

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

**TUESDAY**

**2:00 P.M.**

**FEBRUARY 6, 2024**

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

Others: Julie Kjorsvik, Mandy Buchholz, Office Administrator; Ben Kokjer, Josh Fredrickson, Engineer; Mark Cook, Public Works/CDS Director; Stephanie Hartung, Chief Civil Deputy Prosecutor; and 5 members of the public.

**PUBLIC HEARING**

**SPEED KITTTITAS HWY**

**PUBLIC WORKS**

At 2:00 p.m. **CHAIRMAN WACHSMITH** opened a Public Hearing to consider a speed reduction on Kittitas Highway between Ellensburg City Limits and No. 6 Road and to Amend the Kittitas County Code Chapter 10.08 Speed Limits on County Roads.

**JOSH FREDRICKSON, ENGINEER** reviewed a Staff Report for both Public Hearings, since they are tied together. He covered the background, fiscal impacts, speed studies, and their recommendations. **STEPHANIE HARTUNG, CHIEF CIVIL DEPUTY PROSECUTOR** said in terms of liability, now that it's been brought to the Boards attention, and has met criteria, they need to consider working on options.

**THOSE PRESENT & TESTIFYING: JERRY PETTIT** said he wasn't in favor of the proposal or against it, but if the Board approved lowering the speed limit, it would allow ATV's to be on the roadway. **MICAH BRUNNER** suggested starting the 35 MPH speed limit on Broadview Road for a year or two, and if there are still more accidents, then go to the next step, but at least give it a try. **JEFF LEICHLER** said he was not necessarily in favor of a 4-way stop right as of right now and questioned if there's been a difference in the number of accidents since the installation of the traffic lights. **PAT KELLEHER** opposed both the speed reduction and installation of stop signs. He recommended a roundabout, as it's worked in other areas. **DARRYL EASON** explained how people have difficulty with seeing oncoming traffic due to fences and other things that are on County property. **THERE BEING NO OTHERS REQUESTING TO TESTIFY, THE PUBLIC PORTION OF THE HEARING WAS CLOSED.**

**COMMISSIONER WRIGHT** moved to continue the Public Hearing until after the next Public Hearing. **VICE-CHAIRMAN OSIADACZ** seconded. Motion carried 3-0.



CLERK OF THE BOARD



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Julie Kjorsvik

KITTITAS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
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Brett Wachsmith, Chairman