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

Others: Julie Kjorsvik, Clerk of the Board; Mark Cook, Public Works Director; Amy Cziske, Treasurer; Lisa Murray, Administrative Assistant III; Erin Moore, Water Resource Coordinator; Peter Dykstra, Special Deputy Prosecutor; Tristan Lamb, Public Health Administrator; Samantha Cox, Water Resources Program Tech.; Mark Larson, Public Health Official; and 1 member of the public.

**PUBLIC HEARING**

**LEASE OF WATER**

**PUBLIC WORKS**

At 1:00 p.m. **CHAIRMAN WRIGHT** opened a Public Hearing to consider the Leasing of Kittitas County Water Rights through Public Auction.

**MARK COOK, PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR/INTERIM ENGINEER** reviewed a proposed short term water lease program in response to the 2019 drought conditions. The proposal was to lease 25 acre-feet blocks of certain County owned water through an auction process. He said they were anxious to see if there was a market for it. The program would be somewhat of a test as there nothing similar within the State. He said the minimum bid would be $240.00 per acre foot and an auction would be set for July 9, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. **PETER DYKSTRA, SPECIAL DEPUTY PROSECUTOR** answered questions from the Board and provided clarification of the proposed short term water lease program.

**THERE BEING NO ONE REQUESTING TO TESTIFY, THE PUBLIC PORTION OF THE HEARING WAS CLOSED.**

**RESOLUTION 2019-106**

**LEASE OF WATER**

**PUBLIC WORKS**

**COMMISSIONER WACHSMITH** moved to approve Resolution No. 2019-106, to Short Term Lease of Certain County-Owned Water and Setting the Public Auction for July 9, 2019 10:00 a.m. in the Commissioners Auditorium, 205 West 5th Avenue, Room 109, Ellensburg, WA noting the minimum bid is $240.00 per acre-foot, and to lease the water in blocks of 25 acre-feet. **CHAIRMAN WRIGHT** seconded. Motion carried 2-0.
The meeting was adjourned at 1:15 p.m.

CLERK OF THE BOARD

KITTITAS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
KITTITAS COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Julie Kjorsvik

Cory Wright, Chairman