

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

**MONDAY**

**9:00 A.M.**

**APRIL 17, 2017**

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

Others: Mandy Buchholz, Deputy Clerk of the Board II; Julie Kjorsvik, Clerk of the Board and one member of the public.

**REGULAR MEETING**

**OFFICE STAFF MEETING**

**COMMISSIONERS**

At 9:00 a.m. Chairman Jewell opened the Office Administration meeting.

**CALENDAR**

**WEEK AT A GLANCE**

**COMMISSIONERS**

The Board of County Commissioners reviewed their weekly calendar.

**PAF/VOUCHERS**

**REVIEW OF PAF'S & VOUCHERS**

**COMMISSIONERS**

The Board of County Commissioners approved and signed County Employee Personnel Action forms and vouchers.

**CORRESPONDENCE LOG**

**REVIEW OF CORRESPONDENCE LOG**

**COMMISSIONERS**

The Board of County Commissioners reviewed the weekly Correspondence Log, a listing of all incoming mail and correspondence for the week ending April 14, 2017.

**DISCUSSION**

**MOTORIZED VEHICLE ACCESS**

**COMMISSIONERS**

Commissioner Osiadacz explained that she was wanting to get a feel where the Board is at on whether or not they wanted to entertain a discussion on allowing motorized vehicle access on Public Lands.

Chairman Jewell and Commissioner O'Brien both expressed their support but explained that it was a matter of where and how. Chairman Jewell indicated that the Teanaway Community Forest will be putting forward a plan for managed access and he was thinking that it may address some of the obstacles Commissioner Osiadacz is looking to assist with.

**DISCUSSION**

**POSITION ON GRIZZLY BEAR PLANTING**

**COMMISSIONERS**

Commissioner Osiadacz explained that she wanted to follow up and see if the Board was going to submit a letter taking a position on the

planting of grizzly bears in our region as a follow up to the presentation the Board received last month.

Chairman Jewell indicated that he is working on a letter and was hoping to get it before the Public Lands Advisory Committee as well. He stated that as soon as it's complete he will put it before the Board for their consideration.

**DISCUSSION**

**FISH LAKE ROAD**

**COMMISSIONERS**

Commissioner Osiadacz explained that the County owns a part of Fish Lake Road and was looking into whether or not the County would assume any reasonability into maintaining the road. She explained that the Agreement she provided stated that both the Forest Service and the County have involvement in the road and that the road is not on the County Road System, but is designated as a County Road.

The Board directed Commissioner Osiadacz to work with Public Works to educate them (Director Cook and Engineer Huck) since they are both new as well as herself into get the details of ownership and maintenance responsibilities, as well as to see if the Forest Service would be willing to help with the expense to chip seal to help delay the road for deteriorating. She was also encouraged to have DPW drive the road and see what the cost would be for primitive road maintenance. Chairman Jewell encouraged Commissioner Osiadacz to reach out to former Commissioner Crankovich as well about the road and ownership details.

**UPDATE**

**BOCC/ DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS**

**COMMISSIONERS**

Each Commissioner was assigned three different Department Heads to meet with on a weekly basis. This was determined at a Special Meeting with the Board of County Commissioners held on June 18, 2009. Each Commissioner reviewed discussions held with their respective departments and exchanged details of those meetings. On January 3, 2011 the Board determined it would be beneficial to alternate Commissioners that will oversee the different Department Head's on an annual basis. They determined at the end of 2013 they would review the various committees they participate in and provide beneficial updates to the Board as needed during this time as well.

**OTHER BUSINESS -**

**LETTER**

**ESSB 5808 - CONCERNING AGRITOURISM**

**COMMISSIONERS**

Commissioner O'Brien moved to authorize Board signature on a letter to Governor Jay Inslee regarding ESSB 5808 (Warnick/Chase) - Concerning Agritourism. Commissioner Osiadacz seconded. Chairman Jewell asked Staff to place the letter on the Monday Morning Agenda on 4/24/2017 to be ratified. He stated that due to the time


sensitivity of the letter it was important to get it signed today. If it had been received earlier on Friday it would have been on the Agenda for consideration today. Motion carried 3-0.

Meeting adjourned at 9:40 a.m.

**DEPUTY CLERK OF THE BOARD**

  
Mandy Buchholz

**KITTITAS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
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Paul Jewell, Chairman