

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

FRIDAY

8:00 A.M.

SEPTEMBER 28, 2018

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

Others: Julie Kjorsvik, Clerk of the Board; Dan Carlson, CDS Director; Clay Myers, Undersheriff/Interim Fire Marshal; Lisa Young, Human Resource Director/Interim Event Center Director; Gene Dana, Sheriff; and 1 members of the public.

SPECIAL MEETING

FIRE MARSHAL POSITION

COMMISSIONERS

At 8:00 a.m. Chairman Osiadacz opened a Special Meeting to consider a decision on the structure of the Fire Marshal/Code Official/Fire Investigator position.

Sheriff Gene Dana said whichever way the Board decides to go with the Fire Marshal position he believed it would work. He explained how they have the infrastructure in place to help support a Fire Marshal, and they would be happy to take it on as it directly relates to public safety.

Commissioner O'Brien moved to approve and authorize the current candidate be offered the position as Fire Marshal and to have the position remain under the direction of the Community Development Services Department, and to direct Staff to include the position of a Deputy Fire Marshal in the 2019 budget. Commissioner Wright seconded.

Commissioner O'Brien explained the benefits of keeping the Fire Marshal position under the direction of CDS and said the candidate meets all the marks. He was in favor of keeping the job description as is too.

Commissioner Wright said he received a lot of good comments over the past week, especially from the building community. He indicated he would not be opposed to revisiting the issue sometime down the road. He said the Board would continue to examine the process and expressed his appreciation to the Sheriff's Department for serving as the Interim Fire Marshal.

Chairman Osiadacz explained how she did not believe there was a conflict of interest for her in making a decision on the Fire Marshal, but rather she felt she could provide additional

information. She said she would be voting against the motion and felt there was a lot of discussion and hopes the position is successful but believed they may be missing an opportunity to do something better for the citizens of Kittitas County.

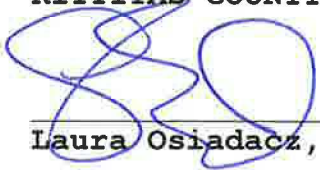
Motion approved 2-1 (Chairman Osiadacz Opposed)).

Meeting adjourned at 8:18 a.m.

CLERK OF THE BOARD


Julie Kjorsvik

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Laura Osiadacz, Chairman