

**COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES  
KITITAS COUNTY, WASHINGTON  
KITITAS COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT  
EMERGENCY MEETING**

**SATURDAY**

**11:45 A.M.**

**SEPTEMBER 15, 2012**

Board members present: Vice-Chairman Obie O'Brien and Commissioner Paul Jewell. Excused: Alan Crankovich, Chairman.

Others: Julie Kjorsvik, Clerk of the Board and Clayton Myers, Undersheriff.

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**EMERGENCY MEETING**

**EMERGENCY DECLARATION**

**SHERIFF**

At 11:45 a.m. Vice-Chairman O'Brien opened an Emergency Special Meeting requested by the Kittitas County Sheriff's Office. He explained Chairman Crankovich had been contacted via phone by Undersheriff Clayton Myers at approximately 10:30 a.m. regarding a fire near the Liberty Area and the need for a Declaration of Emergency for fires located in the County.

Clayton Myers, Undersheriff, said the Emergency Operations Center had been activated on Friday evening September 14, 2012. He indicated there had been various fires in the Liberty and Table Mountain areas which had rapidly changed overnight, expanding and was threatening primary residential areas. He said they were issuing Level 1, 2 and 3 evacuation notices and they had begun to exhaust their resources and therefore there was a need to call upon additional assistance for fire management, public safety and structure protection in accordance with the Kittitas County Comprehensive Emergency Plan at the request of the Emergency Management Director.

**RESOLUTION 2012-116**

**EMERGENCY DECLARATION**

**SHERIFF**

Commissioner Jewell moved to approve Resolution No. 2012-116, Declaration of Emergency - Liberty Area Fire. Vice-Chairman O'Brien seconded. Commissioner Jewell noted that there was a briefing at 11:00 a.m. and that time was of the essence due to the fire expansion in the Liberty and Table Mountain areas.

Motion carried 2-0.

**APPROVED**  
10/16/2012

The meeting was adjourned at 11:47 a.m.

CLERK OF THE BOARD

  
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Julie Kjorsvik

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Alan Crankovich, Chairman