

**COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES
KITITAS COUNTY, WASHINGTON
CONFERENCE ROOM
SPECIAL MEETING**

TEUSDAY

9:00 A.M.

JANUARY 25, 2023

Board members present: Chairman Cory Wright, Vice-Chairman Brett Wachsmith & Commissioner Laura Osiadacz (arrived at 9:10 A.M.).

Others: Emily Smith, Administrative Assistant; Amy McGuffin, Kittitas Chamber of Commerce CEO; Margret Reich CenterFuse Executive Director; and 1 member of the public.

SPECIAL MEETING

CHAMBER AND CENTERFUSE

COMMISSIONERS

At 9:01 a.m. Chairman Wright opened a Special Meeting to meet with the Chamber of Commerce and CenterFuse to discuss their scope of services provided through Conference of Governments contract.

Amy McGuffin, Chamber CEO spoke to the current scope of work the Chamber is performing as the County's ADO. Currently the Chamber has outreach and economic staff. The additional funds requested this year would go towards funding an additional 3-4 staff positions. Ms. McGuffin went over the Chamber's strengths and skills.

Margret Reich, Executive Director of CenterFuse, spoke to how CenterFuse is structured, how it started, and their expansion goals. CenterFuse is a business development organization that is mostly grant funded. She spoke to the skills and strengths of CenterFuse.

Ms. McGuffin and Ms. Reich both spoke to the collaboration that the two organizations have been able to achieve this year.

The Board thanked Ms. McGuffin and Ms. Reich for attending.

Meeting concluded at 10:00 .a.m.

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT



Emily Smith

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Cory Wright, Chairman

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