

**COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES  
KITTTITAS COUNTY, WASHINGTON  
COMMISSIONERS CONFERENCE ROOM  
EMERGENCY MEETING**

**FRIDAY**

**3:10 P.M.**

**MARCH 6, 2020**

Board members present: Chairman Brett Wachsmith, Vice-Chairman Laura Osiadacz.

Others: Mandy Buchholz, Deputy Clerk of the Board II; Darren Higashiyama, Chief Deputy; Tristen Lamb, Public Health Administrator and Jerry Pettit, County Auditor.

**EMERGENCY MEETING**

**PUBLIC HEALTH**

At 3:10 p.m. Chairman Wachsmith opened an emergency Special Meeting to consider a Declaration of Emergency - COVID-19.

Darren Higashiyama, Chief Deputy stated that the Kittitas County Sheriff's Office (KCSO) was notified today as they are in charge of Emergency Services and the Kittitas County Public Health Officer, has reported to the Board of County Commissioners that on March 5, 2020, KCSO was notified of a patient that has tested positive for novel coronavirus (COVID-19) in the State of Nevada. That patient has recently traveled though CWU on a tour. The patient may have had contact with numerous people, groups and buildings. He stated that after careful consideration the Kittitas County Health Officer has recommended testing for all symptomatic persons that had contact with the patient who tested positive for novel coronavirus. The amount of testing that will occur will exhaust local resources and personnel which will overwhelm the County's capabilities. He explained that by the Board signing the Resolution will allow the hospital to enact their popup clinic as well as activation of the EOC; Communication of the emergent state to appropriate State and Federal Agencies; records of overtime and other resources expended are to be kept and turned over to the County Auditor at the conclusion of the emergency.

**RESOLUTION 2020-042**

**COVID-19**

**PUBLIC HEALTH**

Commissioner Osiadacz moved to approve Resolution No. 2020-042, Declaration of Emergency - COVID-19. Chairman Wachsmith seconded. Motion carried 2-0.

Meeting adjourned at 3:19 p.m.

**KITTTITAS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

**APPROVED**  
*3/17/2020*

DEPUTY CLERK OF THE BOARD II

KITTITAS COUNTY, WASHINGTON

  
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Mandy Buchholz

  
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Brett Wachsmith, Chairman