGTON

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APPROVED 7/6/21

Taylor Crouch

Brett Wachsmith, Chairman