

**COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES
KITITAS COUNTY, WASHINGTON
COMMISSIONER'S CONFERENCE ROOM
SPECIAL MEETING**

FRIDAY

2:30 P.M.

MARCH 3, 2017

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

Others: Julie Kjorsvik, Clerk of the Board; Dan Carlson, CDS Director; Josh Hink, Interim Fire Marshal; Lisa Young, Human Resource Director; and Mike Flory, Building Official.

SPECIAL MEETING

FIRE MARSHAL STRUCTURE

COMMISSIONERS

At 2:30 p.m. Chairman Jewell opened a Special Meeting to discuss the County Fire Marshal structure with County Staff.

Commissioner Osiadacz explained how she had been working on obtaining information relating to the Fire Marshal structure and came up with a list of pros and cons to either contract with Kittitas Valley Fire & Rescue or place it under the CDS Director instead of a stand-alone department. If the Fire Marshal was under CDS it would be a separate department similar to Planning/Building/Permit Tech./Code Enforcement.

Josh Hink, Interim Fire Marshal, reviewed the roles and responsibilities of the Fire Marshal and how there is an urgent need for fire/life/safety inspections. He said the inspections haven't been done as they should have over the past 4 years, due to the WUI Code taking much more time than it was originally anticipated. There was discussion on the list of pros and cons of the Fire Marshal position remaining with the County or contract with KVFR. Mike Flory, Building Official said they could send one of their building inspectors to an upcoming training who could assist with a lot of the fire/life/safety inspections. He said there was one opening left and the cost would be approximately \$1,400.00. Between the Fire Marshal and CDS the costs would be covered for the training. The Board of County Commissioners agreed to authorize the Building Inspector to attend the training as recommended by the Building Official.

Commissioner Osiadacz recommended keeping the Interlocal Agreement in place with KVRF until Josh receives his certification as a Fire Marshal, which is a two week course. Mr. Hink said he has all the other requirements to obtain his Fire Marshal certification other than a two week training.

Staff expressed their support of both models presented and agreed they would get the job done either way the Board decides to go with the position.

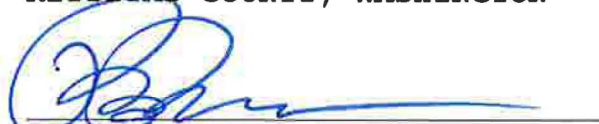
Meeting adjourned at 3:20 p.m.

CLERK OF THE BOARD



Julie Kjosvik

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Paul Jewell, Chairman