

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

WEDNESDAY

9:00 A.M.

JANUARY 22, 2020

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

Others: Mandy Buchholz, Deputy Clerk of the Board II; UCTTF Members: Lori Nevin, John Jensen, Clay Myers (Sheriff) and Cindy Millsap; Stephanie Hartung, Deputy Prosecutor; Neil Caulkins Deputy Prosecutor; Mark Cook, Public Works Director/Interim County Engineer and one member of the public.

SPECIAL MEETING

REQUEST FROM UCTTF

COMMISSIONERS

At 9:00 a.m. Chairman Wachsmith opened a Special Meeting with members of the Upper County Traffic Task Force (UCTTF), to discuss with and determine expectations.

Cindy Millsap, Chair of the UCTTF explained there is a lot of confusion among members and they are desiring structure to be re-established.

There was a great deal of discussion on re-vamping the Committee makeup. There was discussion on drafting a Resolution to clearly outline the expectations moving forward and what the scope of work is moving forward for the UCTTF. There was discussion on the challenges with getting a quorum and other conflicts that have come out of setting up meetings without the help of County Staff.

The Board determined they would have Public Works and the Prosecutor draft a Resolution re-forming the Committee and making it a Committee of 7, noting that one member would be the Dist. 2 County Commissioner acting as the Chair (voting member).

Staff was directed to send notice to current members once the new Resolution is adopted and allow them to seek reappointment but inform them of changes, and then the Board will appoint 6 new members.

Ms. Millsap and Ms. Nevin asked if it would be possible to review some other topics under "other business". Those items were presented & reviewed in a word document (see attached). They thanked the Board for their willingness to meet and understand the needs of the UCTTF.

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The meeting was adjourned 10:00 a.m.

DEPUTY CLERK OF THE BOARD II


Mandy Buchholz

**KITTITAS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
KITTITAS COUNTY, WASHINGTON**


Brett Wachsmith, Chairman

Upper County Traffic Task Force (UKC TTF) Notes
Wednesday, January 22, 2020, Kittitas County Courthouse
Auditorium

TASK FORCE MEMBERS PRESENTING: Cindy Millsap,
Lori Nevin

1. **Task Force Members.** We request the BOCC ask remaining TF members to commit to another year. Based on the response, we expect we will need more citizen participation. We suggest representation for these areas (no more than 9):
 - a. 1 Nelson Siding – Cindy Millsap will continue
 - b. 2 Westside – Lori Nevin will continue, Sabrina Risher has submitted application
 - c. 1 Easton
 - d. 1 S. Cle Elum
 - e. 2 Upper Peoh
 - f. 1 Cle Elum
 - g. 1 Roslyn
2. **Other representatives.** State DOT (Troy Suing), Public Works (Mark Cook), Sheriff office (Clay Myers), City of Cle Elum (Lucy Temple), City of Roslyn (None). Participation is needed to bounce ideas off and understand the nuances of regulations.
3. **Ordinance.** Expect the TF to make a recommendation to implement an ordinance whereby no trucks are allowed on back roads with an exception for delivery and local residents.
4. **Feasibility Study Draft RFP.** Mark Cook offered to draft the RFP for our review in December. What is the current status?
5. **Public Works.** We know the department has limited resources and funds, and our ideas could negatively impact the department. It seems like our ideas all hit a roadblock with Public Works. How can we be more collaborative?
6. **Sheriff's office.** It was reported that a budget item was submitted for either a full time or seasonal traffic enforcement officer. What was the result?
7. **How does the county plan to address software traffic/map applications (Google maps, wayz)?** Our research tells us things can be done to have a positive affect including ordinances.
8. **Variable portable message signs.** The TF would like to see

- some implemented by April with messages to discourage routing traffic on back roads.
9. Meeting day/time, and venue. The TF would like to move our meetings to a time that the Commissioners could attend if they want. What days/times work for those that would like to attend?
 10. TF structure. Previously the webpage was kept up to date and we had a county liaison to schedule, organize, send notifications for all involved. Last meeting no room had been reserved, there was no representation from the county, sheriff's office, or state DOT, and TF members were not notified. Recently we learned we did not need to keep records or minutes of the TF activities. But yet, the handbook we received, and acknowledgement that we signed tells us about the formalities and how we must conduct ourselves. We need clear direction.
 11. *TF recommendation to close exits at peak times.* The TF would like a formal response. And if rejected, we have a plan to amend it.
 12. *\$500k budget request.* We learned this request was in the Public Works budget for UKC Traffic concerns. What was the result?
 13. *BOCC meetings with Washington DC Lobby Consulting company.* We learned about these meetings from the published agendas and notices to the public. Does the *BOCC plan to employ the lobby consultant?* If so, will they lobby for federal funding for I-90, and/or our back roads?
 14. *TF reach.* The TF will consider sending the BOCC a recommendation that we meet with Curtis King, Sec. of Transportation, and state representatives Tom Dent, Judy Warnick and Alex Ybarra with the objective of informing them of the traffic issues and asking for further support. How does the BOCC think about this and would the BOCC like to be involved.
 15. Town Hall follow up. The TF recommends the BOCC conduct the second town hall meeting on the traffic topic before memorial day.