

**COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES  
KITITAS COUNTY, WASHINGTON  
COMMISSIONERS CONFERENCE ROOM  
SPECIAL MEETING**

**TUESDAY**

**1:00 P.M.**

**MARCH 31, 2020**

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

Others: Lisa Young, Human Resources Director; and the following via phone - Taylor Crouch, Deputy Clerk of the Board I.

**SPECIAL MEETING**

**PLANNING UPDATE/COVID-19**

**COMMISSIONERS**

At 1:11 p.m. Chairman Wachsmith opened a Special Meeting for the Board to provide planning updates relating to COVID-19.

At 1:11 p.m. Chairman Wachsmith announced the Board would recess into Executive Session for 10 minutes to evaluate the qualifications of an applicant for public employment or to review the performance of a public employee. However, subject to RCW 42.30.140(4), discussion by a governing body of salaries, wages, and other conditions of employment to be generally applied within the agency shall occur in a meeting open to the public, and when a governing body elects to take final action hiring, setting the salary of an individual employee or class of employees, or discharging or disciplining an employee, that action shall be taken in a meeting open to the public. No action anticipated.

At 1:21 p.m. the Board reconvened out of Executive Session. No action was taken. Lisa Young, HR Director left the meeting.

The Board discussed ways to meet OPMA guidelines during the COVID-19 situation. Further discussion on this topic was needed. The Board asked Staff to add this item to another upcoming agenda.

The Board updated each other on current COVID-19 updates from the departments each Commissioner is working with at this time.

Commissioner Osiadacz stated she was working on a letter to the Governor about the current needs of the County, and she was to speak with Dr. Larson, Health Officer and Tristen Lamb, Public Health Administrator about the County needs.

There was discussion on a daily conference call between key players in the County. The Board would like to see this managed by the EOC to keep continuity. The Board supported Chairman Wachsmith to facilitate these meetings on behalf of the BOCC.


There was discussion on the Homeless population in the County. Commissioner Wright will work with HopeSource and the HAHC to see options on rent assistance programs in the County.

Meeting adjourned at 2:15 p.m.

**DEPUTY CLERK OF THE BOARD I**

  
Taylor Crouch

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Brett Wachsmith, Chairman