

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

TUESDAY

2:00 P.M.

FEBRUARY 16, 2016

Board members present: Chairman Obie O'Brien; Vice-Chairman Paul Jewell and Commissioner Gary Berndt.

Others: Julie Kjorsvik, Clerk of the Board; Brenda Larsen, Fire Marshal; Jerry Pettit, Auditor; Josh Hink, Deputy Fire Marshal; Neil Caulkins, Deputy Prosecutor and Stephanie Hartung, Deputy Prosecutor.

PUBLIC HEARING

EMERGENCY BAN - FIREWORKS

FIRE MARSHAL

At 2:00 p.m. **CHAIRMAN O'BRIEN** opened a Public Hearing to consider a change to County Code and Policy that would allow the Fire Marshal to place an emergency ban on fireworks when certain criteria have been met.

JOSH HINK, DEPUTY FIRE MARSHAL reviewed a Staff Report and provided background information on the proposed changes to County Code and Policy. He said a committee had been formed in August 2015 to identify and create criteria necessary for when to determine whether a ban on fireworks could be implemented. He said after the Fire Marshal has attended training and research over the past 10 fire seasons, the criteria had been modified to better serve the County and therefore created policy FM-01-10. **BRENDA LARSEN, FIRE MARSHAL** reported that with the data pulled from over the past 10 years, the last 2 years would have been the only years which would have met the criteria to implement an emergency ban. The Board asked Staff questions and for clarification relating to the proposed implementation of the County Code and Policy.

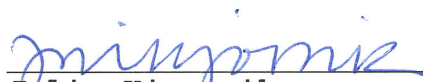
THERE BEING NO ONE REQUESTING TO TESTIFY, THE PUBLIC PORTION OF THE HEARING WAS CLOSED.

The Board provided direction on a few changes to the language and requested that Staff bring enabling documents back for their consideration on the March 1, 2016 Commissioner Agenda Session at 10:00 a.m.

APPROVED
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The meeting was adjourned at 2:40 p.m.

CLERK OF THE BOARD



Julie Kjorsvik

KITTITAS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
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Obie O'Brien, Chairman