

**COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES
KITITAS COUNTY, WASHINGTON
COMMISSIONERS AUDITORIUM
SPECIAL MEETING**

FRIDAY

10:00 A.M.

MAY 15, 2020

Board members present: Chairman Brett Wachsmith, Vice-Chairman Laura Osiadacz (via phone), and Commissioner Cory Wright (via WebEx).

Others: Taylor Crouch, Deputy Clerk of the Board I; Lisa Young, HR Director; Amy Cziske, Treasurer; Mandy Buchholz, Deputy Clerk of the Board (via WebEx); Julie Kjorsvik, Clerk of the Board (via WebEx); Ben Kokjer, Chief Deputy (via WebEx); Judy Pless, Budget and Finance Officer (via WebEx), and 1 member of the public (via WebEx).

SPECIAL MEETING

PLANNING UPDATE/COVID-19

COMMISSIONERS

At 10:00 a.m. Chairman Wachsmith opened a Special Meeting for the Board to provide planning updates relating to COVID-19.

LETTER

LETTER TO GOVERNOR INSLEE

COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Wright briefed the Board on a letter written to Governor Jay Inslee. Commissioner Wright clarified the differences between the two letters up for discussion today. He asked the Board to not sign the first letter from just the Board of County Commissioners, but instead consider the letter that was written in collaboration with other community partners under other business.

PURCHASE

20 CHAIRS FROM CARES FUNDING

COMMISSIONERS

Julie Kjorsvik, Clerk of the Board requested the Board to approve a purchase of 20 chairs for the auditorium using the CARES funding. The chairs are needed because of COVID-19 restrictions and needing non-cloth chairs for public use. Ms. Kjorsvik stated that Amazon was selling a 5 pack of chairs for \$239.00. Chairman Wachsmith moved to approve the purchase of 20 chairs using the CARES funding. Commissioner Osiadacz seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

AGREEMENT

HH-2020-002-HOPESOURCE-CIP

COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Wright updated the Board on the agreement. This was approved through the Homelessness and Affordable Housing Committee through the NOFA process that was released earlier this year. This project application was the only application for this grant. Judy Pless, Budget and Finance Manager asked about the start date of the contract. Ms. Pless asked that the term date of this agreement be May 15, 2020 so there is no retroactive funding. Chairman Wachsmith moved to approve contract HH-2020-002-HopeSource-CIP with an

amendment that the term shall take effect on May 15th, 2020.
Commissioner Wright seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

AGREEMENT

HH-2020-003-HOPESOURCE-RRV

COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Wright updated the Board on this agreement, it was also part of the NOFA cycle that was released earlier this year. This application was not rated through the HAHC because of COVID-19 and meeting difficulties. This application was the only project application for this grant. This grant could be used by the community right now. Ms. Pless noted the same term date and asked for it to be May 15th, 2020. Chairman Wachsmith moved to approve contract HH-2020-003-HopeSource-RRV with an amendment that the term shall take effect on May 15th, 2020. Commissioner Wright seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

RESOLUTION 2020-100

CARES FUNDING ECONOMIC RELIEF

COMMISSIONERS

Chairman Wachsmith updated the Board on this Resolution. This funding would go to local businesses that did not receive funds through the other federal grants. Mrs. Pless asked that there is a corresponding contract with the Chamber of Commerce following the Resolution to allow for payments. Commissioner Wright asked for some scrivener's errors to be fixed on the Resolution before signing. Commissioner Wright asked to see public guidelines and to the scoring matrix and the review panel, he would like to see the funds used for this purpose but with more public transparency. Commissioner Wright moved to approve Resolution No. 2020-100 A Resolution Establishing A Business Support Program in Response to the Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) with published public guideline and scoring matrix used to award the monies. Chairman Wachsmith seconded. Commissioner Osiadacz stated this was a great use of the funds and wants to support the small businesses in the County. Motion carried 3-0.

DISCUSSION

HIRING FREEZE

HUMAN RESOURCES

Lisa Young, HR Director updated the Board on the recommended hiring freeze from the State level. Mrs. Young suggested the Board not act on this today but to start thinking about this discussion. Mrs. Young was directed to address this subject with DH/EO's at the next HR Study Session on May 26th, 2020. Mrs. Pless will be providing preliminary year end fiscal impacts to the Board on Thursday, May 19th, 2020 during the 1:30 p.m. Finance Meeting.

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Commissioner Wright asked if other Counties in the State were going to Olympia as Boards. Commissioner Osiadacz stated it had not been discussed in the County meeting but that she stated that she would

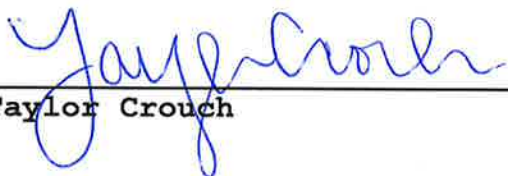
bring it up at the next meeting. Commissioner Wright also asked the Board's thoughts on having IT staff on-site during work hours. The Board agreed to have maximum allowable and safe staff back on-site. Chairman Wachsmith will speak with Jim Goeben, IT Director about this.

Commissioner Osiadacz updated the Board on recreation and public lands opening in Upper County. There is messaging being worked on currently.

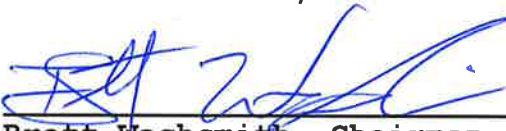
Chairman Wachsmith updated the Board that the Tuesday Business Call went positively. Representative Ybarra was the guest speaker this week. Judy Warnick and Kim Schrier have expressed interest in being guests on this call as well.

Meeting adjourned at 10:52 a.m.

DEPUTY CLERK OF THE BOARD I


Taylor Crouch

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Brett Wachsmith, Chairman