

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

THURSDAY

1:00 P.M.

APRIL 25, 2023

Board members present: Chairman Cory Wright, Vice Chairman Brett Wachsmith, and Commissioner Laura Osiadacz.

Others: Julie Kjorsvik, Clerk of the Board; Susan Grindle, HopeSource Executive Director; Craig Kelly, HopeSource Director of Asset Management; and John Raymond, HopeSource Chief Operations Officer.

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At 1:00 p.m. Chairman Wright opened a Special Meeting to meet with representatives from HopeSource.

Craig Kelly, HopeSource Director of Asset Management, provided an update on the Upper County Teanaway affordable housing/learning center/food bank project. He reviewed some of the funding resources which included congressional support in the amount of 2-million dollars. He said they are also taking out a private loan in the amount of 1-million dollars. He mentioned that between the funding that's been currently dedicated, there is still a 5-million-dollar gap and they are requesting any additional assistance from the County. Commissioner Osiadacz was tasked with obtaining the current amount of funds available in the Homelessness & Affordable Housing account. The Homelessness & Affordable Housing committee will also need to be asked to look into the request.

John Raymond, HopeSource Chief Operations Officer, provided an update on the Sam Albright annex across from the Depot where their offices are currently housed. He said they are up over 100 employees now and are becoming short on space. The owner of the Sam Albright annex is willing to lease their space with a possible option to purchase. They would like to have it become a regional transportation hub in the future. He mentioned it was just an update for the Board and there is not an ask at this time.

Mr. Kelly explained how they are converting the Pearl Street property to allow for Senior Veteran housing. He said they have obtained congressional support for the project. The State Senators have said they will be asking for 2.5 million dollars in the next budget. There is only one other place for Senior Veteran housing on the eastern side of the mountain.

The meeting was concluded at 1:21 p.m.

CLERK OF THE BOARD

Julie Kjorsvik

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Cory Wright, Chairman