COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES KITTITAS COUNTY, WASHINGTON AUDITORIUM REGULAR MEETING

MONDAY

9:00 A.M.

JANUARY 08, 2024

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

Others: Mandy Buchholz, Office Administrator; Julie Kjorsvik, Clerk of the Board; Debbie Stanavich, Admin Assistant and approximately 45 members of the public

REGULAR MEETING

OFFICE STAFF MEETING

COMMISSIONERS

At 9:00 a.m. Chairman Wachsmith opened the Office Administration meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT - 1 MINUTE TIME LIMIT

Angie Lang - Thanked everyone for attending and requested that the Board hold a Townhall with the City of Ellensburg to discuss the Craig's Hill construction issues.

Jeff Whitman - Expressed concerns for the construction project at Craigs Hill and the communication between the City and County to their residents.

Cheryl Chance - Expressed concerns for safety at the construction site on Craig's Hill.

Rod Lowery - Expressed concerns with regard to the money being spent on the project (Craig's Hill).

Kitty Mac - Stated that she worked for DOT building roads for years and you can't build a road in the winter when the ground is frozen. She stated they should not be doing any type of construction during this time of year especially.

Jennifer (last name??) - Questioned why after over a year the racquet ball club fire mess hasn't been cleaned up.

Nicole Paxton - Requested a Town Hall between the City of Ellensburg and the County.

Terry LaRue - Requested the Board appoint an Airport Liaison that the Airport Advisory Committee and Airport Community feels they can communicate with.

APPROVED

Thresea Plue - Expressed concerns for the City project at Craig's Hill and felt its unstable currently and should be monitored.

Kathy BaLue - Stated that the Craigs Hill project is a complete mess and it's heartbreaking. She stated it's also very upsetting to the Native American community.

Penny Whitman - Stressed that the communication to the residents from the City regarding the project is lacking and concerning and that we all need to work together.

CALENDAR

WEEK AT A GLANCE

COMMISSIONERS

The Board of County Commissioners reviewed their weekly calendar.

PAF/VOUCHERS

REVIEW OF PAF'S & VOUCHERS

COMMISSIONERS

The Board of County Commissioners approved and signed County Employee Personnel Action forms and vouchers.

CORRESPONDENCE LOG REVIEW OF CORRESPONDENCE LOG COMMISSIONERS

The Board of County Commissioners reviewed the weekly Correspondence Log, a listing of all incoming mail and correspondence for the week ending January 5, 2024.

REAPPOINTMENTS 2024 BOARDS COMMITTEES COMMISSIONS COMMISSIONERS

Mandy Buchholz, Office Administrator presented and reviewed the 2024 requests for reappointment. She stated that the following members had responded and were seeking reappointment: Reappointment of Gary Berndt for a 3 year term to the Public Lands Advisory Committee, effective 1/1/2024 and to expire 1/31/2026, and noted Anita Boyum was not requesting to renew her term.

Reappointments of Eric Celigoy, Matt Martin, Jessie Blackwood, Bret Hollar, and Greg Zempel, for a 3 year term to the Kittitas County Fair Board effective 1/1/2024 and to expire 12/31/2026.

Reappointments of Samuel Pavel; Milton Johnston; Aaron Greear & Ron Cline to the Kittitas County Airport Advisory Committee (AAC) for a 3 year term, effective 1/1/2024 and to expire 12/31/2026.

Reappointment of Toby Allphin to the Kittitas County Developmental Disabilities Advisory Committee for a 3 year term, effective 1/1/2024 and to expire 12/31/2026.

Reappointments of David Sturgell & Matthew Stalder to the Kittitas County Homelessness & Affordable Housing Committee for a 2 year term, effective 1/1/2024 and to expire 1/31/2025. * Noting no

response from Jay Juhl or Bradley Esparza.

Reappointment of Pamela Tuggle Miles to the Kittitas County Law & Justice Council for a 2 year term, effective 1/1/2024 and to expire 12/31/2025.

Reappointment of Samuel Garrett to the Kittitas County TV Dist., for a 3 year term, effective 1/1/2024 and to expire 12/31/2026.

Reappointments of Pat Deneen & Joseph Pearson to the Kittitas County Planning Commission for a 4 year term, effective 1/1/2024 and to expire 12/31/2027.

Commissioner Osiadacz moved to approve the 2024 requests for reappointment as presented. Commissioner Wright seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

APPOINTMENT BOARD OF HEALTH - NAVARRE COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Osiadacz moved to approve and appoint Linda Navarre to the Kittitas County Board of Health as the new Community Representative effective immediately and to end on 2/1/2025. Commissioner Wright seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

REVIEW DEPARTMENT HEAD ASSIGNMENTS COMMISSIONERS

The Board reviewed the Departments and discussed reasons for what made sense on which one would be assigned to each Commissioner for 2024. The 2024 Department Head assignments are as follows: Vice-Chairman Laura Osiadacz will oversee the Solid Waste/Maintenance; I.T. and Human Resources. Commissioner Wright will oversee the KVEC; Airport, & DPW/CDS. Chairman Wachsmith will oversee the Department of Public Defense, Public Health & WSU Extension & Noxious Weed.

REVIEW COMMISSIONER COMMITTEE'S COMMISSIONERS

Continued to 1/16/2024 Office Admin Meeting (Special) at 9:00 a.m.

CERTIFICATE EDNA ALLPHIN - RETIREMENT COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Osiadacz moved to approve and authorize Board signature on a Certificate of Appreciation to Edna Allphin for dedicated service and commitment to the Citizens of Kittitas County from 6/2/1987 - 1/30/2002 and then from 6/21/2004 - 1/31/2024, as presented. Commissioner Wright seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

DISCUSSION COUNTY FACEBOOK COMMISSIONERS

The Board determined that for the week of January 8, 2024 they would post the following on their Facebook page: Notice that the

Washington State Legislature is seeking Page's and to check with Auditor Elliott to see if he is comfortable with the County wishing him and his family congratulations on their new baby.

UPDATE

BOCC/ DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

COMMISSIONERS

Each Commissioner was assigned three different Department Heads to meet with on a weekly basis for the year. The assignments for 2023 were determined at the Board of County Commissioners Office Admin meeting earlier on and they will continue to provide updates at future meetings.

Each Commissioner reviewed discussions held with their respective departments and exchanged details of those meetings.

OTHER BUSINESS/GENERAL UPDATES

There were general updates on meetings & conversations that the Board participated in, individually over the past week.

Meeting concluded at 9:44 a.m.

OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR

Mandy Buchholz

KITTITAS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS KITTITAS COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Brett Wachsmith, Chairman