

**COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES
KITTITAS COUNTY, WASHINGTON
BOARD OF HEALTH/BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
JOINT SPECIAL MEETING**

MONDAY

11:00 A.M.

MAY 4, 2020

Board of Health members present: Chairman Brett Wachsmith; and Via Webex: Vice-Chairman Laura Osiadacz; Commissioner Cory Wright; and Dr. Asriel.

Others: Julie Kjorsvik, Clerk of the Board; Jerry Pettit, Auditor; Amy Cziske, Treasurer; Dr. Mark Larson, Public Health Officer; Tristen Lamb, Public Health Director; and Via Webex: Mandy Buchholz, Deputy Clerk of the Board II; Neil Caulkins, Deputy Prosecutor; Clay Myers, Sheriff; Bruce Tabb, City of Ellensburg Mayor; John Camarata, City of Kittitas; Rob Omans, City of Cle Elum Administrator; and 2 members of the public.

SPECIAL MEETING

COVID-19

BOARD OF HEALTH

Chairman Wachsmith called to order a Special Meeting of the Kittitas County Board of Health.

Dr. Mark Larson reviewed a proposed Resolution which would allow Kittitas County to apply to the State for the COVID-19 variance. He explained how the plan is a phased approach to re-open the State of Washington and reviewed the reasons why Kittitas County was one of a few counties who are eligible to apply. He went over issues relating to case and contact tracing; training; isolation and quarantine; and how it needs to be a community approach. Dr. Asriel said it will take cooperation from all County residents to move forward, while recognizing the risks of opening back up because we are surrounded by a couple of the hardest hit including Yakima County and King County. Dr. Larson said there was a place on the Governors website where businesses can request clarification and that they have been responsive to questions. Commissioner Wright said he was concerned with opening businesses to others from outside the County and questioned if there was a way to place any travel restrictions. Dr. Larson said they could not legally restrict the movement of people but has been recommending to the residents of Kittitas County to not go shopping for instance down in Yakima County.

Julie Peterson, CEO Kittitas Valley Hospital, reviewed a letter explaining how they are prepared to meet surge demands in their Emergency Department, their ambulatory clinics as well as their Critical Care and Acute Care settings, and have adequate bed capacity and

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personal protective equipment to keep their workers safe. She said they were in support of requesting a variance to the State, as recommended by the Public Health Official. Dr. Larson said they have also received a letter of support from Kittitas County Sheriff Clayton Myers. He reviewed the draft Kittitas County Public Health Department COVID-19 Isolation or Quarantine Community Plan. Tristen Lamb, Public Health Director, reviewed training for volunteers for case and contact, which included some retired medical professionals, college students, and KVVH employees.

BOH RESOLUTION 2020-002 APPLY FOR COVID-19 VARIANCE PUBLIC HEALTH

Chairman Wachsmith moved to approve Board of Health Resolution No. 2020-002, To Apply for the COVID-19 Variance. Commissioner Wright seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

At 11:58 a.m. Chairman Wachsmith opened the Special Meeting of the Kittitas County Board of Commissioners.

Tristen Lamb, Public Health Director, explained how they believe they can move forward with Phase 2 without any lives lost, and recommended the Board approve the proposed Resolutions.

RESOLUTION 2020-094 FUNDING FOR COVID-19 VARIANCE PUBLIC HEALTH

Chairman Wachsmith moved to approve Resolution No. 2020-094, Committing Funding to Kittitas County Public Health for COVID-19 Variance. Commissioner Osiadacz seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

RESOLUTION 2020-095 APPLY FOR COVID-19 VARIANCE PUBLIC HEALTH

Chairman Wachsmith moved to approve Resolution No. 2020-095, to Apply for the COVID-19 Variance. Commissioner Wright seconded. Motion carried 3-0.


ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 12:05 p.m.

CLERK OF THE BOARD


Julie Kjorsvik

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Brett Wachsmith, Chairman