

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

**TUESDAY**

**2:00 P.M.**

**SEPTEMBER 1, 2020**

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

Others via Webex: Julie Kjorsvik, Clerk of the Board; Mandy Buchholz, Deputy Clerk of the Board II; Taylor Crouch, Deputy Clerk of the Board I; Mark Cook, Public Works Director/Interim Engineer; Judy Pless, Budget & Finance Manager; Neil Caulkins, Deputy Prosecutor and 12 members of the public.

**PUBLIC HEARING      PHEASANT LANE - PUBLIC ROAD NETWORK      PUBLIC WORKS**

At 2:00 p.m. **CHAIRMAN WACHSMITH** opened a Public Hearing continued from August 18, 2020 to consider the establishment of an opened County Right-of-Way known as Pheasant Lane onto the Public Road Network. He noted the record was closed.

**MARK COOK, PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR/INTERIM ENGINEER** reviewed a Staff Report and said that following many comments from agitated residents and a law firm against the request, he recommended denying the proposal at this time, remanding it back to Staff to allow discussions with the Department of Natural Resources and other interested parties. He also suggested bringing it back to the Board for consideration before the end of the year.

**COMMISSIONER WRIGHT** moved to deny the request to establish an opened County Right-of-Way known as Pheasant Lane onto the Public Road Network; remand it back to Staff for further discussions with interested parties; and to bring it back before the Board by the end of 2020. **CHAIRMAN WACHSMITH** seconded.

**COMMISSIONER OSIADACZ** acknowledged she briefed the Board during the August 31, 2020 Office Administration Meeting, following meeting with property owners in the Pheasant Lane area. **COMMISSIONER WRIGHT** said he appreciated Director Cooks recommendation. He felt it would provide a good opportunity for the Public Lands Advisory Committee to work with the Department of Natural Resources. Motion carried 3-0.

**PUBLIC HEARING**

**CDBG - COVID-19**

**COMMISSIONERS**

At 2:07 p.m. **CHAIRMAN WACHSMITH** opened a Public Hearing to review community development and housing needs, inform citizens of the availability of funds and eligible uses of the State Community

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Development Block Grant (CDBG) and receive comments on proposed activities, particularly from lower income persons residing in the Kittitas County area.

**CATHY BAMBRICK, INFUSE STRATEGY, LLC** reviewed a proposed grant application to obtain funds for the Community Development Block Grant. She indicated there was up to \$292,365.00 is available to Kittitas County as a consortium with all cities applying to fund CDBG public services and local microenterprise assistance programs; rental and mortgage assistance and daycare expenses for people who have lost income due to COVID-19 impacts. All CDBG funded activities must benefit low-and moderate-income persons or meet the CDBG urgent need national objective criteria.

**THERE BEING NO ONE REQUESTING TO TESTIFY, THE PUBLIC PORTION OF THE HEARING WAS CLOSED.**

**CHAIRMAN WACHSMITH** moved to approve and authorize the joint Community Development Block Grant application, in the amount of \$292,365.00. **COMMISSIONER OSIADACZ** seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

**RESOLUTION 2020-149                      CERTIFICATION OF COMPLIANCE                      COMMISSIONERS**

**COMMISSIONER OSIADACZ** moved to approve Resolution No. 2020-149, Certification of Compliance (for CDBG Public Services Grant). **CHAIRMAN WACHSMITH** seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**


**COMMISSIONER WRIGHT** mentioned the need for a Public Information officer. He felt there was a need to hire one as soon as possible. **CHAIRMAN WACHSMITH** felt recent events have highlighted the need for a PIO. **COMMISSIONER OSIADACZ** felt having a PIO was important to ensure there are no discrepancies in messaging. She referred to a Press Release submitted by the Health Department and the Boards letter to the Kittitas School District and how there it created a lot of concern from community members as well as the news outlets. The Board felt they could pay for the position with CARES funding for September and October. The Board agreed to follow up with the Human Resource Director in relation to the position.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:20 p.m.

**CLERK OF THE BOARD**

**KITTITAS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
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Julie Kjorsvik

  
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Brett Wachsmith, Chairman