

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

**WEDNESDAY**

**1:30 P.M.**

**SEPTEMBER 30, 2019**

Board members present: Chairman Cory Wright; Vice-Chairman Brett Wachsmith and Commissioner Laura Osiadacz.

Others: Julie Kjorsvik, Clerk of the Board. Via conference call: Mark Linbaugh and Kristy Moore of The Ferguson Group; and Linda Schactler, Chief of Staff for the President of Central Washington University.

**SPECIAL MEETING**

**THE FERGUSON GROUP**

**COMMISSIONERS**

At 1:30 p.m. Chairman Wright opened a Special Meeting to obtain information from The Ferguson Group on the Federal Funding process for projects.

Mr. Linbaugh and Ms. Moore representing The Ferguson Group provided background information and their involvement with assisting agencies with securing Federal loans and grants for projects. They specialize in rural areas and counties and have extensive knowledge of Congress and Administration to help achieve success. The steps they follow to assist obtaining Grants include Identifying Local Priorities; Opportunity Analysis; Strategically Position Projects; Grant Writing and Organizing Political Support. Ms. Moore explained how there were many grants available for projects through "Infragrants".

The Board discussed the I-90 expansion project for a 3<sup>rd</sup> lane within Kittitas County and the work that's already been done by different resources. Ms. Schactler provided information on what they've been working on as well.

The Board thanked everyone for their input and said they would reach out to Mr. Linbaugh at The Ferguson Group and Ms. Schactler at a later date for further discussion.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

**CLERK OF THE BOARD**

**KITITAS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
KITITAS COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

  
Julie Kjorsvik

  
Cory Wright, Chairman

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