

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

FRIDAY

10:00 A.M.

MAY 22, 2020

Board members present: Chairman Brett Wachsmith, Vice-Chairman Laura Osiadacz (via WebEx), and Commissioner Cory Wright (via WebEx).

Others: Taylor Crouch, Deputy Clerk of the Board I; Greg Zempel, Prosecutor; Amy Cziske, Treasurer; Lisa Young, HR Director; Mandy Buchholz, Deputy Clerk of the Board (via WebEx); Julie Kjorsvik, Clerk of the Board (via WebEx); Jodi Hammond, Chief Criminal Deputy (via WebEx); Neil Caulkins, Chief Civil Deputy (via WebEx); Stephanie Hartung, DPA III (via WebEx); Chris Horner, DPA III (via WebEx); Ben Kokjer, Chief Deputy (via WebEx); Dr. Mark Larson, Health Officer (via WebEx); Tristen Lamb, Public Health Administrator (via WebEx); Darren Higashiyama, Chief Deputy (via WebEx); Jerry Pettit, Auditor (via WebEx); Judy Pless, Budget and Finance Manager (via WebEx); and 1 member of the public (via WebEx).

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.

SPECIAL MEETING

EXECUTIVE SESSION

COMMISSIONERS

At 10:02 a.m. Chairman Wachsmith announced the Board would recess into Executive Session for 20 minutes with Greg Zempel, Prosecutor; Jodi Hammond, Chief Criminal Deputy (via WebEx); Neil Caulkins, Chief Civil Deputy (via WebEx); Stephanie Hartung, DPA III (via WebEx); Chris Horner, DPA III (via WebEx); Ben Kokjer, Chief Deputy (via WebEx); Dr. Mark Larson, Health Officer (via WebEx); and Tristen Lamb, Public Health Administrator (via WebEx) to discuss with legal counsel representing the agency matters relating to agency enforcement actions, or to discuss with legal counsel representing the agency litigation or potential litigation to which the agency, the governing body, or a member acting in an official capacity is, or is likely to become, a party, when public knowledge regarding the discussion is likely to result in an adverse legal or financial consequence to the agency. No action anticipated.

At 10:22 a.m. the Board reconvened out of Executive Session. There was no action taken.

At 10:24 a.m. Chairman Wachsmith announced the Board would recess back into Executive Session for 20 minutes with Greg Zempel, Prosecutor; Jodi Hammond, Chief Criminal Deputy (via WebEx); Neil

Caulkins, Chief Civil Deputy (via WebEx); Stephanie Hartung, DPA III (via WebEx); Chris Horner, DPA III (via WebEx); Ben Kokjer, Chief Deputy (via WebEx); Dr. Mark Larson, Health Officer (via WebEx); Tristen Lamb, Public Health Administrator (via WebEx) and Darren Higashiyama, Chief Deputy (via WebEx) to discuss with legal counsel representing the agency matters relating to agency enforcement actions, or to discuss with legal counsel representing the agency litigation or potential litigation to which the agency, the governing body, or a member acting in an official capacity is, or is likely to become, a party, when public knowledge regarding the discussion is likely to result in an adverse legal or financial consequence to the agency. No action anticipated.

At 10:44 a.m. the Board reconvened out of Executive Session. There was no action taken.

At 10:45 a.m. Chairman Wachsmith announced the Board would recess back into Executive Session for 10 minutes with Greg Zempel, Prosecutor; Jodi Hammond, Chief Criminal Deputy (via WebEx); Neil Caulkins, Chief Civil Deputy (via WebEx); Stephanie Hartung, DPA III (via WebEx); Chris Horner, DPA III (via WebEx); Ben Kokjer, Chief Deputy (via WebEx); Dr. Mark Larson, Health Officer (via WebEx); Tristen Lamb, Public Health Administrator (via WebEx) and Darren Higashiyama, Chief Deputy (via WebEx) to discuss with legal counsel representing the agency matters relating to agency enforcement actions, or to discuss with legal counsel representing the agency litigation or potential litigation to which the agency, the governing body, or a member acting in an official capacity is, or is likely to become, a party, when public knowledge regarding the discussion is likely to result in an adverse legal or financial consequence to the agency. No action anticipated.

At 10:45 a.m. the Board reconvened out of Executive Session. There was no action taken.

SPECIAL MEETING

UPPER COUNTY RECREATION

COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Osiadacz followed up with Darren Higashiyama, Chief Deputy and Dr. Larson, Health Officer on recreation in the Upper County going into the Holiday weekend and beyond. There is signage up from the Department of Transportation stating what is open for recreation and not. Kittitas County remains in Phase 1, there is a focus on limiting exposure while in Phase 1 to be able to continue to move to Phase 2.

SIGNATURE

PURCHASE CONTRACT

SOLID WASTE

Patti Johnson, Solid Waste Director/Interim Maintenance Director/Project Director requested the Board approve the Solid Waste Director's signature on a purchase contract for a unit in

Shady Brooke. The Tennant approached the County for the purchase because they have purchased another property and need to sell. Chairman Wachsmith moved to approve and authorize the Solid Waste Director's signature on a Purchase Contract for Trailer #23. Commissioner Osiadacz seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

SPECIAL MEETING

EXECUTIVE SESSION

COMMISSIONERS

At 11:07 a.m. Chairman Wachsmith announced the Board would recess into Executive Session for 10 minutes with Amy Cziske, Treasurer; Lisa Young, HR Director; Chris Horner, DPA III (via WebEx) Jerry Pettit, Auditor (via WebEx); and Judy Pless, Budget and Finance Manager (via WebEx) to discuss with legal counsel representing the agency matters relating to agency enforcement actions, or to discuss with legal counsel representing the agency litigation or potential litigation to which the agency, the governing body, or a member acting in an official capacity is, or is likely to become, a party, when public knowledge regarding the discussion is likely to result in an adverse legal or financial consequence to the agency. No action anticipated.

At 11:17 a.m. the Board reconvened out of Executive Session. There was no action taken.

LETTER

LETTER TO GOVERNOR INSLEE

COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Osiadacz updated the Board on a letter that supports boutique gyms and fitness studios like Anytime Fitness opening in Phase 2 with safety plans in place. This was sent for Prosecutor's review. Commissioner Wright suggested some edits be made to the letter. Chairman Wachsmith moved to approve the Letter to Governor Inslee as amended during this meeting. Commissioner Wright seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

SPECIAL MEETING

COVID-19 PLANNING/ UPDATE

COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Wright updated the Board on conversations from Whitman County and WSAC. Chairman Wachsmith apologized for not bringing this back to the Board but there was nothing finalized yet. There are conversations in Secretary Weisman's Office around not moving to phase 4 for the remainder of the year without a COVID-19 vaccination being available.

Commissioner Osiadacz updated the Board her meetings with other Washington County Commissioners. They are meeting bi-weekly. The Counties in Phase 2 are having success with the transition.

Commissioner Wachsmith updated the Board on his phone call with Governor Inslee that afternoon and asked the Board what they would like brought up. They are planning to ask for guidelines on when the

County can consider other business that is not just COVID-19 related. The Board agreed that more direction on the matter would be helpful.

Other Business:


Lisa Young, HR Director stated the final draft of the County Safety Plan has been emailed to the Board for review on 5/26/2020 at the 10:00am HR Study Session.

Meeting adjourned at 11:32 a.m.

DEPUTY CLERK OF THE BOARD I


Taylor Crouch

KITTITAS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
KITTITAS COUNTY, WASHINGTON


Brett Wachsmith, Chairman