

**COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES
KITITAS COUNTY, WASHINGTON
COMMISSIONER'S CONFERENCE ROOM
SPECIAL MEETING**

TUESDAY

9:00 A.M.

JUNE 4, 2024

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

Others: Mandy Buchholz, Office Administrator; Jeremy Reynolds, Law Enforcement Systems Administrator; Mark Cook, Public Works Director; Josh Fredrickson, Public Works Director & Joe Paire, County Broadband Consultant.

SPECIAL MEETING

TECHNICAL STAFF POSITION

COMMISSIONERS

At 9:00 a.m. Chairman Wachsmith opened a Special Meeting to meet to discuss a Technical Staff position in Public Works.

Commissioner Wright stated that this stems from the State not being willing to work with the County Broadband Consultant, and trying to come up with a process that will get a better response from the State, etc.

Director Cook stated this comes down to risk management. There will be lane closures, equipment use, compliance with grant rules, quarterly grant reports, assistance with obtaining right of way permits, and traffic control plans.

The Board questioned what the pay was and the timeline of get this person up and running. Director Cook explained that they need to draft a job description and will work on that between Josh, Joe and Jeanne (HR Director). His best guess is that if benefits are provided the pay/benefit pkg., would be around \$120K a year, but they need to find out if we provide benefits. He stated that we would only need funding for the first two years and the project could be between 2 and 4 years, however the last two years we would use grant funding to pay for it would just be general funds for the first two years. Director Cook stated the position needs to have some construction background and will report to the County Construction Manager.

Commissioner Wright suggested using ARPA Funds to pay for the first two years.

Chairman Wachsmith indicated that more would be needed prior to approval and looked forward to seeing the Job Description in the very near future.

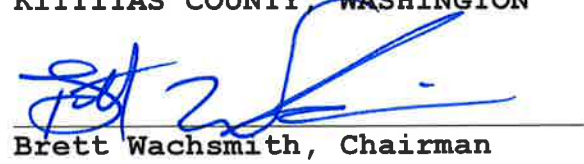
Other Business: Commissioner Wright presented Director Cook with his Retirement Certificate and gift from the Board of County Commissioners.

Meeting concluded at 9:25 a.m.

OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR


Mandy Buchholz

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Brett Wachsmith, Chairman