

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

TUESDAY

2:00 P.M.

JULY 21, 2020

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

Via Webex: Taylor Crouch, Deputy Clerk of the Board I; Mandy Buchholz, Deputy Clerk of the Board II; Judy Pless, Budget & Finance Officer; and Neil Caulkins, Deputy Prosecutor.

In person attendance was prohibited per the Washington Governor's Proclamation No. 20-28 until August 1st, 2020 but was accessible at <https://kittitascounty.webex.com/kittitascounty/onstage/g.php?MTID=e a536346eea529ef75b051be15bf5d483> A phone number and access code was also advertised on the Agenda and published onto the Commissioners website as well.

PUBLIC HEARING

HOUSE BILL 1406

COMMISSIONERS

At 2:00 p.m. **CHAIRMAN WACHSMITH** opened a Public Hearing to consider an Ordinance Adopting Legislation to Authorize a Sales and Use Tax For Affordable and Supportive Housing in Accordance with Substitute House Bill 1406 (Chapter 338, Laws of 2019) ("SHB 1406"), and Other Matters Related Thereto.

TAYLOR CROUCH, DEPUTY CLERK OF THE BOARD I reviewed a proposed Ordinance which would allow the County to impose a local state-shared sales and use the tax to fund affordable or supportive housing. The consumer does not pay this tax, the effective sales tax rate would remain the same and instead this tax would be credited against the 6.5% state sales tax. The County declared the intent to pass this sales and use tax on November 5th, 2019 with Resolution No. 2019-164.

THERE BEING NO ONE REQUESTING TO TESTIFY, THE PUBLIC PORTION OF THE HEARING WAS CLOSED.

ORDINANCE 2020-004

HOUSE BILL 1406

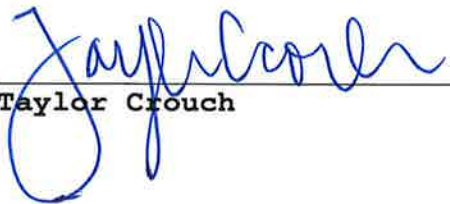
COMMISSIONERS

CHAIRMAN WACHSMITH moved to approve Ordinance No. 2020-004, an Ordinance Adopting Legislation to Authorize a Sales and Use Tax for Affordable and Supportive Housing in Accordance with Substitute House Bill 1406 (Chapter 338, Laws of 2019) ("SHB 1406"), and Other Matters Related Thereto. **COMMISSIONER OSIADACZ** seconded. During discussion **COMMISSIONER WRIGHT** stated this was not a new tax for the

County, but rather it gives the County the opportunity to control funds already spent. Motion carried 3-0.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:03 p.m.

DEPUTY CLERK OF THE BOARD I


Taylor Crouch

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Brett Wachsmith, Chairman