

**KITTITAS COUNTY  
PUBLIC WORKS/COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT SERVICES STUDY SESSION MINUTES  
COMMISSIONERS' AUDITORIUM, 205 WEST 5TH ROOM 109  
Regular Meeting**

**MONDAY**

**1:30 PM**

**October 14, 2024**

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

Others: Josh Fredrickson, Arden Thomas, Sally Kraft, Rebecca Cruse, Public Works; Chad Bala, Jessica Miller, Jamey Ayling, Community Development Services; Stephanie Hartung, Molly McDowell, Angela Bugni, Chris Horner, Prosecuting Attorney's Office; 1 members of the public.

At 1:30PM Vice Chairman Laura Osiadacz opened the Public Works and Community Development Services Study Session.

Citizen Comments- Pat Kelleher expressed his disagreement with using funds for the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategic Plan.

At 1:33PM the Board of County Commissioners announced they would recess into Executive Session for 10 minutes with Chad Bala, Angela Bugni, Molly McDowell, and Stephanie Hartung per RCW 42.30.110(1)(i)(ii) to discuss litigation that the agency reasonably believes may be commenced by or against the agency, the governing body, or a member acting in an official capacity.

At 1:43PM The Board of County Commissioners announced they would recess for 5 additional minutes. At 1:48PM the Board reconvened out of the Executive Session. Commissioner Cory Wright made a motion to Approve a Resolution to Authorize Abatement Action in Superior Court and to Appropriate Funds and set a Timetable for the Lauderdale Junction Abatement Against Donald and Edith Drake and All Other Persons or Parties Unknown Claiming Any Right, Title, Estate, Lien, or Interest in the Real Estate Described Herein. Vice Chairman Laura Osiadacz seconded the motion, Resolution 2024-179 approved.

**COMPREHENSIVE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STRATEGIC PLAN**

Josh Fredrickson briefed the Board of County Commissioners on the Comprehensive Economic Development Plan (CEDs). The plan is developed regionally to help communities to become eligible for federal funding. Josh Fredrickson stated this plan identifies strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats or limiting factors to growth in the communities represented. Josh Fredrickson stated that partnering with Central Washington University allows the region more opportunity because of their expertise in CEDs development and presented a letter of support from Conference of Governments. Commissioner Cory Wright stated that Yakima County would like to partner and work together. Vice Chairman Laura Osiadacz stated on

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many occasions expending resources to develop a plan has been a great tool to bring additional funding. Staff was directed to bring forward enabling documents for the Board of County Commissioners consideration.

**REQUEST TO APPROVE A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHAIR SIGNATURE ON A FLOOD CONSERVATION EASEMENT GRANTED TO KITTITAS COUNTY**

Arden Thomas briefed the Board of County Commissioners on unpermitted construction activities on a parcel in the 100-Year Floodplain. To reconcile code enforcement issues it has been identified that a Flood Conservation Easement on the adjacent vacant land and restricting the area of development apart from grazing would be adequate mitigation. Commissioner Cory Wright moved to Approve Resolution 2024-180 Authorizing the Chair Signature on Flood Conservation Easement Granted to Kittitas County by Dennis W. Klemmer and Terri L. Marchon. Vice Chairman Laura Osiadacz seconded the motion, Resolution 2024-180 approved.

At 2:02PM the Board of County Commissioners announced they would recess into Executive Session for 10 minutes with Josh Fredrickson and Chris Horner per RCW 42.30.110(1)(i) To discuss with legal counsel representing the agency litigation that the agency reasonably believes may be commenced by or against the agency, the governing body, or a member acting in an official capacity. Action anticipated.

At 2:12PM the Board of County Commissioners reconvened out of Executive Session and directed staff to deny the claim as presented.

Meeting concluded at 2:12 PM

**KITTITAS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
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Rebecca Cruse, Administrative  
Assistant



Laura Osiadacz, Vice Chairman