

**COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES  
KITITAS COUNTY, WASHINGTON  
BOARD OF HEALTH  
EMERGENCY SPECIAL MEETING**

**MONDAY**

**11:30 A.M.**

**MARCH 23, 2020**

Board members present: Chairman Brett Wachsmith; Vice-Chairman Osiadacz; Commissioner Cory Wright. Absent: Dr. Asriel.

Others: Julie Kjorsvik, Clerk of the Board; Jerry Pettit, Auditor; Amy Cziske, Treasurer; Dr. Mark Larson, Public Health Officer; Clay Myers, Sheriff; Darren Higashiyama, Chief Deputy; Lisa Young, Human Resources Director; Kasey Knutson, Special Programs Coordinator; Tristen Lamb, Public Health Administrator; and 2 members of the public.

**EMEGENCY MEETING**

**COVID-19**

**BOARD OF HEALTH**

Chairman Wachsmith called to order an Emergency Special Meeting of the Kittitas County Board of Health.

Dr. Mark Larson explained how he had prepared a Health Order: Stay-at-Home for the Board's consideration. He said it was to control and prevent the spread of any dangerous, contagious or infectious diseases that may occur within his jurisdiction. The outbreak of the disease caused by the 2019 Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) especially within the vulnerable populations, poses an immediate threat to the public health and safety of the residents of Kittitas County and Washington State. He proposed the Order taking effect as of Tuesday March 24, 2020 at 12:01 a.m. and shall continue until April 3, 2020 at 11:59 p.m., unless modified or rescinded, and reviewed every 10 days to determine the need to continue the Order and renew as needed.

The Board indicated they would like to take a few hours to plan and prepare before taking official action of the Resolution. Dr. Larson said it wouldn't be a problem and he could come back at 3:00 p.m. to recommend the Boards approval of a Resolution and Health Order. The Board expressed their appreciation to everyone who has been working for the public's health and safety during this difficult time.

The Board met with key employees to begin planning for the Health Order and ways to communicate information out to the public. They determined a Press Conference would be appropriate and one was scheduled for 4:00 p.m. outside of the Sheriff's Office and those speaking would be Dr. Mark Larson, Chairman Wachsmith, and Sheriff Clay Myers. Kasey Knutson, Special Programs Coordinator was tasked with preparing for the Press

Conference and to notify the media. She also provided information to the Board about the vetting process for any information that goes out to the public to ensure the information is accurate. The Board expressed interest in having a liaison in the EOC on behalf of all the municipalities. Mr. Higashiyama said the Board would need to send a letter to the EOC requesting a liaison be allowed to be a part of the EOC.

The meeting was recessed at 1:06 p.m. and Chairman Wachsmith said the Board would reconvene at 3:00 p.m.

At 3:00 p.m. the Board reconvened back into their Emergency Special Meeting of the Kittitas County Board of Health.

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

Others: Julie Kjorsvik, Clerk of the Board; Dr. Mark Larson, Public Health Official; Tristen Lamb, Public Health Administrator; Darren Higashiyama, Chief Deputy; Patti Johnson, Solid Waste Director/Interim Maintenance Director/Project Manager; Paul Sander, Lower District Court Judge; Amy Cziske, Treasurer; and Lisa Young, Human Resources Director.

**RESOLUTION 2020-001 MANDATORY STAY-AT-HOME BOARD OF HEALTH**

Commissioner Osiadacz moved to approve Kittitas County Board of Health Resolution No. 2020-001, Authorization of a Kittitas County Health Order: Mandatory Stay-at-Home, effective March 24, 2020 at 12:01 a.m. and ending April 3, 2020 at 11:59 p.m. unless modified or rescinded, and reviewed to determine renewal every ten days. Commissioner Wright seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 3:06 p.m.

**CLERK OF THE BOARD**

  
Julie Kjorsvik

**KITTITAS COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH  
KITTITAS COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

  
Brett Wachsmith, Chairman