

**COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES
KITITAS COUNTY, WASHINGTON
COMMISSIONER'S AUDITORIUM
SPECIAL MEETING**

MONDAY

6:00 P.M.

MARCH 13, 2017

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

Others: Julie Kjorsvik, Clerk of the Board; Dan Carlson, CDS Director; Lisa Young, Human Resource Director; Robin Read, Public Health Administrator; Judy Pless, Budget & Finance Manager; Cindy Adams, Administrative Assistant/Interim Assessor; and approximately 6 members of the public. Candidates for the appointment of Kittitas County Assessor: Mike Hougardy, Del Knudson, and Jeff Cole.

SPECIAL MEETING

APPOINTMENT OF ASSESSOR

COMMISSIONERS

At 6:00 p.m. Chairman Jewell opened a Special Meeting to interview three candidates submitted by the Kittitas County Republican Party for the appointment of Kittitas County Assessor.

Chairman Jewell said the three Republican candidates Mike Hougardy, Del Knudson, and Jeff Cole would have the opportunity to provide opening remarks. Mr. Knudson said due to recent circumstances he would not be answering questions at this time and therefore would be requesting to leave the meeting. Chairman Jewell thanked Mr. Knudson for submitting his name and excused him from the meeting.

The Board of County Commissioners and an interview panel consisting of Lisa Young, Human Resource Director; Dan Carlson, CDS Director; Robin Read, Public Health Administrator; and Judy Pless, Budget & Finance Director asked questions of Mr. Hougardy and Mr. Cole.

At 7:08 p.m. Chairman Jewell announced the Board would recess into Executive Session with Lisa Young, Dan Carlson, Judy Pless and Robin Read for 15 minutes to evaluate the qualifications of an applicant for public employment or to review the performance of a public employee. However, subject to RCW 42.30.140 (4), discussion by a governing body of salaries, wages, and other conditions of employment to be generally applied within the agency shall occur in a meeting open to the public, and when a governing body elects to take final action hiring, setting the salary of an individual employee or class of employees, or discharging or disciplining an employee, that action shall be taken in a meeting open to the public. Possible action was anticipated. At 7:18 p.m. Lisa Young, Dan Carlson, Judy Pless and Robin Read were excused from the Executive Session and the Board remained.

