

**COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES
KITTITAS COUNTY, WASHINGTON
COMMISSIONERS CONFERENCE ROOM
ELLENSBURG, WASHINGTON**

MONDAY

3:30 P.M.

MARCH 7, 2017

Board members present: Chairman Paul Jewell and Vice-Chairman Laura Osiadacz; Commissioner Obie O'Brien.

Others: Mandy Buchholz, Deputy Clerk of the Board II; Lisa Young, HR Director.

SPECIAL MEETING FIRE MARSHAL STRUCTURE FOLLOW UP BOCC

At 3:30 p.m. Chairman Jewell opened a Special Meeting to follow up on the discussions during Special Meetings held Friday March 3, 2017 at 2:30 p.m. and 3:30 p.m.

Commissioner Osiadacz indicated that she was in favor of keeping the Fire Marshal position in-house and under CDS. She stated reasons she was in support of this option over the option of the Fire Marshal going to Kittitas Valley Fire & Rescue (KVFR). She said she felt the process can be streamlined and more efficient then turning additional work load over to KVFR. She felt this would give the citizens of Kittitas County the best product. She also indicated that the cost for KVFR to take over the work was a concern as well as losing any control over the County's needs.

Commissioner O'Brien expressed concerns that KVFR won't be able to provide the level of service that the County expects. He also expressed some concern for a lack of effort from KVFR. He stated that he is supportive of combining CDS/FM. He stated that he feels the support will be there for Mr. Hink (Interim Fire Marshal) and it's an advantage to the County's citizens and he stated that he is aware that the City & KVFR sends a lot of work to the State Patrol and that delays turnaround time.

Chairman Jewell stated that he was in favor of keeping the Fire Marshal in-house for now. He stated that later on it may be beneficial to merge with KVFR but due to some of the discussions that took place on Friday he felt that waiting was the best option for the County's citizens. He stated that KVFR has a good model and he would like to keep up on changes and other mergers that may take place but for now it's not the right direction for the County.

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Chairman Jewell was asked to implement the changes with CDS. He stated he will meet with Dan Carlson, CDS Director and have him meet with Mr. Hink to create strategy, new org chart, trainings, expense and impacts, etc., and present the information at a CDS Study Session.

The Board indicated that they were in favor of all the Building Inspectors getting certified to do inspections to assist the Fire Marshal. It was noted that Mr. Hink will assume the title of Fire Marshal but salary work will need to be done by HR by looking at Counties that are similar to Kittitas County and see if the scale is appropriate or not. It was noted that once the appropriate parties were notified of the change then Commissioner Osiadacz would notify KVFR of the direction the County is planning to go.

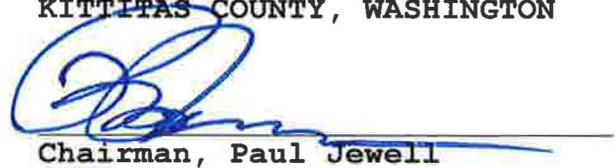
Commissioner Osiadacz offered to take on the Event Center Department Head Meetings since she is losing the Fire Marshal. She stated that understanding Commissioner O'Brien is out of town a lot for work, if it would help him she would be happy to do so. Chairman Jewell and Commissioner O'Brien were supportive of the offer and Staff was directed to notify Staff immediately of that change.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:10 p.m.

DEPUTY CLERK OF THE BOARD


Mandy Buchholz

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Chairman, Paul Jewell