

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

MONDAY

2:00 P.M.

OCTOBER 5, 2020

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

Others: Julie Kjorsvik, Clerk of the Board; Amy Cziske, Treasurer; Taylor Crouch, Deputy Clerk of the Board I; Judy Pless, Budget & Finance Manager; Mark Cook, Public Works Director/Interim Engineer; Mandy Buchholz, Deputy Clerk of the Board II; Liz Remeto, Finance Manager; Mike Hougardy, Assessor; Heather Seibert, Finance Officer; Arden Thomas, WCP Manager; and 2 members of the public.

This meeting was provided to the public via Webex and they were previously notified on the Agenda as to where they could access and provide public comments.

PUBLIC HEARING

TAX LEVY RATES

AUDITOR

At 2:00 p.m. **CHAIRMAN WACHSMITH** opened a Public Hearing to consider possible tax increases for the tax levy rates and amount for the taxes levied in 2020 to be collected in 2021 for the General Fund, County Road and the Flood Control District.

JUDY PLESS, BUDGET & FINANCE MANAGER reviewed how the 2020 Kittitas County tax dollars will be spent, noting most of it is on State and Local Schools. She explained how local governments across the State should consider information on the latest economic data for setting property levies for 2021, including the Gross Domestic Products, Personal Consumption Expenditures and the Implicit Price Deflator (IPD) which has fallen below 1%. She recommended continuing the Public Hearing until November 30, 2020 to allow budget information to be included prior to the Board making their decision. **MIKE HOUGARDY, ASSESSOR** said they had received notice of the IPD and said local governments will need to adopt an Ordinance or Resolution of substantial in order to increase the levy over last year up to the 1% maximum as allowed by Statute or to bank capacity for future use.

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

VICE-CHAIRMAN OSIADACZ moved to continue the Public Hearing to Tuesday November 30, 2020 at 2:00 p.m. **COMMISSIONER WRIGHT** seconded. Motion carried 3-0.


The meeting was adjourned at 2:17 p.m.

CLERK OF THE BOARD



Julie Kjorsvik

KITTITAS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
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Brett Wachsmith, Chairman