

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

TUESDAY

11:00 A.M.

DECEMBER 31, 2019

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

Others: Taylor Crouch, Deputy Clerk of the Board I; Greg Zempel, Prosecutor; Mark Cook, Public Works Director/Interim Engineer; Erin Moore, WRP Coordinator; and Arden Thomas WRP Manager.

AGREEMENT

PLAUCHE & CARR DISCUSSION

PUBLIC WORKS

At 11:01 a.m. Chairman Wright opened a special meeting to discuss the potential extension of a Professional Service Agreement with Plauche and Carr.

Greg Zempel, Prosecutor asked what the County was still using the services for, as the County now has the resources in-house to no longer need their assistance.

Erin Moore, WRP Coordinator and Arden Thomas, WRP Manager explained that the value in retaining this service comes from the existing relationships the agency has, and where the County is still forming those relationships.

SPECIAL MEETING

EXECUTIVE SESSION

COMMISSIONERS

At 11:17 a.m. Chairman Wright announced the Board would recess into an Executive Session for 5 minutes with Greg Zempel, Prosecutor and Mark Cook, Public Works Director/Interim Engineer to evaluate the qualifications of an applicant for public employment or to review the performance of a public employee. However, subject to RCW 42.30.140(4), discussion by a governing body of salaries, wages, and other conditions of employment to be generally applied within the agency shall occur in a meeting open to the public, and when a governing body elects to take final action hiring, setting the salary of an individual employee or class of employees, or discharging or disciplining an employee, that action shall be taken in a meeting open to the public. No action was anticipated.

At 11:22 a.m. the Board reconvened out of Executive Session. No action was taken.

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At 11:27 a.m. the Board reconvened out of Executive Session. No action was taken.

At 11:27 a.m. Chairman Wright announced the Board would recess back into Executive Session for 10 minutes to evaluate the qualifications of an applicant for public employment or to review the performance of a public employee. However, subject to RCW 42.30.140(4), discussion by a governing body of salaries, wages, and other conditions of employment to be generally applied within the agency shall occur in a meeting open to the public, and when a governing body elects to take final action hiring, setting the salary of an individual employee or class of employees, or discharging or disciplining an employee, that action shall be taken in a meeting open to the public. No action was anticipated.

At 11:37 a.m. the Board reconvened out of Executive Session. No action was taken.

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At 11:47 a.m. the Board reconvened out of Executive Session. No action was taken.

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body elects to take final action hiring, setting the salary of an individual employee or class of employees, or discharging or disciplining an employee, that action shall be taken in a meeting open to the public. No action was anticipated.

At 11:57 a.m. the Board reconvened out of Executive Session. No action was taken.

AGREEMENT

PLAUCHE & CARR

PUBLIC WORKS

Commissioner Wachsmith moved to approve and sign an Extension of Professional Services Agreement with Plauche and Carr LLP and Bill Clarke Attorney at Law, as presented. Chairman Wright seconded. During discussion Commissioner Osiadacz asked Mr. Zempel if the Prosecutor's Office supported this agreement. Mr. Zempel signed the agreement. Motion carried 3-0.

The Board directed Staff to work with Plauche and Carr to start a conversation around transitioning this service to in-house.

OTHER BUSINESS

Mark Cook, Public Works Director/Interim Engineer updated the Board on the FBO scenario at the Airport. Commissioner Wachsmith will reach out to Airport contacts.

Meeting adjourned at 12:20 p.m.

DEPUTY CLERK OF THE BOARD I

**KITTITAS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
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Taylor Crouch


Cory Wright, Chairman