

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

**TUESDAY**

**9:00 A.M.**

**AUGUST 21, 2018**

Board members present: Chairman, Laura Osiadacz; Vice-Chairman Obie O'Brien and Commissioner Cory Wright.

Others: Mandy Buchholz, Deputy Clerk of the Board II; Lisa Young, HR Director/Interim Event Center Director; Dan Carlson, CDS Director; Clay Myers, Undersheriff; Neil Caulkins, Deputy Prosecutor; Doug Mitchell, Deputy Prosecutor and two members of the public.

**SPECIAL MEETING**

**INTERIM FIRE MARSHAL**

**COMMISSIONERS**

At 9:00 a.m. Chairman Osiadacz opened a Special Meeting to discuss and receive an update from County Staff regarding the Interim Fire Marshal options that had been briefly reviewed during a 7/23/18 Department Head Meeting with the Board.

Clay Myers, Undersheriff gave an update on the information he had obtained from Legal regarding the potential of separating the Fire Investigation/Enforcement from Fire Inspection. He stated that the advice from legal would be that the if the County went that route it would need to be a civilian position out of the Emergency Management Division of the KCSO to handle all things investigation/enforcement. He stated that the wage work hasn't been done yet and that pending the Board's direction they can bring forward numbers in the Budget for 2019. He stated that in the interim there will be minimal impact to the Sheriff's Office and they have other resources they can call in for assistance if things don't work out with KVFR and the Contract that is pending.

Dan Carlson, CDS Director reviewed statutorily what services have to be covered in the interim.

Chairman Osiadacz stated that she has a meeting later in the week with KVFR and should know more after that as far as the status of the Interlocal Agreement with the County.

Clay Myers, Undersheriff stated that they are happy to cover the statutory requirements in the interim.

Chairman Osiadacz stated that it's appealing to have the Sheriff's Office take over the investigative/enforcement side since they are able to provide the necessary coverage for the statutory requirements at any time. She indicated that she feels very strongly

that the County needs to be a leader in this area and for too long we have not been.

Commissioner Wright indicated that he could understand where Chairman Osiadacz is coming from, however for him KVFR has taxing districts that aide in them being better equipped to respond. He stated that he is interested in a Contract to allow us to work with them as needed.

Commissioner O'Brien reviewed the history since former Fire Marshal Brenda Larsen left. He stated that he liked the options being discussed and would like to make an Interim appointment sooner rather than later.

Staff was directed to set a Special Meeting for Wednesday August 22, 2018 at 1:30 p.m. to consider the appointment of an Interim Fire Marshal.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:48 a.m.

**DEPUTY CLERK OF THE BOARD**

  
Mandy Buchholz

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Laura Osiadacz, Chairman