

**COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES  
KITITITAS COUNTY, WASHINGTON  
CONFERENCE ROOM  
SPECIAL MEETING**

**MONDAY**

**11:00 A.M.**

**MAY 15, 2023**

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

Others: Julie Kjorsvik, Clerk of the Board; Brian Carlson, Budget & Finance Director; Mark Cook, Public Works Director; Dora Van Epps, Fiscal Analyst; Doug Fessler, IT Director; and Joe Poire, Consultant.

**SPECIAL MEETING**

**DIGITAL EQUALITY PLAN**

**COMMISSIONERS**

At 11:00 a.m. Chairman Wright opened a Special Meeting to receive an update on the digital equity plan.

Joe Poire, Consultant, provided an update on the grant funds that were awarded from the Washington State Broadband Office - Broadband Infrastructure Grant Program, in the amount of \$11,366,102.00, from the 2021-2023 Capital Budget appropriation. He provided a list of the Broadband funding timelines. Mr. Poire said the plan needs to be completed by June 14, 2023. The executive summary still needs to be drafted and offered to have his group complete it by that date. There was discussion on amending the contract to include that work, amount of \$15,000.00. The funds could come out of the \$60,000.00 that were awarded to WSU for County sub-recipients for Broadband Action Planning and Digital Equity Planning. Brian Carlson said he could put the amendment on his Finance Study Session with the Board later in the week.

There was information shared on the infrastructure plan and the unserved areas. The next step is for the Board to consider what part of the County they would like for future improvements. Commissioner Osiadacz said she wanted assurance that there's competition in the future. Doug Fessler, IT Director, reviewed the dark fibers that are available to use as well.

Mr. Poire discussed other grant funding and said he would like to meet with Mr. Carlson and Mr. Cook to discuss what the project management would look like for the future.

The meeting was concluded at 11:59 a.m.


**APPROVED**

**6-6-23**

CLERK OF THE BOARD

  
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Julie Kjorsvik

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Cory Wright, Chairman