

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

TUESDAY

2:00 P.M.

FEBRUARY 20, 2024

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

Others: Julie Kjorsvik, Clerk of the Board; Mandy Buchholz, Office Administrator; Mark Cook, Public Works/CDS Director; Josh Fredrickson, Engineer; and Stephanie Hartung, Chief Civil Deputy Prosecutor.

PUBLIC HEARING

CLERF LEASE

PUBLIC WORKS

At 2:00 p.m. **CHAIRMAN WACHSMITH** opened a Public Hearing to consider a Lease with Craig Clerf for property located at the Kittitas County Airport, Bowers Field.

JOSH FREDRICKSON, ENGINEER, presented a Staff Report and reviewed a proposed Lease with Craig Clerf. He explained how Mr. Clerf's father, Robert Clerf, had entered into a Lease with Kittitas County back in March 1974m, for a private hangar on approximately 6,192 square feet of Airport property. He said Robert Clerf had passed away and his son, Craig Clerf, renegotiated the current lease that is set to expire on February 29, 2024. Staff has prepared a Lease on the new template, at the new rate of \$0.16 per square feet for fifteen (15) years, ending on February 28, 2039.

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

RESOLUTION 2024-033

CLERF LEASE

PUBLIC WORKS

VICE-CHAIRMAN OSIADACZ moved to approve Resolution No. 2024-033, Authorizing a Lease for Property at Bowers Field, with Craig Clerf. **CHAIRMAN WACHSMITH** seconded. **COMMISSIONER WRIGHT** said he would be voting against the motion, as it was for a building clearly in rough shape, and the County needs to make tough decisions in the best interest of the facility, and not the users.

Motion carried 2-1. **COMMISSIONER WRIGHT** voted against the motion.

PUBLIC HEARING

AMEND KCC 2.04.010

PUBLIC WORKS

At 2:03 p.m. **CHAIRMAN WACHSMITH** opened a Public Hearing to consider Amending Kittitas County Code Chapter 2.04.010.

JOSH FREDRICKSON, ENGINEER, provided a Staff Report and indicated the Board of County Commissioners previously eliminated the Airport Department in 2023, and returned the responsibilities back to the Public Works Department, as a division. The current County Code references an Airport Study Session, and therefore each month Staff is required to notice the meeting as cancelled. The proposed amendment would remove the Airport Study Session, and those issues could be addressed through the Public Works Study Session.

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

ORDINANCE 2024-001 AMEND KCC 2.04.010 PUBLIC WORKS

VICE-CHAIRMAN OSIADACZ moved to approve Ordinance No. 2024-001, Amending Kittitas County Code Chapter 2.04.010 Regarding Kittitas County Board of Commissioner's Regularly Scheduled Study Sessions. **COMMISSIONER WRIGHT** seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

PUBLIC HEARING SALE OF PERSONAL PROPERTY AUDITOR

At approximately 2:05 p.m. **CHAIRMAN WACHSMITH** opened a Public Hearing to consider an Amendment to Kittitas County Code Chapter 2.81 to Allow for the Sale of County Personal Property by a Privately Operated Consignment Auction.

BRYAN ELLIOTT, AUDITOR, reviewed a proposed Ordinance which would amend Kittitas County Code Chapter 2.81, allowing for the sale of County personal property by a privately operated consignment auction. The Prosecutor's office has reviewed and approved the proposed Ordinance.

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

ORDINANCE 2024-002 SALE OF PERSONAL PROPERTY AUDITOR

VICE-CHAIRMAN OSIADACZ moved to approve Ordinance No. 2024-002, Amending Chapter 2.81 of the Kittitas County Code. **COMMISSIONER WRIGHT** seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

OTHER BUSINESS

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 2:07 p.m. Chairman Wachsmith announced the Board would recess into Executive Session with Stephanie Hartung, Chief Civil Deputy Prosecutor; Mark Cook, Public Works/CDS Director; and Josh Fredrickson, Engineer; for 10 minutes under RCW 42.30.110 (i) To

discuss with legal counsel representing the agency matters relating to agency enforcement actions, or to discuss with legal counsel representing the agency litigation or potential litigation to which the agency, the governing body, or a member acting in an official capacity is, or is likely to become, a party, when public knowledge regarding the discussion is likely to result in an adverse legal or financial consequence to the agency. Action was anticipated.


At 2:17 p.m. the Board reconvened out of Executive Session. The Board directed Staff to exercise remedies within the Lease.

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

CLERK OF THE BOARD


Julie Kjorsvik

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Brett Wachsmith, Chairman