

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

**WEDNESDAY**

**10:00 A.M.**

**SEPTEMBER 4, 2019**

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

Others: Mandy Buchholz, Deputy Clerk of the Board II; Candie Leader, Administrative Assistant - DPW; Cindy Millsap, UCTTF Member and one member of the public.

**SPECIAL MEETING**

**REQUEST FROM UCTTF**

**COMMISSIONERS**

At 10:00 a.m. Chairman Wright opened a Special Meeting with Cindy Millsap, Chair of the Upper County Traffic Task Force (UCTTF), to receive a briefing.

Commissioner Osiadacz stated that due to Public Works Director Mark Cook being unable to attend today's meeting she would like to ask that no action be taken until Director Cook is back and able to be brought into the conversation.

Ms. Millsap gave a brief history of the traffic congestion in Upper County. She presented an active test idea of ramp closures on a trial basis with a goal of Spring of 2020 to launch the trial. She stated that the UCTTF has implemented with their consideration process if something is feasible, testable and/or reversible. Ms. Millsap reviewed proposed days to do the closures. Chairman Wright questioned the impacts to business and there was a brief discussion of proposed traffic solutions. She provided a copy with the Board of "A Traffic Calming Guide for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century" for their review.

Ms. Millsap questioned if the Board would support the UCTTF request to remove inactive members (Harper/Kirkpatrick). She stated that there are two members who do not attend, and that there are 3 community members that attend all the meetings and any of them would be great additions. Chairman Wright stated he would like to see the City of Cle Elum find someone on the Council to replace the current member if he isn't able to attend. The Board encouraged her to see if there are Bylaws, and if the Bylaws have a process to deal with that. If there are not Bylaws then they need to create them and bring forward a formal request. Candie Leader, Administrative Assistant stated that she will bring the request forward at a upcoming Study Session.

Ms. Millsap reviewed a proposal letter for a Feasibility Study. She stated that if there is not money for the study then possibly the

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County could do some trials. She commented that a Comprehensive Feasibility Study on traffic calming methods and street modifications that curb speeding, encourage responsible driving and promote people friendly streets, as well as reduce the need for police enforcement and reduce the volume of cut through traffic.

Ms. Millsap requested the Board attend a town hall meeting with the UCTTF in January for them to present Road updates. She stated that by having them in attendance to show support would be beneficial and allow them to hear stories from folks who are impacted.

Staff was directed to set a follow up meeting for October and also look into the application that came in for Encompass/Theo Leonard.

The meeting was adjourned 10:50 a.m.

**DEPUTY CLERK OF THE BOARD**

  
Mandy Buchholz

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Cory Wright, Chairman