

**COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES  
KITITAS COUNTY, WASHINGTON  
COMMISSIONER'S AUDITORIUM  
SPECIAL MEETING**

**TUESDAY**

**1:30 P.M.**

**AUGUST 27, 2019**

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

Others: Julie Kjorsvik, Clerk of the Board; Tristen Lamb, Public Health Administrator; Jesse Cox, Environmental Health Supervisor; Dr. Mark Larson, Health Official and 2 members of the public.

**SPECIAL MEETING**

**ONSITE SEPTIC RULE**

**COMMISSIONERS**

At 1:30 p.m. Chairman Wright opened a Special Meeting for a follow up discussion on recommended language for Onsite Septic Rules.

Jesse Cox, Environmental Health Supervisor provided information about the Onsite Septic Rules. Tristen Lamb, Public Health Administrator said the Rules would go into effect in 2021. She said the State Department Health is moving forward with draft language however, it doesn't mean they have to accept everything that's been submitted by the committees.

Commissioner Osiadacz said when it comes time to draft a response, she'd like to make sure that the funding issues are addressed and those impacts to counties. She felt if Kittitas County was forced into it she'd like to make it both as inexpensive as possible for homeowners and efficient timewise for the citizens and the County. Chairman Wright agreed with the issues surrounding funding especially since there are other areas in Public Health that are already struggling with funding issues. He asked what the penalty would be if it wasn't followed. Mr. Cox said he wasn't certain however, it may fall within the Growth Management Act and the County could potentially be sued. He said if a citizen didn't follow it either, they could potentially be held accountable as well.

Mr. Cox said the comment period begins today and runs to October. The Board of County Commissioners agreed to have a letter drafted with comments and to include unfunded mandates. Commissioner Osiadacz commented on the irony of increased costs to building and housing for citizens, and yet the State is putting forth more regulations resulting in additional costs.

The Public Health Department will draft a letter as well and they will let the Commissioners know where the comments need to be sent.

Meeting adjourned at 1:54 p.m.

**APPROVED**  
9/3/19

CLERK OF THE BOARD

  
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Julie Kjosvik

KITTITAS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
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Cory Wright, Chairman