

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

WEDNESDAY

2:00 P.M.

DECEMBER 6, 2017

Board members present: Chairman Paul Jewell; Vice-Chairman Laura Osiadacz & Commissioner Obie O'Brien.

Others: Mandy Buchholz, Deputy Clerk of the Board II; Neil Caulkins, Deputy Prosecutor; Gene Dana, Sheriff; Jerry Pettit, County Auditor; Bill Essman & Lee Davis, Kittitas County Field & Stream.

SPECIAL MEETING

EXECUTIVE SESSION

COMMISSIONERS

At 2:03 p.m. Chairman Jewell opened a Special Meeting and announced the Board would recess into Executive Session for 20 minutes 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. No action anticipated.

Neil Caulkins, Deputy Prosecutor asked for introductions from those in attendance that he did not recognize. Mr. Essman and Mr. Davis introduced themselves and at that point Deputy Caulkins stated the meeting could not take place in Executive Session due to Mr. Davis and Mr. Essman's attendance.

Chairman Jewell indicated that they would continue in Open Session as it's important to have both Mr. Essman and Mr. Davis present.

Chairman Jewell stated that there are 120 acres west of the Wild Horse Solar Farm for sale that could offer a great location for a gun range in the Lower Kittitas Valley.

There was discussion on the ability to have a range that's open year round that would be a benefit to local law enforcement etc. There was discussion on other parties that may be interested in the use of the proposed facility. There was further discussion on potential long term plans/ideas.

Chairman Jewell stated that the Board should know a CUP would be a requirement of the property for it to be used as a gun range. There was discussion on potential interest of lessors of the gun range. The Board expressed their support for the idea. Commissioner Osiadacz stated she was disappointed the location was not in the

Upper County but was supportive of the project/opportunity. The Board directed Jerry Pettit, Auditor to get numbers confirmed for the dollars available from Law & Justice to put towards a potential purchase. Neil Caulkins, Deputy Prosecutor was directed to draft a Purchase & Sale Agreement for the Board to consider.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:50 p.m.

DEPUTY CLERK OF THE BOARD



Mandy Buchholz

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Paul Jewell, Chairman