

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

THURSDAY

9:00 A.M.

OCTOBER 19, 2023

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

Others: Mandy Buchholz, Office Administrator; Amy McGuffin, Chief Executive Officer - Kittitas County Chamber of Commerce; David Chamberlin, Chamber Board Member.

SPECIAL MEETING

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

COMMISSIONERS

At 9:00 a.m. Vice-Chairman Wachsmith opened a Special Meeting to receive a quarterly update from the Kittitas County Chamber of Commerce CEO/ADO.

Amy McGuffin, Kittitas County Chamber of Commerce Chief Executive Officer, reviewed quarterly reports for recruiting and marketing activities; business retention and expansion activities; business assistance including start-ups; as well as readiness and capacity/asset building. She reviewed the revised Chamber Mission statement and their membership analytics to date noting they have as of September. There are 82 new businesses with the Chamber and that is the most the Chamber has had, noting that her predecessor's highest recruitment was in the 40's. Ms. McGuffin reviewed the visitor center analytics for July, August and September.

She reviewed quarterly highlights stating that the Chamber was able to push out \$393,000., into small businesses this quarter. She stated that thanks to the CDBG - CERB Grant Funding it has allowed them to retain Small Business Development Center (SBDC) technical assistance and the information they get from them has proven to be invaluable.

She shared with the Board that the loss of business or non-starters they have had shared with them when touring sites is continually down, due to our cost of power.

Meeting concluded at 9:53 a.m.

OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR



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Mandy Buchholz

Brett Wachsmith, Vice-Chairman