

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

TUESDAY

11:00 A.M.

DECEMBER 8, 2020

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

Others via Webex: Taylor Crouch, Deputy Clerk of the Board I; Greg Zempel, Prosecutor; Clay Myers, Sheriff; Dr. Mark Larson, Public Health Officer; Tristen Lamb, Public Health Administer; Julie Kjorsvik, Clerk of the Board, and 15 members of the public.

SPECIAL MEETING

RESOLUTION 2020-210

COMMISSIONERS

At 11:00 a.m. Chairman Wachsmith opened a Special Meeting to consider a Resolution in Support of Local Public Health Agency Management of COVID-19 Prevention and Response, and Calling for Immediate Change to State COVID-19 Management, Enforcement Policies, and Statutory Language Limiting State of Emergency Duration Without Legislative Approval.

Greg Zempel, Prosecutor stated some of the legal challenges around COVID-19 and the process of drafting this Resolution.

Dr. Mark Larson, Public Health Officer shared some public health successes for the County. He also shared concern about community members individual decisions regarding COVID-19. The main goal is still to keep community members safe while keeping schools and businesses open.

Tristen Lamb, Public Health Administrator shared her support for the Resolution as well. There are multiple aspects of the health of a community and this Resolution helps to address different sectors of health.

Sheriff Clay Myers shared some enforcement issues with the COVID-19 situation. This Resolution would help tailor enforcement to a local level.

The BOCC then heard some statements from different parts of the community including the Fire District, the Hospital, Thorp School District, and local business owners in the County.

RESOLUTION 2020-210

COVID-19 MANAGEMENT

COMMISSIONERS


Commissioner Osiadacz moved to approve Resolution No. 2020-210 a Resolution in Support of Local Public Health Agency Management of

COVID-19 Prevention and Response, and Calling for Immediate Change to State COVID-19 Management, Enforcement Policies, and Statutory Language Limiting State of Emergency Duration Without Legislative Approval. Commissioner Wright seconded. During discussion, all three Commissioners stated they strongly supported this Resolution. Motion carried 3-0.

Meeting adjourned at 11:51 a.m.

DEPUTY CLERK OF THE BOARD I

**KITTITAS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
KITTITAS COUNTY, WASHINGTON**


Taylor Crouch


Brett Wachsmith, Chairman