

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

MONDAY

10:30 A.M.

DECEMBER 11, 2017

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

Others: Julie Kjorsvik, Clerk of the Board; Mark Cook, Public Works Director; Josh Hink, Fire Marshal; Dan Carlson, CDS Director; Mike Flory, Building Official; Val Barschaw, Clerk; Rich Elliott, Kittitas Valley Fire & Rescue District #2; Jay Wiseman, Kittitas County Fire District #7; Jeremy Haberman, Building Inspector; Steve Jensen, Kittitas County Fire District #3; Rose Shriner, Kittitas County Conservation District; Scott Chambers, Department of Natural Resources and a representative from the Daily Record.

SPECIAL MEETING

JOLLY MOUNTAIN FIRE IMPACTS

COMMISSIONERS

Chairman Jewell opened a Special Meeting to discuss areas of concern relating to the prevention/development side to communities from the Jolly Mountain fire.

Rich Elliott, Deputy Fire Chief of Kittitas Valley Fire & Rescue #2, described some of the issues they experienced relating to fire suppression and responder safety challenges during the Jolly Mountain Fire which could have been preventable. He expressed areas of concern relating to the lack of access to certain communities. He said they were asking for a more consistent application of existing road standards and require that all structures be accessible by fire apparatus including grade and turnarounds. The Fire Districts would like to be able to review and make recommendations on variances.

Chairman Jewell said they were going to be holding a Public Hearing next week to consider amendments to the County Code and they could look at amendments to make sure any Fire Districts impacted by a request for a variance would be notified. He noted the County is currently compliant with all the International Fire Code and the Board doesn't see variances unless they are appealed to them. The Board asked to have specifics provided to them in a report so they can take a look at what happened to see if changes are needed and learn from each of the cases. They felt having the development names would be helpful to them as well when reviewing the information. Jay Wiseman said they would work on getting all of the Fire Chiefs on the same page as well. Mr. Cook offered to get together with any of the Fire Districts and provide information to help them with

providing a report to the Board at a later date. Mike Flory provided information on the Wildland Urban Interface Code requirements.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:26 a.m.

CLERK OF THE BOARD



Julie Kjorsvik

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Paul Jewell, Chairman