

**COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES
KITTTAS COUNTY, WASHINGTON
AGENDA SESSION
AUDITORIUM/WEBEX
REGULAR MEETING**

TUESDAY

10:00 A.M.

NOVEMBER 2, 2021

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

Others in person and via WebEx: Julie Kjorsvik, Clerk of the Board; Mark Cook, Public Works Director; Arden Thomas, Water Resource Program Manager; Mandy Buchholz, Administrative Supervisor; Kelly Bacon, Staff Planner; Taylor Crouch, Administrative Assistant; Carly Brettmann, Communications Director; Ken Grannan, Airport Director; Patti Stacey, Solid Waste Director; Dan Carlson, CDS Director; Jeremy Johnston, Planning Official; Neil Caulkins, Deputy Prosecutor; David Welz, Administrative Assistant; Chelsey Leoffers, Health Promotion Supervisor; and 1 member of the public.

Per Governor Inslee's Proclamation 20-28 et seq., the public was encouraged to join the meeting virtually or in person.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Wachsmith called the meeting to order.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIENCE

Chairman Wachsmith led the Pledge of Allegiance.

INTRODUCTION OF NEW COUNTY EMPLOYEES - NONE

PROCLAMATIONS

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FLOOD AWARENESS MONTH

PUBLIC WORKS

Vice-Chairman Osiadacz moved to approve a Proclamation declaring November 2021 as Flood Awareness Month in Kittitas County. Commissioner Wright seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

AWARDS & RECOGNITIONS - NONE

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Vice-Chairman Osiadacz moved to approve the Agenda, as presented.

in the amount of \$16,377.00 per year for 270.7 acres; Tract 3 to Blazing Tree Cattle Co., in the amount of \$6,960.00 per year for 52 acres; Tract 4 to Victor Strand in the amount of \$1,507.00 per year for 70.70 acres; and Tract 5 & 6 to Victor Strand in the amount of \$10,515.00 per year for 342 acres.

RESOLUTION 2021-165 SUNCADIA PH 3 DIV 17 TUMBLE CREEK CDS

Approve Resolution No. 2021-165, for the Suncadia Phase 3, Division 17, Tumble Creek Preliminary Plat (LP-21-00002), an 80 detached residential lot plat with access, community/recreational open spaces and other natural open space tracts on approximately 620.11 acres of land that is zoned Master Planned Resort, for lots ranging in size from 14,500 to 45,200 square feet.

AGREEMENT AMENDMENT NO. 2 THE WATERSHED COMPANY CDS

Approve Amendment No. 2 to the Professional Services Agreement between Kittitas County and The Watershed Company, increasing the overall amount by \$5,000.00 for Phase II of the Critical Areas Ordinance update.

RESOLUTION 2021-166 FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH PUBLIC HEALTH

Approve Resolution No. 2021-166, Authorizing a Contract Amendment between the Ellensburg United Methodist Church and the Kittitas County Public Health Department for the use of Classroom 2 for Syringe Exchange for use for the NEXUS Project Grant from the University of Washington from April 1, 2021, through March 31, 2022.

RESOLUTION 2021-167 DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES PLAN PUBLIC HEALTH

Approve Resolution No. 2021-167, Approving the Kittitas County Developmental Disabilities Plan 2021-2023.

CONTRACT AMENDMENT - UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON PUBLIC HEALTH

Approve and authorize the Public Health Director to sign Amendment #1 between the Kittitas County Public Health Department and the University of Washington increasing the amount by \$81,021.00 and changing the end date to September 29, 2022.

RESOLUTION 2021-168 ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF THE COURT PROSECUTOR

Approve Resolution No. 2021-168, Authorizing Interlocal Agreement No. IAA22175 between the Washington State Administrative Office of the Courts and Kittitas County in the amount of \$329,100.00 for extraordinary costs of resentencing and vacating sentences under Blake and for the cost of refunding legal financial obligations under the Blake Decision.

CORRESPONDENCE - NONE

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS - NONE

CITIZEN COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS - NONE

BOARD DISCUSSION/DECISION ITEMS

MOTION

SHADY ACRES MOBILE HOME PARK

COMMISSIONERS

Neil Caulkins, Deputy Prosecutor reviewed options for the Board to consider regarding Shady Acres Mobile Home Park including (1) renewing leases; (2) decide to close the park, issue a closure notice of at least one year; (3) after issuance of closure, compensate tenants for assessed value of mobile homes and issue written notice of at least 90 days to vacate. He reviewed which option(s) they could do individually or together (1, 1 and 3, or 1, 2, and 3).

Vice-Chairman Osiadacz questioned if the Spurling Court Apartments would be an option to the residents. It was noted the effort had been made as HopeSource advertised them as a resource which was done in English and in Spanish. He said the First & Last Chance tavern is also a part of the property purchased by the County and it can be sold at auction as it's a separate issue from the trailers. Commissioner Wright commented on concerns he has regarding the risks, hazards, and proximity of Wilson Creek and potential sewage leaks into the creek as well. Chairman Wachsmith said he believes the County has gone above and beyond for the residents when issues have arisen and although it's a difficult decision, they have been given ample time to relocate over the past several years.

Commissioner Wright moved to renew the existing leases through December 31, 2022, and provide notice that upon renewal of leases, that the park will be closing by December 31, 2022; and after issuance of closure, compensate tenants for the assessed value of their mobile home or \$6,000.00 whichever is the greater amount, and issue a written notice to vacate units by August 15, 2022. Vice-Chairman Osiadacz seconded.

Vice-Chairman Osiadacz said while she understands the reason for the timeline, she was concerned with the difficulty families may be faced with trying to find affordable housing with the current market in Kittitas County. She said she would support the motion because the residents could use the money they will be compensated with by the County to use towards for their first, last and deposit on rent.

Motion carried 3-0.

MISCELLANEOUS - NONE

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 11:00 a.m. Chairman Wachsmith announced the Board would recess into Executive Session for 15 minutes with Neil Caulkins, Deputy Prosecutor to discuss with legal counsel representing the agency matters relating to agency enforcement actions, or to discuss with legal counsel representing the agency litigation or potential litigation to which the agency, the governing body, or a member acting in an official capacity is, or is likely to become, a party, when public knowledge regarding the discussion is likely to result in an adverse legal or financial consequence to the agency. No action was anticipated.

At 11:15 a.m. the Board reconvened out of Executive Session. The Board ratified the County's decision to join the lawsuit related to the State Supreme Court's Blake decision.

ADJOURNMENT


The meeting was adjourned at 11:15 a.m.

CLERK OF THE BOARD



Julie Kjorsvik

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Brett Wachsmith, Chairman