

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

MONDAY

1:00 P.M.

JUNE 24, 2019

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

Others: Julie Kjorsvik, Clerk of the Board; Mark Cook, Public Works Director; Amy Cziske, Treasurer; Lisa Murray, Administrative Assistant III; Erin Moore, Water Resource Coordinator; Peter Dykstra, Special Deputy Prosecutor; Tristan Lamb, Public Health Administrator; Samantha Cox, Water Resources Program Tech.; Mark Larson, Public Health Official; and 1 member of the public.

PUBLIC HEARING

LEASE OF WATER

PUBLIC WORKS

At 1:00 p.m. **CHAIRMAN WRIGHT** opened a Public Hearing to consider the Leasing of Kittitas County Water Rights through Public Auction.

MARK COOK, PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR/INTERIM ENGINEER reviewed a proposed short term water lease program in response to the 2019 drought conditions. The proposal was to lease 25 acre-feet blocks of certain County owned water through an auction process. He said they were anxious to see if there was a market for it. The program would be somewhat of a test as there nothing similar within the State. He said the minimum bid would be \$240.00 per acre foot and an auction would be set for July 9, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. **PETER DYKSTRA, SPECIAL DEPUTY PROSECUTOR** answered questions from the Board and provided clarification of the proposed short term water lease program.

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

RESOLUTION 2019-106

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COMMISSIONER WACHSMITH moved to approve Resolution No. 2019-106, to Short Term Lease of Certain County-Owned Water and Setting the Public Auction for July 9, 2019 10:00 a.m. in the Commissioners Auditorium, 205 West 5th Avenue, Room 109, Ellensburg, WA noting the minimum bid is \$240.00 per acre-foot, and to lease the water in blocks of 25 acre-feet. **CHAIRMAN WRIGHT** seconded. Motion carried 2-0.

APPROVED
7/2/19

The meeting was adjourned at 1:15 p.m.

CLERK OF THE BOARD



Julie Kjorsvik

KITTITAS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
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Cory Wright, Chairman