

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

FRIDAY

4:00 P.M.

MAY 7, 2021

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

Others via Webex: Taylor Crouch, Administrative Assistant; Judy Pless, Budget and Finance Manager; and Nick Henderson, Coroner.

SPECIAL MEETING

REGIONAL MORGUE

COMMISSIONERS

At 4:09 p.m. Chairman Wachsmith opened a special meeting to discuss a regional morgue with the Coroner's Office.

Nick Henderson, Coroner explained that there was talk among Washington Coroners about the need for a regional morgue. The idea of Ellensburg being centrally located with an airport and college made it an optimal location. There is a parcel of land out by the Airport that is seen as optimal ground. Mr. Henderson asked the Board for a budget amendment to start the permitting process for this land.

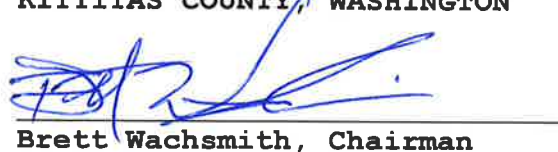
The Board asked for more preliminary planning to be completed first and offered to help Mr. Henderson along the process. There may be grants available for this project. It may qualify under COVID-19 grants because there would be a deep freeze freezer in the morgue and that is what is used for bodies with communicable diseases.

Meeting adjourned at 4:24 p.m.

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT


Taylor Crouch

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Brett Wachsmith, Chairman

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