

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

WEDNESDAY

11:00 A.M.

APRIL 8, 2020

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

Excused: Chairman Brett Wachsmith.

Others: Taylor Crouch, Deputy Clerk of the Board I; Greg Zempel, Prosecutor; Julie Kjorsvik, Clerk of the Board (via phone); Amy Cziske, Treasurer (via phone); Dan Carlson, CDS Director (via phone); Mike Flory, Building Official (via phone); and Neil Calkins, Chief Civil Deputy (via phone).

SPECIAL MEETING

PLANNING UPDATE/COVID-19

COMMISSIONERS

At 11:00 a.m. Vice-Chair Osiadacz opened a Special Meeting for the Board to provide planning updates relating to COVID-19.

Commissioner Wright stated he was working on a PSA with the Ferguson Group and is working with the Prosecutor's Office. He said he was also working through a process to get Maintenance employees to help with the Airport.

Commissioner Osiadacz stated there had been additional phone calls she was receiving and the need to manage the public expectation and enforcement of the Health Order. The process for violations was discussed, and they said violations should be turned over to the State for investigation.

Amy Cziske, Treasurer updated the Board on Property Tax Collection for the County. The Treasurer's Office is updating information on County website and Facebook and will be creating a press release. They are not doing an overall extension but are going to be working with taxpayers on a case by case basis. Payment plans will be an option for some, and there will be no refunds for second half taxes. This approach was modeled after counties that are like Kittitas County and it has all been approved by the Prosecutor's Office. This plan is beneficial for both the County and the taxpayers.

There was discussion on CDS and continuity of critical government operations. There was discussion of different points in a project that would be considered exploitation. Dan Carlson, CDS Director stated construction is non-essential currently and that all people working in the field must be essential. Mr. Carlson asks for legal and policy direction. There was discussion on what inspections would

be considered essential. There was discussion on the definition of exploitation.

Greg Zempel, Prosecutor asked the Board to give his Office a few days to work with CDS and bring forward policy guidance back for their consideration.

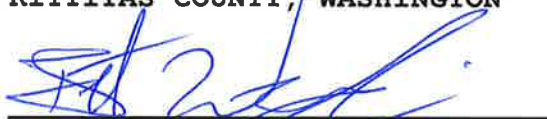
CDS has been receiving complaints that businesses are still working. The Board stated to handle it through the State, and to provide them the State website where they can file the complaint themselves. Code enforcement is non-essential, legal council is welcomed to interpret the policy, and check with other Counties about their code enforcement offices.

Meeting adjourned at 11:55 a.m.

DEPUTY CLERK OF THE BOARD I


Taylor Crouch

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Brett Wachsmith, Chairman