

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

MONDAY

10:00 A.M.

APRIL 6th, 2026

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

Others: Jodi Larsen, Office Administrator; Therese Murphy, Deputy Prosecutor III; James McCubbin, Deputy Prosecutor III; Cori McKean, Coroner; Leslie Erickson, Human Resources Representative; Jacob Schroeder, Administrative Supervisor; Charlie Divine, Deputy Coroner II; and 2 Members of the Press.

SPECIAL MEETING

WHISTLEBLOWER COMPLAINT

COMMISSIONERS

At 10:00 a.m. Chairman Wright opened a Special Meeting and announced the Board would enter into an Executive Session for 5 minutes with Therese Murphy and James McCubbin, Deputy Prosecutors III under RCW 42.30.110(i) To discuss with Legal Counsel representing the Agency, matters relating to Agency enforcement actions, or to discuss with Legal Counsel representing the Agency, litigation or potential litigation to which the Agency, the governing body, or a member acting in an official capacity is, or is likely to become a party, when public knowledge regarding the discussion is likely to result in an adverse legal or financial consequence to the Agency. Possible action to be taken.

At 10:05 a.m. the Board reconvened out of Executive Session. No action taken.

At that time Chairman Wright resumed the regular meeting and asked for public comment. Administrative Supervisor Jacob Schroeder spoke to the letter that was written regarding the actions of County Coroner McKean. He was not aware that his letter would be considered a "Whistleblower" complaint and feels that by publishing the letter with his name on it, his confidentiality was violated. He stated that he wrote the letter in an attempt to garner an intervention from the governing Board in hopes of rectifying miscommunications and unclear operating standards in the office of the Coroner.

Deputy Coroner II, Charlie Divine commented that he is concerned that staff lacks the proper PPE. He stated that all staff should be wearing a Dosimeter badge when operating the x-ray machine and when he inquired why they were not being used, he was told they are "too expensive". He also brought forward the fact that the X-ray machine has not been serviced in his tenure and there are no plans for service or regular maintenance on the machine, which could impose

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health risks when coupled with the lack of use of the Dosimeter badge.

Chairman Wright then announced that the meeting was scheduled to address letters that were received by the Board, regarding the Department of the Coroner. Deputy Prosecutor McCubbin explained that the letter was forwarded to the Prosecuting Attorney's office where the "Whistleblower" determination was made and a need to address the complaint was decided.

Chairman Wright explained that there would be a 3rd party investigation into the allegations and concerns brought forth by the Deputy Coroners. Coroner McKean stated that she understood the reason for the meeting as well as the investigation. She welcomed the input and opportunity to resolve any issues.

Other Business - None

Meeting adjourned at 10:12 a.m.

OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR



Jodi Larsen

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Cory Wright, Chairman