

**COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES
KITITAS COUNTY, WASHINGTON
WEBEX
REGULAR MEETING**

MONDAY

9:00 A.M.

AUGUST 17, 2020

Board members present: Chairman Brett Wachsmith Vice-Chairman Laura Osiadacz, Cory Wright, Commissioner, (via WebEx).

Others Via WebEx: Julie Kjorsvik, Clerk of the Board; Mandy Buchholz, Deputy Clerk of the Board II; Taylor Crouch, Deputy Clerk of the Board I; Arden Thomas, WRP Manager; Lisa Young, HR Director.

REGULAR MEETING

OFFICE STAFF MEETING

COMMISSIONERS

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

CALENDAR

WEEK AT A GLANCE

COMMISSIONERS

The Board of County Commissioners reviewed their weekly calendars.

PAF/VOUCHERS

REVIEW OF PAF'S & VOUCHERS

COMMISSIONERS

The Board of County Commissioners approved the County Vouchers and PAF's.

CORRESPONDENCE LOG

REVIEW OF CORRESPONDENCE LOG

COMMISSIONERS

The Correspondence Log for the week ending August 14, 2020 was presented.

REQUEST

RECLASSIFY WATER RESOURCES POSITION

PUBLIC WORKS

Arden Thomas, Water Resources Program Manager stated that this is a follow up to formally take action on the discussion that took place during the Public Works Study Session on 7/27/20. She stated that the Water Resources Specialist position would be classified at the equivalent to a Planner 2 position. Chairman Wachsmith moved to approve the request, as presented. Commissioner Osiadacz seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

DISCUSSION

BOARDS COMMITTEES COMMISSION STAFFING COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Wright stated that he brought forward the topic for conversation on behalf of the CDS Director. He stated that department is currently down staff due to pregnancy's and they have a lot of foot traffic. They don't feel like they have the time to commit to Clerk the Public Lands Advisory Committee (PLAC) any

longer. He stated he is trying to understand what the staffing expectations are for that and has heard there is another department feeling pressed for time and unable to keep staffing another committee as well. He stated he thinks this is probably a bigger conversation and fully understands that the BoCC Staff cannot take on more as they are spread thin as well. Commissioner Osiadacz outlined the expectations and the reasons behind why that Committee belongs in CDS. The Board directed Staff to set up a meeting in September and invite whoever has Staff that Clerks any of the Boards, Committee's or Commissions.

LETTER

COUNTY BUDGET RETREAT LETTER

COMMISSIONERS

Chairman Wachsmith moved to approve Chair signature on a letter to the County Management Team regarding the Budget Retreat on Wednesday. He noted that it included the discussed priorities that were for 2021 the Board previously selected. Commissioner Osiadacz seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

LETTER

CHECKERBOARD PARTNERSHIP

COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Osiadacz presented the Board with a letter of support for the Checkerboard Partnership Effort. Commissioner Wright stated he would like to make some edits and re-consider the letter with the edits.

The Board directed Staff to place the amended letter on the BoCC Agenda under Admin. Matters on Tuesday August 18, 2020 at 10:00 a.m.

DISCUSSION

COMMISSIONERS SCHEDULES

COMMISSIONERS

The Board discussed options for moving into the fall with the anticipation of remote learning for their kids and expectations of each-other regarding office coverage.

They agreed that if they were not committed offsite, or for a non BoCC meeting they would be in the office.

REQUEST

BOE GMAIL ACCOUNTS FOR 2020

COMMISSIONERS

Taylor Crouch, Deputy Clerk of the Board I requested the Board to authorize her to work with IT and purchase Gmail Accounts for the BOE 2020 season. She explained that since it's all virtual, it will be needed as she can't hand out laptops and jump drives. She said that it will be \$30.00 dollars a month and she has it in her budget.

The Board approved the request as presented.

PLANNING

COVID-19

COMMISSIONERS

There were no updates.

DISCUSSION

FACEBOOK WEEKLY POSTS

COMMISSIONERS

The Board determined for the week of August 17, 2020 that they would share on their Facebook page any Press Releases from Public Health relating to COVID-19; as well as a reminder/update about the fire dangers citizens face in the summer in Kittitas County; the tour with Rep. Schrier that Commissioner Osiadacz participated in last week; and also an explanation/update as to why the marina at Vantage is closed.


OTHER BUSINESS/GENERAL UPDATES

Meeting adjourned at 9:43 a.m.

DEPUTY CLERK OF THE BOARD

**KITTITAS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
KITTITAS COUNTY, WASHINGTON**


Mandy Buchholz


Brett Wachsmith, Chairman