

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

TUESDAY

9:00 A.M.

JUNE 1, 2020

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

Others: Julie Kjorsvik, Clerk of the Board; and Via Webex: Taylor Crouch, Deputy Clerk of the Board I; Mandy Buchholz, Deputy Clerk of the Board II; Jim Goeben, IT Director; Judy Pless, Budget & Finance Manager; Clay Myers, Sheriff; Mark Cook, Public Works Director/Interim Engineer; Ben Kokjer, Chief Deputy; Chris Whitsett, Inspector; Steve Panattoni, Jail Superintendent; and 3 members of the public.

REGULAR MEETING

OFFICE STAFF MEETING

COMMISSIONERS

At 9:00 a.m. Chairman Wachsmith opened the Office Administration meeting.

CALENDAR

WEEK AT A GLANCE

COMMISSIONERS

The Board of County Commissioners reviewed their weekly calendar.

PAF/VOUCHERS

REVIEW OF PAF'S & VOUCHERS

COMMISSIONERS

The Board of County Commissioners approved the County Vouchers and PAF's.

CORRESPONDENCE LOG

REVIEW OF CORRESPONDENCE LOG

COMMISSIONERS

There was no Correspondence Log to review for the week ending May 29, 2020.

DISCUSSION

CARES ACT FUNDING

COMMISSIONERS

Clay Myers, Sheriff, urged the Board of County Commissioners to not look at this moments needs, but also for a possible long term event, as the future relating to the COVID-19 pandemic is currently unknown. Chris Whitsett, Inspector, provided information on some of the funding requests from the Sheriff's Office. Steve Panattoni, Jail Superintendent, reviewed their requests relating to the Jail and their needs. The Board determined they would not fund the last three items from the Sheriff's Office at this time, and would wait for additional details on the additional jail cells.

APPROVED
7/7/2020

GUIDELINES

INTERIM WEBEX

COMMISSIONERS

The Board discussed interim guidelines for live streaming/recording of their meetings. Commissioner Wright felt all Board meetings should be live streamed and recorded during the time the public is not allowed to attend meetings in person, due to the current Health Order. Jim Goeben, IT Director said he did not believe they have the current storage capability for all recordings and to keep those for 6 years, in accordance with the State's Retention Schedule. He suggested allowing him to obtain additional information before they make a final decision. He said he would get back to the Board with information by the end of the week. It was noted that all meeting Agendas are published with a link for people to call in and listen to the meetings, as it is legally required. Commissioner Osiadacz suggested including a hyperlink on the meeting Agendas for the public to access, instead of having to re-type the entire link. There was discussion on getting other Staff trained in WebEx events as well, so they can set up their own meetings. There was also a suggestion as to having an IT Staff member assist during the time of the public being restricted to access meetings in person.

APPOINTMENTS

UPPER COUNTY TRAFFIC COMMITTEE

COMMISSIONERS

Chairman Wachsmith moved to appoint Carolyn Lehman, Sabrina Risher, Cindy Millsap, Lori Nevin, Lucy Temple, and Johnson Jenson to the Upper Kittitas County Traffic Committee, and to have Commissioner District #2 to serve as Chairman and a voting member. Commissioner Osiadacz seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

UPDATES

COVID-19

COMMISSIONERS

There were brief updates provided by the Board of County Commissioners relating to COVID-19.

DISCUSSION

FACEBOOK WEEKLY POSTS

COMMISSIONERS

The Board determined for the week of June 1, 2020 that they would share on their Facebook page any Press Releases from Public Health and other information relating to COVID-19; an explanation and clarity on how the WebEx platform has been developed and managed for public meetings; and a written statement from Sheriff Myers relating to the death of George Floyd in Minneapolis. He states that the actions seen in the video are not consistent with the training or values of Law Enforcement in Kittitas County, and each person deserves justice, and they will continue to work to improve policies, training, culture and transparency.

OTHER BUSINESS/GENERAL UPDATES

Each Commissioner may use this time to brief the Board on varying topics and discussions they independently had throughout the previous week.

Meeting adjourned at 9:58 a.m.

CLERK OF THE BOARD


Julie Kjorsvik

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Brett Wachsmith, Chairman