

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

WEDNESDAY

10:00 A.M.

OCTOBER 28, 2020

Board members present via WebEx: Chairman, Brett Wachsmith; Vice-Chairman Laura Osiadacz & Commissioner Cory Wright.

Others via WebEx: Julie Kjorsvik, Clerk of the Board; Mandy Buchholz, Deputy Clerk of the Board II; Neil Caulkins, Chief Civil Deputy Prosecutor; Lisa Young, HR Director; Stephanie Hartung, Deputy Prosecutor; Mark Cook, Public Works Director; Dan Carlson, CDS Director; Greg Zempel, Prosecutor; Mark Larson, Public Health Official; Tristen Lamb, Public Health Administrator.

SPECIAL MEETING DIRECTION/PUBLIC HEARINGS COMMISSIONERS

At 10:03 a.m. Chairman Wachsmith opened a Special Meeting to consider direction on how to maximize citizen involvement for Public Hearings. He stated that he would turn the conversation over to Commissioner Osiadacz as she asked for the meeting.

Commissioner Osiadacz reviewed options she had vetted through the Prosecutor's Office. She reviewed options such as a dedicated phone line where voicemail can be left; additional drop off spots in the County; and a dedicated email account. She stated that this would be until the County is in Phase 4 and the public can attend in person again. Commissioner Wright and Chairman Wachsmith agreed to having a trial with a dedicated host line, hot spots, and improve messaging on social media etc., so that all the options are out there and identified. Commissioner Osiadacz expressed her frustration for the Board not being willing to do more.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

COMMISSIONERS

At 10:32 a.m. Chairman Wachsmith announced the Board would recess into Executive Session for 15 minutes with Neil Caulkins, Chief Civil Deputy Prosecutor; Lisa Young, HR Director; Stephanie Hartung, Deputy Prosecutor; Greg Zempel, Prosecutor; Mark Larson, Public Health Official; Tristen Lamb, Public Health Administrator 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

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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 10:47 a.m. the Board reconvened out of Executive Session. No action was taken.

At 10:47 a.m. Chairman Wachsmith announced the Board would recess back into Executive Session for 10 minutes with Neil Caulkins, Chief Civil Deputy Prosecutor; Lisa Young, HR Director; Stephanie Hartung, Deputy Prosecutor; Greg Zempel, Prosecutor; Mark Larson, Public Health Official; Tristen Lamb, Public Health Administrator 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.

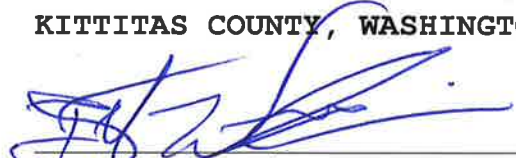
At 10:57 a.m. the Board reconvened out of Executive Session. No action was taken.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:57 a.m.

DEPUTY CLERK OF THE BOARD


Mandy Buchholz

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Brett Wachsmith, Chairman