

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

THURSDAY

8:30 A.M.

FEBRUARY 18, 2021

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

Others: Mandy Buchholz, Administrative Supervisor; Clay Myers, Sheriff; Julie Kjorsvik, Clerk of the Board; Stephanie Hartung, Deputy Prosecutor.

SPECIAL MEETING

EXECUTIVE SESSION

COMMISSIONERS

At 8:31 a.m. Chairman Wachsmith opened a Special Meeting and announced the Board would recess into an Executive Session for 15 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 8:46 a.m. the Board reconvened out of Executive Session. No action was taken.

At 8:46 a.m. Chairman Wachsmith announced the Board would recess back into Executive Session 15 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 9:01 a.m. the Board reconvened out of Executive Session. No action was taken.

At 9:01 a.m. Chairman Wachsmith announced the Board would recess back into Executive Session for 5 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 9:06 a.m. the Board reconvened out of Executive Session. No action was taken. Sheriff Myers left the meeting.

OTHER BUSINESS


Mandy Buchholz, Administrative Supervisor asked the Board for input on how to proceed in Phase Two. She stated that the Auditorium allows for 7 additional members whether it's Staff or the public, plus the three Commissioners. She stated that the Board could start holding in person meetings with masks on and social distancing and reviewed other options they had. Commissioner Wright expressed his desire to get back to in person meetings as quickly as possible. He stated that he is understanding that it may require additional time to get up and running but would like to get there sooner rather than later. Deputy Hartung reminded the Board that they would need to enforce masking and social distancing as well as refuse attendance once the 7 people are present. Staff stated that the screen that shows who they are talking to is out of commission, but IT is working with Cisco Webex and as soon as they can get to testing it they will. For now, Staff will send out messaging for Departments to use on their agendas pertaining to Phase Two and will continue to work on moving towards in person. Chairman Wachsmith and Commissioner Osiadacz stated that they see the benefits and concerns of both options and could work with either. The Board asked Commissioner Wright to take the lead, and to direct Deputy Hartung and BoCC Staff to develop a plan for moving forward.

Meeting adjourned at 9:33 a.m.

ADMINISTRATIVE SUPERVISOR


Mandy Buchholz

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Brett Wachsmith, Chairman