

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

**MONDAY**

**9:00 A.M.**

**NOVEMBER 23, 2020**

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

Others Via WebEx: Mandy Buchholz, Deputy Clerk of the Board II; Taylor Crouch, Deputy Clerk of the Board I; Mark Cook, Public Works Director; Arden Thomas, WRP Manager; Judy Pless, Budget & Finance Manager; Patti Johnson, Solid Waste Director/Interim Maintenance Director/Project Manager.

**REGULAR MEETING**

**OFFICE STAFF MEETING**

**COMMISSIONERS**

At 9:00 a.m. Chairman Wachsmith opened the Office Administration meeting. He noted items would be take out of order to assist Public Works in getting to a separate meeting on-time.

**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 November 20, 2020 was presented.

**LETTER**

**THOMPSON PARK**

**PUBLIC WORKS**

Commissioner Osiadacz moved to approve and authorize the Chair's signature on a letter of support for the Ellensburg Downtown Rotary Club's efforts in obtaining acquisition and installation of park improvements for Thompson Park. Commissioner Wright seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**PUBLIC WORKS**

At 9:03 a.m. Chairman Wachsmith announced the Board would recess into Executive Session for ten minutes, with Mark Cook, Public Works Director & Arden Thomas, WRP Manager to consider the selection of a site or the acquisition of real estate by lease or purchase when

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public knowledge regarding such consideration would cause a likelihood of increased price. No action anticipated.

At 9:13 a.m. the Board reconvened out of Executive Session. No action taken.

At 9:13 a.m. Chairman Wachsmith announced the Board would recess back into Executive Session for three minutes, with Mark Cook, Public Works Director & Arden Thomas, WRP Manager to consider the selection of a site or the acquisition of real estate by lease or purchase when public knowledge regarding such consideration would cause a likelihood of increased price. No action anticipated.

At 9:16 a.m. the Board reconvened out of Executive Session. No action taken.

**AGREEMENT**

**DUDE SOLUTIONS**

**SOLID WASTE**

Commissioner Osiadacz moved to approve and authorize the Chair's signature on an Revised Agreement with Dude Solutions as presented. Commissioner Wright seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

**DISCUSSION**

**FIRE ASSESSMENT**

**AUDITOR**

Judy Pless, Budget & Finance Manager reviewed a conversation she had with the Prosecutor, Airport Director of Operations, KVFR and Commissioner Wright. She stated that when they assumed the billing in August they found out Public Works was billing for \$1.50 per lease, per month (on most leases), and remitting these funds to KVFR. She stated that starting August 1, 2020 they put the money into a trust account as they needed to complete research on the issues. She reviewed what the research concluded and asked the Board to consider authorizing the refund to the lessee's on the funds they have received and are currently in trust and to stop billing for the fire assessment.

Commissioner Osiadacz moved to authorize Staff to prepare a Resolution correcting the \$1.50 assessment; as well as stop billing and prepare refunds. Commissioner Wright seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

**RATIFY**

**KINDNESS NOT COVID-19**

**COMMISSIONERS**

Commissioner Osiadacz moved to approve & ratify Board's signature on the Spread Kindness not COVID-19 Campaign Kick Off Letter. Commissioner Wright seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

**LETTER**

**GOVERNOR INSLEE**

**COMMISSIONERS**

Commissioner Osiadacz moved to approve and authorize Board's signature on a letter to Governor Jay Inslee regarding COVID-19 November Statewide Restrictions put in place. Chairman Wachsmith stated that the other jurisdictions are signing the letter as well, and the BoCC will compile all the signatures and send it off to the Governor. Commissioner Wright seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

**DISCUSSION**

**FACEBOOK WEEKLY POSTS**

**COMMISSIONERS**

The Board determined for the week of November 23, 2020 they would post on their Facebook page, an update about the Umptanum closures and the campaign that it going around to #recreateresponsibly; the Spread Kindness not COVID-19 Letter the Board ratified during this meeting; as well as the letter the Board is sending to Governor Inslee.

**OTHER BUSINESS/GENERAL UPDATES**


There were general updates on meetings & conversations that the Board participated in, individually over the past week.

Meeting adjourned at 10:00 a.m.

**DEPUTY CLERK OF THE BOARD II**

  
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Mandy Buchholz

**KITTITAS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
KITTITAS COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

  
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Brett Wachsmith, Chairman