

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

**THURSDAY**

**3:00 P.M.**

**APRIL 23, 2020**

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

Others: Julie Kjorsvik, Clerk of the Board; Dr. Mark Larson, Public Health Official; Lisa Young, Human Resources Director; Patti Johnson, Solid Waste Director/Interim Maintenance Director/Project Manager; Via Phone: Tristen Lamb, Public Health Director; and Neil Caulkins, Deputy Prosecutor; Dan Carlson, CDS Director.

**SPECIAL MEETING**

**COVID-19 FOLLOW UP**

**COMMISSIONERS**

At 3:00 p.m. Chairman Wachsmith opened a Special Meeting relating to COVID-19 issues.

Dr. Mark Larson, Public Health Official, said Kittitas County has been very fortunate to have had low numbers (14) of people who've tested positive for COVID-19 and there have been no deaths despite surrounding counties who have a significant number of cases. He explained that neither the Board of County Commissioners or the Sheriff have authority to override any Health Order's which has been issued by the County, Governor, or President. He said his number one priority is protecting the health and safety of Kittitas County residents, and to have everyone work together when businesses begin opening back up and done in a manner where there are safeguards in place to prevent the spread of COVID-19.

**LETTER**

**GOVERNOR JAY INSLEE**

**COMMISSIONERS**

Chairman Wachsmith moved to approve a Letter to Governor Jay Inslee, relating to the Proclamation 20-25: Stay Home - Stay Healthy, and subsequent Memorandum of March 25, 2020 regarding Construction Guidance. Commissioner Osiadacz seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

**REVISED RESOLUTION**

**CONSTRUCTION**

**COMMISSIONERS**

Neil Caulkins, Deputy Prosecutor, provided information and answered questions on the proposed Resolution regarding Construction During the Stay Home - Stay Healthy Proclamation.

**APPROVED**  
5/7/2020

Chairman Wachsmith moved to approve Resolution No. 2020-090, Regarding Construction During the Stay Home - Stay Health Proclamation. Commissioner Osiadacz seconded.

Commissioner Wright explained why he would not be supporting the proposed Resolution, stating it was just the same language as in the Governor's Construction Guidance and it would not accomplish anything as it doesn't change in nature. He said it was critical to get the letter out to the Governor with questions and to see what the response will be from him. He said he wants to continue to support Public Health and will be waiting for a plan from the State. Dr. Larson said the proposed Resolution does not give the County anymore to the building community than what is already allowed, but maybe clearer language for citizens to understand.

Motion died to approve the Resolution 1-2 (Chairman Wachsmith voted in favor).

**PROCLAMATION**

**CONSTRUCTION/COVID-19**

**COMMISSIONERS**

Commissioner Wright moved to reject the Proclamation as previously discussed at the Agenda Session on April 21, 2020. Commissioner Osiadacz seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

**OTHER BUSINESS**


Chairman Wachsmith updated the Board on a donor through United Way, who wants to provide funding specific to Upper County families with children. He suggested that Commissioner Osiadacz be a member on the review committee and she agreed to serve on it.

Meeting adjourned at 3:43 p.m.

**CLERK OF THE BOARD**

  
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Julie Kjosrvik

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Brett Wachsmith, Chairman