

**COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES
KITITAS COUNTY, WASHINGTON
EASTON SCHOOL GYMNASIUM - EASTON, WA
SPECIAL MEETING**

WEDNESDAY

4:00 P.M.

OCTOBER 11, 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; Mark Cook, Public Works/CDS Director; and approximately 67 members of the public.

SPECIAL MEETING

TOWN HALL MEETING

COMMISSIONERS

At 4:00 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 what the County is doing to obtain affordable broadband; does the County employ or contract with grant writers; water programs and water bank; the effects from short term rentals; trash on roadways; a proposed truck stop; encouragement to take the opportunity to volunteer and become involved; the Steer I-90 group isn't addressing impacts; increase in population to the Easton area and the impacts to schools; propose the use of ARPA funds do a current assessment of the area; no law enforcement presence during blasting & snow closures and enforcement of no-parking areas; assistance with the helipad upgrades; leaking of the irrigation ditches going down to the lower valley and loss of water; I-90 closures and allowing residents to get through to their homes; additional assistance from the County Building Department with development concerns;

The Board acknowledged how they want to hear from community members and use the information provided to help form policy and County Code into the future.

The meeting concluded at 6:16 p.m.

CLERK OF THE BOARD



Julie Kjorsvik

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Chairman Cory Wright