

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

**FRIDAY**

**2:30 P.M.**

**APRIL 21, 2023**

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

Others: Julie Kjorsvik, Clerk of the Board; Amy Cziske, Treasurer; Bryan Elliott, Auditor; Elishia Harvill, Chief Administrator; Greg Zempel, Prosecutor; Chris Horner, Deputy Prosecutor; Clay Myers, Undersheriff; Barb Demory, Lower District Court Administrator; Brian Carlson, Budget & Finance Director; Patti Stacey, Solid Waste Director/Maintenance Director/Project Manager; Mike Hougardy, Assessor; Diana MacKenzie, Upper District Court Administrator.

**SPECIAL MEETING**

**COUNTY POLICIES & PROCEDURES**

**COMMISSIONERS**

Greg Zempel, Prosecutor, provided some history on the moratorium that was in place for salaries and the questions that were raised by Elected Officials. They would like to discuss how to move forward and improve the process, for example, does the Board have to approve PAF's in the future.

Commissioner Osiadacz asked Greg for clarification on the legality between the hiring freeze back in 2008, versus the moratorium that was in place. Greg explained how back in 2008, the Management Team came together to discuss and address the issues, and in the end they all came together on how to approach it.

Bryan Elliott said their office has been looking at models for monthly budget reporting. He said the OpenGov portal has never been managed and he will be removing it from the County website and will be going to a more useful model.

Clay acknowledged it wasn't this current Board who created the problems, but rather it's something that's evolved over time.

Greg encouraged everyone to have healthy, open-minded conversations in order to get to a better place for everyone.

Bryan Elliott and Brian Carlson were asked to draft policy language, involving Human Resources Department; have it run through legal; and then present it to the Board for their consideration.

**DISCUSSION**

**PROSECUTOR FURNITURE**

**PROSECUTOR**


There was an update on the Prosecutor's Office relocation and purchase of new furniture. Elishia has been conducting inventory on all furniture and has met with the Sheriff's Office and the Office of Public Defense to see what they want to keep. Harris Office Supply is going to be taking measurements in the building where the Prosecutor's office is going to be housed.

The meeting was concluded at 3:27 p.m

**CLERK OF THE BOARD**

**KITTITAS COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

  
Julie Kjorsvik

  
Cory Wright, Chairman