

**COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES
KITTTITAS COUNTY, WASHINGTON
WEBEX
SPECIAL MEETING**

MONDAY

2:00 P.M.

DECEMBER 7, 2020

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

Others present via WebEx: Julie Kjorsvik, Clerk of the Board; Mandy Buchholz, Deputy Clerk of the Board II; Mark Cook, Public Works Director; Neil Caulkins, Deputy Prosecutor; Jerry Pettit, Auditor; Judy Pless, Budget & Finance Manager; Val Barschaw, Clerk; Lisa Young, Human Resource Director; Benjamin West, Director of Airport Operations; Ken Grannan, Airport Coordinator; Chris Whitsett, Inspector; Amy Cziske, Treasurer; Todd Davis, Noxious Weed Program Coordinator; Katrina Mankus, Juvenile Court Administrator; Tristen Lamb, Public Health Administrator; Cori McKean, Office Administrator; Ben Kokjer, Chief Deputy; Elishia Harvill, Chief Administrator; Diana MacKenzie, Upper District Court Administrator; Mike Hougardy, Assessor; Mike Flory, Building Official; Barbara Demory, Lower District Court Administrator; Pat Gigstead, Chief Probation Officer; Steve Panattoni, Jail Superintendent; Dan Carlson, CDS Director; and Greg Zempel, Prosecutor.

Kittitas County is currently in Phase 3 and in person participation is prohibited. The public was encouraged to join the meeting by joining a WebEx event online.

PUBLIC HEARING

2021 BUDGET

AUDITOR

At 2:00 p.m. **CHAIRMAN WACHSMITH** opened a Public Hearing to consider adopting the 2021 Kittitas County Annual Budget.

JUDY PLESS, BUDGET & FINANCE MANAGER reviewed the proposed 2021 annual budget and draft Resolutions. The General Fund for municipal purposes for the year 2021 according to the assessed valuation as determined in the year 2020 includes the General Fund (Current Expense) \$8,931,726.00; Community Services \$223,274.00; and Veterans Assistance \$45,000.00 for a total of \$9,200,000.00.

THOSE PRESENT & TESTIFYING: VAL BARSCHAW, CLERK explained how she is dissatisfied with the IT Department not being able to provide her accurate budget numbers for the 5th year in a row and urged the Board to take corrective action. **THERE BEING NO OTHERS REQUESTING TO TESTIFY, THE PUBLIC PORTION OF THE HEARING WAS CLOSED.**

COMMISSIONER WRIGHT said he appreciated Ms. Barschaw's comments and for her to look for it to be better in the coming year. **VICE-**

APPROVED
12/15/2020

CHAIRMAN OSIADACZ said she would not be supporting the proposed Resolutions as she was against increasing the Levies in 2021. She felt with the current pandemic going on and how there are many members of our community and businesses hurting financially. She did not believe the time to increase it was now.

RESOLUTION 2020-206 LEVY CERTIFICATION - GENERAL FUND AUDITOR

COMMISSIONER WRIGHT moved to approve Resolution No. 2020-206, for the Levying Certification for the General Fund for Municipal Purposes of Kittitas County, Washington for the Year 2021, According to the Assessed Valuation as Determined in the Year 2020. **CHAIRMAN WACHSMITH** seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

RESOLUTION 2020-207 LEVY CERTIFICATION - COUNTY ROAD AUDITOR

COMMISSIONER WRIGHT moved to approve Resolution No. 2020-207, for the Levying Certification for the County Road for Municipal Purposes of Kittitas County, Washington for the Year 2021 According to the Assessed Valuation as Determined in the Year 2020. **CHAIRMAN WACHSMITH** seconded. Motion carried 2-1 (Vice-Chairman Osiadacz opposed the motion).

RESOLUTION 2020-208 LEVY CERTIFICATION - FLOOD CONTROL ZONE AUDITOR

COMMISSIONER WRIGHT moved to approve Resolution No. 2020-208, for the Levying Certification for the County Flood Control Zone District for Municipal Purposes of Kittitas County, Washington for the Year 2021 According to the Assessed Valuation as Determined in the Year 2020. **CHAIRMAN WACHSMITH** seconded. Motion carried 2-1 (Vice-Chairman Osiadacz opposed the motion).

RESOLUTION 2020-209 ADOPTING THE 2021 COUNTY BUDGET AUDITOR

COMMISSIONER WRIGHT moved to approve Resolution No. 2020-209, Adopting the Budget for the County of Kittitas, Washington, for the Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 2021, in the total amount of \$116,735,415.00. **CHAIRMAN WACHSMITH** seconded. Motion carried 2-1 (Vice-Chairman Osiadacz opposed the motion).

OTHER BUSINESS

EXECUTIVE SESSION

LITIGATION

COMMISSIONERS

At 2:15 p.m. Chairman Wachsmith announced the Board would recess into an Executive Session for 30 minutes with Mark Cook, Public Works Director; Dan Carlson, CDS Director; Neil Caulkins, Deputy Prosecutor; and Greg Zempel, Prosecutor, to discuss with legal counsel representing the agency matters relating to agency enforcement actions, or to discuss with legal counsel representing

the agency litigation or potential litigation to which the agency, the governing body, or a member acting in an official capacity is, or is likely to become, a party, when public knowledge regarding the discussion is likely to result in an adverse legal or financial consequence to the agency. No action anticipated.

At 2:45 p.m. the Board reconvened out of Executive Session. No action was taken.

At 2:45 p.m. Chairman Wachsmith announced the Board would recess back into Executive Session for 20 minutes to discuss with legal counsel representing the agency matters relating to agency enforcement actions, or to discuss with legal counsel representing the agency litigation or potential litigation to which the agency, the governing body, or a member acting in an official capacity is, or is likely to become, a party, when public knowledge regarding the discussion is likely to result in an adverse legal or financial consequence to the agency. No action anticipated.

At 3:05 p.m. the Board reconvened out of Executive Session. No action was taken.


The meeting was adjourned at 3:05 p.m.

CLERK OF THE BOARD



Julie Kjorsvik

**KITTITAS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
KITTITAS COUNTY, WASHINGTON**



Brett Wachsmith, Chairman