

**COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES  
KITITAS COUNTY, WASHINGTON  
UPPER DISTRICT COURT - CLE ELUM, WA  
SPECIAL MEETING**

**THURSDAY**

**5:30 P.M.**

**SEPTEMBER 14, 2023**

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

Others: Julie Kjorsvik, Clerk of the Board; Mandy Buchholz, Office Administrator; Mark Cook, Public Works/CDS Director; Clay Myers, Sheriff; Darren Higashiyama, Chief Deputy; and 14 members of the public.

**SPECIAL MEETING**

**TOWN HALL MEETING**

**COMMISSIONERS**

At 5:30 p.m. **CHAIRMAN WRIGHT** opened a Special Meeting to provide information on various topics about the County and projects the Board has been working on.

The Commissioners reviewed a power-point that included an overview of County government, Commissioner functions, youth projects, mental health programs, public safety/law & justice; partnerships with cities and other organizations, roads and infrastructure, water and floodplain projects, building department statistics, economic development, service expectations, land use, and challenges.

There was an opportunity for questions and answers from citizens in attendance.


Some of the questions raised by citizens were related to wetlands within the County, water rights, proposed solutions to problems with staffing by offering internships from students at Central Washington University; Broadband; concerns from the Easton community and litter that comes from I-90 travelers; a request for a Town Hall meeting in Easton; more advertisement for the Town Hall meetings; draft a Management Plan for the development in Easton; affordable housing needs; and concerns of vacation rentals.

The meeting was concluded at 7:12 p.m.

**CLERK OF THE BOARD**

  
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Julie Kjorsvik

**KITITAS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
KITITAS COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

  
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Chairman Cory Wright

**APPROVED**

10.3.2023