

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

WEDNESDAY

5:30 P.M.

SEPTEMBER 27, 2023

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

Others: Julie Kjorsvik, Clerk of the Board; Mandy Buchholz, Office Administrator; Ed Buntin, Jail Lieutenant; Ben Kokjer, Chief Deputy; and 19 members of the public.

SPECIAL MEETING

TOWN HALL MEETING

COMMISSIONERS

At 5:30 p.m. **CHAIRMAN WRIGHT** opened a Special Meeting to provide information on various topics about the County and projects the Board has been working on.

The Commissioners reviewed a power-point that included an overview of County government, Commissioner functions, youth projects, mental health programs, public safety/law & justice; partnerships with cities and other organizations, roads and infrastructure, water and floodplain projects, building department statistics, economic development, service expectations, land use, and challenges.

There was an opportunity for questions and answers from citizens in attendance. Some of the questions raised by citizens included concerns if there are enough jobs to support growth; mental health education and programs; importance of water and the work that's gone on; affordable housing & homelessness; lack of childcare providers in the County; elimination of positions including the Airport Director and Staff and the CDS Director; airport leases; and the need for a Court Facilitator.

The meeting was concluded at 7:23 p.m.

CLERK OF THE BOARD


Julie Kjorsvik

**KITITAS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
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Chairman Cory Wright