

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

**TUESDAY**

**2:00 P.M.**

**MAY 21, 2024**

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

Others: Julie Kjorsvik, Clerk of the Board; Mandy Buchholz, Office Administrator; Chad Bala, CDS Director; Josh Fredrickson, Public Works Director; Shelise Smithgall, Administrative Assistant; Stephanie Hartung, Chief Civil Deputy Prosecutor; Arden Thomas, Water Resource Program Manager; and one member of the public.

**PUBLIC HEARING**

**AMEND COUNTY CODE 2.04.010**

**CDS**

At 2:00 p.m. **CHAIRMAN WACHSMITH** opened a Public Hearing to consider Amending Kittitas County Code Chapter 2.04.010 to allow Kittitas County Community Development Services Department to hold two Study Sessions per month.

**CHAD BALA, CDS DIRECTOR**, provided a Staff Report and requested to amend the Kittitas County Code to reflect Community Development Services to hold two Study Sessions per month with the Board of County Commissioners.

**THERE BEING NO ONE REQUESTING TO TESTIFY, THE PUBLIC PORTION OF THE HEARING WAS CLOSED.**

**ORDINANCE 2024-005**

**AMEND COUNTY CODE 2.04.010**

**CDS**

**VICE-CHAIRMAN OSIADACZ** moved to approve Ordinance No. 2024-005, Amending Kittitas County Code Chapter 2.04, Regarding the Kittitas County Board of Commissioners Regularly Scheduled Community Development Services Study Sessions. **COMMISSIONER WRIGHT** seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

**PUBLIC HEARING**

**AMEND COUNTY CODE 1.04**

**PROSECUTOR**

At 2:02 p.m. **CHAIRMAN WACHSMITH** opened a Public Hearing to consider Amending Kittitas County Code Section 1.04.

**STEPHANIE HARTUNG, CHIEF CIVIL DEPUTY**, reviewed a Staff Report and said it had been determined through review that the Kittitas County Prosecuting Attorney's office did not have authority designated in the Code to correct scrivener's errors and/or minor inconsistencies in the Code, which do not affect the rights of the citizens of Kittitas County. She said by allowing this authority, it would make

the process of making minor corrections to the Code more efficient for the County and recommended approving the proposed Ordinance.

**THERE BEING NO ONE REQUESTING TO TESTIFY, THE PUBLIC PORTION OF THE HEARING WAS CLOSED.**

**ORDINANCE 2024-006**

**AMEND COUNTY CODE 1.04**

**PROSECUTOR**

**VICE-CHAIRMAN OSIADACZ** moved to approve Ordinance No. 2024-006, To Amend Chapter 1.04 of the Kittitas County Code. **COMMISSIONER WRIGHT** seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

**PUBLIC HEARING**

**LEASE - JASON HONE**

**PUBLIC WORKS**

At approximately 2:04 p.m. **CHAIRMAN WACHSMITH** opened a Public Hearing to consider a Lease with Jason Hone for property located at the Kittitas County Airport, Bowers Field.

**JOSH FREDRICKSON, PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR,** reviewed a Staff Report and said Jason Hone requested to lease Lot H 14-B of the Bowers Field Binding Site Plan for the purpose of constructing a private airplane hangar. The lease rate is set at \$0.16 per square foot for the standard lease term of thirty (30) years. He indicated the Prosecutors office reviewed the proposed lease agreement.

**THERE BEING NO ONE REQUESTING TO TESTIFY, THE PUBLIC PORTION OF THE HEARING WAS CLOSED.**

**RESOLUTION 2024-089**

**LEASE - JASON HONE**

**PUBLIC WORKS**

**VICE-CHAIRMAN OSIADACZ** moved to approve Resolution No. 2024-089, Authorizing a Lease for Property at Bowers Field Airport, Lot H-14B. **COMMISSIONER WRIGHT** seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

**PUBLIC HEARING**

**WATER RIGHTS PUBLIC AUCTION**

**PUBLIC WORKS**

At approximately 2:07 p.m. **CHAIRMAN WACHSMITH** opened a Public Hearing continued from May 21, 2023, to consider Leasing of Kittitas County Water Rights through Public Auction. He noted the record was open.

**ARDEN THOMAS, WATER RESOURCE PROGRAM MANAGER,** reviewed a Staff Report and explained that after talking with prospective lessees and the Department of Ecology, Public Works Staff recommends continuing the Public Hearing until June 18, 2024. She said the prospective bidders desire additional time to better understand the drought severity and water availability through the Department of Ecology program to mitigate emergency drought wells.

**THERE BEING NO ONE REQUESTING TO TESTIFY, THE PUBLIC PORTION OF THE HEARING WAS CLOSED.**


**VICE-CHAIRMAN OSIADACZ** moved to continue the Public Hearing to consider Leasing of Kittitas County Water Rights through Public Auction, to Tuesday June 18, 2024, at 2:00 p.m. in the Commissioners Auditorium, noting the record to remain open. **COMMISSIONER WRIGHT** seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

The meeting concluded at 2:10 p.m.

**CLERK OF THE BOARD**

  
Julie Kjorsvik

**KITTITAS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
KITTITAS COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

  
Brett Wachsmith, Chairman