

**COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES
KITTITAS COUNTY, WASHINGTON
COMMISSIONERS CONFERENCE ROOM
SPECIAL MEETING**

THURSDAY

1:00 P.M.

OCTOBER 20, 2016

Board members present: Chairman Obie O'Brien; Vice-Chairman Paul Jewell; Commissioner Laura Osiadacz.

Others: Mandy Buchholz, Deputy Clerk of the Board; Mark Cook, Public Works Director; Lucas Huck, County Engineer.

SPECIAL MEETING

MT. DANIELS DRIVE UPDATE

PUBLIC WORKS

At 1:00 p.m. Chairman O'Brien opened a Special to receive an update regarding Mt. Daniels Drive project update.

Mark Cook, Public Works Director explained the location of Mt. Daniels Drive and the problem they are trying to find a solution for. He explained that they opted to do the project and build the road in-house as it would save money and be a great learning/training opportunity and experience for Staff. He provided and update, discussed concerns and the potential problems they are preparing for. He stated that he felt it was important to communicate with the residents because they are in support of the project and they have an expectation that the project will be done.

Commissioner Jewell expressed his support in delaying the project and to allow the resident's time to make their decision with regard to the tree removal, noting it would be at their expense. He felt giving them a March 1, 2017 date was more than fair. He expressed his support for Public Works being able to begin construction one way or the other by 3/1/2017. He felt doing a contract with the residents would be crucial to protecting the County and the resident.

Chairman O'Brien echoed Commissioner Jewell's statements. He encouraged the contact being done as well.

Commissioner Osiadacz explained that fairly often she tries to put herself in the shoes of the constituents facing problems in order to make a decision she can respect and support. She stated that she is not supportive of delaying the project, and explained why. She explained that asking the County to do that is not even a reasonable request especially when the tree isn't on their property, noting that it will delay work that all the neighbors are anticipating. She stated that this is not something she would ever consider asking for.

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Staff was directed to delay the project until spring as well as get notice to the neighbors, notify the resident requesting consideration regarding the tree and work on the Agreement that would need to be signed by both parties (County and resident).

APPOINTMENT

PLANNING COMMISSION - ELLIOT

COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Jewell moved to Appoint Ian Elliot to the vacant Dist. 2 position on the County Planning Commission for a 4 year term effective immediately and expiring on 12/31/2020. Commissioner Osiadacz seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

OTHER BUSINESS -

Chairman O'Brien gave a brief update on the COG Meeting he attended on Wednesday October 21, 2016.

Meeting was adjourned at 1:20 p.m.

DEPUTY CLERK OF THE BOARD

**KITTITAS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
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Mandy Buchholz


Obie O'Brien, Chairman