

**COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES  
KITITITAS COUNTY, WASHINGTON  
COMMISSIONER'S AUDITORIUM  
SPECIAL MEETING**

**MONDAY**

**1:30 P.M.**

**NOVEMBER 4, 2019**

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

Others: Taylor Crouch, Deputy Clerk of the Board I; Mark Cook, Public Works Director/Interim Engineer; Peggy Morache, Executive Director of FISH; John Raymond, Chief Operations Officer of HopeSource; Linda Kelly, Executive Director of Kittitas Habitat for Humanity; and approximately 15 members of the public.

**SPECIAL MEETING**

**COUNTY SHOP PROPERTY**

**COMMISSIONERS**

At 1:30 p.m. Chairman Wright opened a Special Meeting to discuss future plans for the Lower County Shop property.

Chairman Wright began with an explanation of the County's plan to surplus the property in the next 3-5 years, leaving this space open for new development.

Peggy Morache, Executive Director of FISH gave a presentation of their organizational needs. The County Shop property is too small for what FISH would like to see for themselves and having all their services in one location. Ms. Morache explained that FISH would like to step back from this lot, but would support HopeSource or Habitat for Humanity in their efforts for the property.

John Raymond, Chief Operations Officer of HopeSource gave a presentation for their plan for the property. HopeSource sees the property as an opportunity for affordable housing, and would want to work with the community around the property to develop the best mix-use model for the space to see what kind of services could be integrated into the housing mix. HopeSource would like to see 50 units of affordable housing on the property.

Linda Kelly, Executive Director of Habitat for Humanity gave a presentation of their organizational needs. The current Habitat store is too small by national standards and is becoming defective. Habitat would like to see a space where their store and their offices can be at the same location. Ms. Kelly explained that while Habitat's home models

usually result in single family homes, there may be an opportunity to collaborate with HopeSource for multi-family dwellings.

Commissioner Wachsmith asked what the next steps would be for these projects. Site-control needs to be completed first.

Commissioner Osiadacz stated she would like to see a Community Need Survey done since there is time before any construction would begin.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:15 p.m.

**DEPUTY CLERK OF THE BOARD I**

**KITTITAS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
KITTITAS COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

  
Taylor Crouch

  
Cory Wright, Chairman