

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

TUESDAY

2:00 P.M.

MARCH 7, 2023

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

Others: Julie Kjorsvik, Clerk of the Board; David Ohl, Airport Director; Angela Bugni, Rule 9 Intern; Stephanie Hartung, Deputy Prosecutor III; and 1 member of the public.

PUBLIC HEARING

AMEND CODE CHAPT 2.81.060

AIRPORT

At 2:07 p.m. **CHAIRMAN WRIGHT** opened a Public Hearing to consider approving an Ordinance Amendment to Chapter 2.81.060 of the Kittitas County Code.

DAVID OHL, AIRPORT DIRECTOR, reviewed a Staff Report including the background of the proposed amendment. He said he had worked with the Prosecutor's office on a draft Ordinance which would provide the Board the authority to delegate some of the leasing actions in the future to the Airport Director. It would allow for the Director to renew annual leases of T-Hangars and sign them in lieu of the Board of County Commissioners, eliminating the need for the Board to consider all of them at a Public Hearing every year.

THERE BEING NO ONE REQUESTING TO TESTIFY, THE PUBLIC PORTION OF THE HEARING WAS CLOSED.

ORDINANCE 2023-003

AMEND CODE CHAPT. 2.81.060

AIRPORT

VICE-CHAIRMAN WACHSMITH moved to approve Ordinance 2023-003, To Amend Kittitas County Code Chapter 2.81.060. **COMMISSIONER OSIADACZ** seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

PUBLIC HEARING

LIMITED SIGNING AUTHORITY

AIRPORT

At 2:09 p.m. **CHAIRMAN WRIGHT** opened a Public Hearing to consider a Resolution authorizing limited signing authority to the Airport Director.

DAVID OHL, AIRPORT DIRECTOR, provided a Staff Report and explained that by delegating some of the leasing authority at the Airport would reduce the amount of administrative actions that would have to come before the Board. According to the Resolution, the Airport Director would be allowed to execute 1 year County owned T-Hangar leases and approve amendments for 5-year rent escalations. The

Director would still be required to bring new land leases and amendments bring them before the Board of County Commissioners for their consideration and approval.

THOSE PRESENT & TESTIFYING: **TERRY LARUE** expressed concerns with the proposed Resolution and encouraged the Board to look into what other airports do before making a final determination.


VICE-CHAIRMAN WACHSMITH moved to remand the issue back to Staff and look at the other common practices from airports; and to bring that information back at a future Study Session. **COMMISSIONER OSIADACZ** seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

The meeting was concluded at 2:17 p.m.

CLERK OF THE BOARD


Julie Kjorsvik

**KITTITAS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
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Chairman Cory Wright