

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

**FRIDAY**

**2:00 P.M.**

**APRIL 10, 2020**

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

Others: Julie Kjorsvik, Clerk of the Board; Lisa Young, Human Resource Director; Patti Johnson, Solid Waste Director/Interim Maintenance Director/Project Manager. Via phone: Kady Porterfield, Event Center Director; Greg Zempel, Prosecutor; and Deputy Prosecutor Neil Caulkins.

**SPECIAL MEETING**

**PLANNING UPDATE/COVID-19**

**COMMISSIONERS**

At 2:00 p.m. Chairman Wachsmith opened a Special Meeting.

**TEMP. EMPLOYEE**

**MAINT. TECH 1 AT AIRPORT**

**MAINTENANCE**

Patti Johnson, Solid Waste Director/Interim Maintenance Director/Project Engineer, discussed having a Maintenance person temporarily reassigned to work out at the airport. She said the revenue was uncertain at this time and before the Board were to make their decision, she would like to see where the Airport Director could possibly find some savings to ensure they could take it on.

**PLANNING UPDATES**

**COVID-19**

**COMMISSIONERS**

Lisa Young, Human Resources Director, explained how the Stay Home Order was still in effect until May 4, 2020 and there are some who will have exhausted their leave banks. There was discussion on non-essential versus essential employees and she reviewed options for the Boards consideration. She mentioned there was a layoff provision within the Union Contracts. The Board was anticipating employees being able to go back to work on May 5, 2020. They directed Staff to set up a meeting with Judy Pless, Budget & Finance Manager, to discuss any loss of revenue and projection on taxes with the Treasurer. They would also like to solicit input from Department Heads and Elected Officials on the options proposed by Ms. Young. Commissioner Wright said he would be in favor of Option 3 and to extend employees benefits despite if they are out of leave since they've already been budgeted for. Commissioner Osiadacz said she wanted to do what's right for the employees, but they also need to be sure of what the financial situation is at this time.

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Patti Johnson, Solid Waste Director/Interim Maintenance Director/Project Manager, said they've been working on marking floors and putting up protective barriers for long term measures so they are prepared for when employees and public are allowed to go back into the County facilities once it's allowed. She said she will be meeting with each department to determine any protective measures they might need and how they've been working with Dr. Larson for his guidance as well.

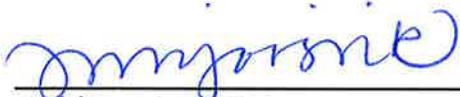
Commissioner Wright said the Professional Services Agreement with the Ferguson Group is currently being reviewed by the Prosecutors office.

Commissioner Osiadacz reviewed Public Lands and Forest Service land closures which has been causing some confusion with the public. She offered to draft a letter for the Boards consideration to assist the public in what lands can or cannot be accessed and said she would obtain approval first from Hilary Franz, Public Lands Commissioner and Dr. Larson, Public Health Official to be sure there are no conflicting messages.

Chairman Wachsmith said he has been having conversations with State and local entities regarding infrastructure packages. They have asked cities, CWU and the County for "shovel ready" projects. He reviewed other available grants for local applicants.

Meeting adjourned at 3:03 p.m.

**CLERK OF THE BOARD**



**Julie Kjorsvik**

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**Brett Wachsmith, Chairman**