

**COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES  
KITTTITAS COUNTY, WASHINGTON  
AUDITORIUM/WEBEX  
SPECIAL MEETING**

**TUESDAY**

**2:00 P.M.**

**AUGUST 2, 2022**

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

Others: Julie Kjorsvik, Clerk of the Board; Mandy Buchholz, Administrative Supervisor; Mark Cook, Public Works Director; Josh Fredrickson, Engineer; Kylee Wuesthoff, Finance Officer; Neil Caulkins, Deputy Prosecutor; Mike Hougardy, Assessor; Emily Smith, Administrative Assistant; and 1 member of the public.

**PUBLIC HEARING**

**REAL ESTATE EXCISE TAX**

**PUBLIC WORKS**

At 2:00 p.m. **CHAIRMAN OSIADACZ** opened a Public Hearing to consider amending Kittitas County Code Chapter 3.09 Real Estate Excise Tax.

**MARK COOK, PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR** reviewed a Staff Report which included a 2023 financial forecast from the Treasurer's Office for REET 1 revenue which was approximately \$1,685,933.00. He indicated the additional one quarter of one percent is expected to double the 2023 local REET revenue forecast to approximately \$3.4 million. The additional revenue would significantly assist the County in implementing the 2023 capital facility plans. He said the Prosecutors office has reviewed the information and determined the Board could take action on it if they chose to do so.

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

**ORDINANCE 2022-008**

**REAL ESTATE EXCISE TAX**

**PUBLIC WORKS**

**VICE-CHAIRMAN WRIGHT** moved to approve Ordinance No 2022-008, Amending Section 3.09.020 of the Kittitas County Code Real Estate Excise Tax. **COMMISSIONER WACHSMITH** seconded. **CHAIRMAN OSIADACZ** said she couldn't argue that the County wouldn't benefit from the tax, but she could not approve it without letting the public decide on it before and would be voting against the motion. Motion carried 2-1 (Chairman Osiadacz opposed the motion).

**PUBLIC HEARING**

**STRANDE ROAD RIGHT-OF-WAY**

**PUBLIC WORKS**

At approximately 2:18 p.m. **CHAIRMAN OSIADACZ** opened a Public Hearing continued from July 5, 2022, to consider the Vacation of a Public Right-of-Way for a portion of Strande Road from Mile Post 2.66 to the end of the County Road. She noted the record was open.



VICE-CHAIRMAN WRIGHT moved to approve Ordinance No. 2022-009, Establishing a Speed Zone and the Placement of Speed Limit Signs on Vanderbilt Road and Amending Section 10.080.020 Speed Limits of the Kittitas County Code. COMMISSIONER WACHSMITH seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

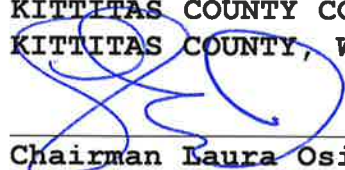
The meeting was concluded at 2:48 p.m.

CLERK OF THE BOARD



Julie Kjorsvik

KITTITAS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
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Chairman Laura Osiadacz