

**COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES  
KITITAS COUNTY, WASHINGTON  
UPPER DISTRICT COURT  
700 EAST FIRST STREET  
CLE ELUM, WA  
SPECIAL MEETING**

**WEDESDAY**

**6:00 P.M.**

**APRIL 13, 2016**

Board members present: Chairman Obie O'Brien and Vice-Chairman.  
Commissioner District #2 Position - Vacant.

District #2 Republican Party Candidates: Jerry Martens, Laura Osiadacz, and Ian Elliot.

Others: Julie Kjorsvik, Clerk of the Board; Patti Johnson, Solid Waste/Maintenance Director/Project Manager; Val Barschaw, Clerk; Clay Myers, Undersheriff; Marsha Weyand, Assessor; Mark Cook, Public Works Director/Interim County Engineer; Jerry Pettit, Auditor; Holly Myers, Environmental Health Supervisor; Robin Read, Public Health Administrator; and approximately 30 members of the public.

**SPECIAL MEETING**

**COMMISSIONER DISTRICT #2**

**COMMISSIONERS**

Chairman O'Brien opened a Special Meeting to consider an appointment to the recent vacancy of Kittitas County Commissioner District #2. He reviewed the process and procedures of appointment and how the Board had requested a panel of Department Heads and Elected Officials to ask questions of each candidate. The Republican Party submitted three names in order preference of appointment including: Jerry Martens, Laura Osiadacz, and Ian Elliot. He announced that at the conclusion of the questions and answer session the Board of County Commissioners along with the Department Heads and Elected Officials, would recess into an Executive Session, followed by another one with just him and Commissioner Jewell to determine who to appoint to the vacancy.

The panel and Commissioners asked questions of the three candidates relating to their views on various subjects and issues that are going on within the County.

At 8:10 p.m. Chairman O'Brien announced the Board would recess into Executive Session with the following Elected Officials/Department Heads: Patti Johnson, Clay Myers, Robin Read, Mark Cook, and Marsha Weyand for 15 minutes to evaluate

the qualifications of an applicant for public employment or to review the performance of a public employee. However, subject to RCW 42.30.140 (4), discussion by a governing body of salaries, wages, and other conditions of employment to be generally applied within the agency shall occur in a meeting open to the public, and when a governing body elects to take final action hiring, setting the salary of an individual employee or class of employees, or discharging or disciplining an employee, that action shall be taken in a meeting open to the public. Action was anticipated at the conclusion of the Executive Session.

At 8:25 p.m. the Board reconvened out of Executive Session. No action was taken. The Department Heads and Elected Officials were dismissed from the Executive Session. Chairman O'Brien announced the Board would recess back into an Executive Session for 10 minutes to evaluate the qualifications of an applicant for public employment or to review the performance of a public employee. However, subject to RCW 42.30.140 (4), discussion by a governing body of salaries, wages, and other conditions of employment to be generally applied within the agency shall occur in a meeting open to the public, and when a governing body elects to take final action hiring, setting the salary of an individual employee or class of employees, or discharging or disciplining an employee, that action shall be taken in a meeting open to the public. Action was anticipated at the conclusion of the Executive Session.

At 8:35 p.m. the Board reconvened out of Executive Session. No action was taken. Chairman O'Brien announced the Board would recess back into an Executive Session for 5 minutes to evaluate the qualifications of an applicant for public employment or to review the performance of a public employee. However, subject to RCW 42.30.140 (4), discussion by a governing body of salaries, wages, and other conditions of employment to be generally applied within the agency shall occur in a meeting open to the public, and when a governing body elects to take final action hiring, setting the salary of an individual employee or class of employees, or discharging or disciplining an employee, that action shall be taken in a meeting open to the public. Action was anticipated at the conclusion of the Executive Session.

At 8:40 p.m. the Board reconvened out of Executive Session.

**APPOINTMENT**

**LAURA OSIADACZ**

**COMMISSIONERS**

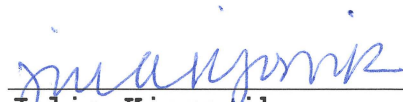
Commissioner Jewell moved to appoint Laura Osiadacz to the vacancy of Kittitas County Commissioner, District #2. Chairman

O'Brien seconded. The Board expressed their appreciation to everyone who came forward and put their name in for the appointment.


Motion carried 2-0.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

**CLERK OF THE BOARD**

  
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Julie Kjorsvik

**KITTITAS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
KITTITAS COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

  
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Obie O'Brien, Chairman