

**COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES
KITITITAS COUNTY, WASHINGTON
KVEC ARMORY/WEBEX
SPECIAL MEETING**

THURSDAY

8:00 A.M.

JULY 22, 2021

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

Others in attendance & via Webex: Julie Kjorsvik, Clerk of the Board; Mandy Buchholz, Administrative Supervisor; Doug Fessler, Network Administrator; Jim Goeben, IT Director; Judy Pless, Budget & Finance Manager; Lisa Young, HR Director; Pat Gigstead, Chief Probation Officer; Greg Zempel, Prosecutor; Jodi Hammond, Chief Criminal Deputy; Elishia Harvill, Chief Administrator; Mike Hougardy, Assessor; Christy Garcia, Chief Administrator; Savanna Myra, Fiscal Tech. II; Ken Grannan, Airport Director; Todd Davis, Noxious Weed Director; Jessica Miller, Administrative Assistant; Candie Leader, Administrative Supervisor; Kari Elkins, Office Administrator; Katrina Mankus, Juvenile Court Administrator; Sarah Keith, Superior Court Administrator; Diana MacKenzie, Upper Court Administrator; Karen Bowen, Administrative Supervisor; Sue Higginbotham, Office Administrator; Lisa Lawrence, Assistant Director; Patti Stacey, Solid Waste Director/Interim Maintenance Director/Project Manager; Liz Remeto, Finance Manager; Joshua Fredrickson, Engineer; Chris Whitsett, Inspector; Sharrie McPherson, Fiscal Analyst; Clay Myers, Sheriff; Darren Higashiyama, Chief Deputy; Mark Cook, Public Works Director; Chelsey Loeffers, Health Promotion Supervisor; Tristen Lamb, Public Health Administrator; Katie Odiaga, Fiscal Analyst; Carly Brettmann, Communications Director; Kady Porterfield, KVEC Director; Cori McKean, Office Administrator; Nick Henderson, Coroner; Steve Panattoni, Jail Superintendent; Tip Hudson, Extension Agent; Jerry Pettit, Auditor; Andrea Morse, Office Assistant; Mike Flory, Building Official; Dan Carlson, CDS Director; Barb Demory, Lower County District Court Administrator; Val Barschaw, Clerk; and Taylor Crouch, Administrative Assistant.

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BUDGET RETREAT

COMMISSIONERS

At 8:00 a.m. Chairman Wachsmith opened a Special Meeting for the annual budget retreat and provided an opening statement. He also thanked Judy Pless, Budget and Finance Manager for all of her hard work and dedication to the budget process over the years, noting she was going to retire at the end of December 2021.

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Commissioner Wright said the Board had been meeting with Phil Backlund and he reviewed a list of the Commissioners goals and priorities for 2022 and beyond.

Judy Pless, Budget & Finance Manager reviewed the financial reports as well as budget dates, American Rescue Funds, as well as budget training.

Patti Stacey, Solid Waste Director/Interim Maintenance Director/Project Manager reviewed County projects and reported on the new Courthouse Committee. Mark Cook, Public Works Director reviewed both current and future Public Works projects.

Individual departments provided a presentation on their current budget issues, new legislation or requirements, and any anticipated budget increases for the next two years.

There was a lunch break from 12:00 p.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Lisa Young, Human Resource Director provided an update on medical insurance and proposed increases based on experience rating, which is not looking good at this point. She said she would have more definitive information within the next couple of months.

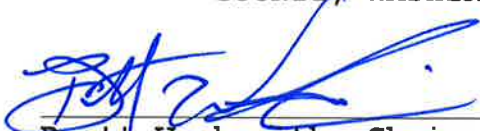
Commissioner Osiadacz asked if anyone had ideas on areas the Board could improve on. She also requested any comments on ways to handle the significant increase in recreation/tourism in Kittitas County.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:15 p.m.

CLERK OF THE BOARD


Julie Kjorsvik

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Brett Wachsmith, Chairman