

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

FRIDAY

10:00 A.M

APRIL 17, 2020

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

Others: Julie Kjorsvik, Clerk of the Board; Lisa Young, Human Resources Director; Dr. Mark Larson, Public Health Official; and Via Phone: Patti Johnson, Solid Waste Director/Interim Maintenance Director/Project Manager.

SPECIAL MEETING

PLANNING UPDATE/COVID-19

COMMISSIONERS

At 10:00 a.m. Chairman Wachsmith opened a Special Meeting for the Board to provide planning updates relating to COVID-19.

Patti Johnson, Solid Waste Director/Interim Maintenance Director/Project Manager said they are beginning to prepare for when County offices begin to open back up. She said they have been taking measurements such as putting tape on the floors for social distancing, etc. She said they are going to meet with each office and discuss their needs. She said there will be a lot of work to do to ensure things are prepared in time, including addressing the larger meeting rooms such as the Courts and Auditorium.

Lisa Young, Human Resources Director, reviewed the number of employees who would be affected if the Stay At Home Order is extended beyond May 4, 2020, and the Emergency Leave would run out, and said it was better than originally anticipated. She is going to work with Judy Pless, Budget & Finance Manager to see what the difference and impact to the Rainy-Day fund would be since the numbers have changed.

Dr. Mark Larson, Public Health Official, said he is encouraging everyone to begin planning to move forward to re-opening, although there is no timeframe for businesses at this point. He described how things would begin to re-open in the same manner they were closed. For instance, large gatherings would be the last to re-open, as they were the first things to close.

Commissioner Wright said he is waiting for the Professional Services Agreement with the Ferguson Group to be approved by the Prosecutor's office. He would like to have them talk to Department's on their needs. He also offered to work on a letter

to District Legislative Representatives as well as Federal Representatives.

Chairman Wachsmith provided an economic update. He said there were a lot of applications for financial assistance from businesses and the Chamber of Commerce would be calling them today.


The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

CLERK OF THE BOARD



Julie Kjorsvik

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Brett Wachsmith, Chairman