

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

**TUESDAY**

**2:00 P.M.**

**DECEMBER 17, 2019**

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

Others: Julie Kjorsvik, Clerk of the Board; Doug Mitchell, Deputy Prosecutor; Neil Caulkins, Deputy Prosecutor; Greg Zempel, Prosecutor; and approximately 25 members of the public.

**PUBLIC HEARING**

**I-1639**

**COMMISSIONERS**

At 2:13 p.m. **CHAIRMAN WRIGHT** opened a Public Hearing to consider Adopting a Resolution Regarding Initiative 1639.

**DOUG MITCHELL, DEPUTY PROSECUTOR** provided a Staff Report and said he had assisted Prosecutor Greg Zempel with the preparation of the draft Resolution.

**THOSE IN ATTENDANCE AND REQUESTING TO TESTIFY: WILLIAM COLEMAN** provided testimony and urged the Board to not support I-639. **DAVE RATCLIFF** felt Initiative 1639 was in direct violation of both Federal and State Constitutions and urged the Board of County Commissioners to approve the proposed Resolution. **CHRISTOPHER HOBBS** expressed his support of the draft Resolution and felt the Board should uphold their oaths and approve it. **ERIC MELBARDUS** said the laws can affect more than who are they are targeted for (criminals) and felt the Board should approve the Resolution. **THERE BEING NO OTHERS REQUESTING TO TESTIFY, THE PUBLIC PORTION OF THE HEARING WAS CLOSED.**

**RESOLUTION 2019-193**

**I-1639**

**COMMISSIONERS**

**COMMISSIONER WACHSMITH** moved to approve Resolution No. 2019-193, Regarding Initiative 1639. **COMMISSIONER OSIADACZ** seconded.

**COMMISSIONER WACHSMITH** expressed his appreciation to the Veteran's. He said you cannot legislate evil out of society and that I-1639 only restricts law abiding citizens. He thought the focus should be more on the problems, and not the symptoms.

**COMMISSIONER OSIADACZ** said she would support the Resolution and reminded everyone it was a position statement. She felt the Second Amendment was in place to ensure citizens are not overran by an overbearing government.

**CHAIRMAN WRIGHT** said he would support the Resolution and thanked the Prosecutor's office for their work. He said he'd been reflecting on how to best preserve the citizen's rights and how best to defend them. He said although the proposed Resolution was only a position statement, there were Initiatives that come forward with unintended consequences and I-1639 was one of them.

Motion carried 3-0.

**PUBLIC HEARING                      ANNEXATION - FIRE DISTRICT #2                      PROSECUTOR**

At approximately 2:00 p.m. **CHAIRMAN WRIGHT** opened a Public Hearing to consider Annexing 95.5 Acres into Fire District #2.

**NEIL CAULKINS, DEPUTY PROSECUTOR** provided a Staff Report stating he had provided information to the Board prior to the Public Hearing.

**KVFR FIRE DISTRICT #2 CHIEF JOHN SINCLAIR** explained how the landowner requested to be annexed into the Fire District, as they didn't realize they were outside of it. They established a Fire Protection Contract for one year and then requested annexation. It is contiguous and consistent with their mission, and they have the ability to serve the area.

**RESOLUTION 2019-192                      ANNEXATION - FIRE DISTRICT #2                      PROSECUTOR**

**COMMISSIONER WACHSMITH** moved to approve Resolution No. 2019-192, Annexing Approximately 95.70 Acres of Land into Kittitas County Fire District No. 2, Tax Parcel Numbers 15592 (47.82 acres); 15590 (24.51 acres); and 15591 (23.37 acres) near the Umptanum Road area.

**COMMISSIONER OSIADACZ** seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:36 p.m.

**CLERK OF THE BOARD**

  
Julie Kjorsvik

**KITTITAS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
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Cory Wright, Chairman