

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

TUESDAY

4:30 P.M.

JULY 22, 2014

Board members present: Chairman Paul Jewell; Vice-Chairman Gary Berndt and Commissioner Obie O'Brien.

Others: Mandy Buchholz, Deputy Clerk of the Board; Lisa Young, HR Director/Co-Interim Director of the Event Center and Event Center Director, Applicant/Candidate.

SPECIAL MEETING

EXECUTIVE SESSION

COMMISSIONERS

At 4:32 p.m. Chairman Jewell opened a Special Meeting and announced the Board would recess into an Executive Session for 15 minutes to evaluate the qualifications of an applicant for public employment or to review the performance of a public employee. However, subject to RCW 42.30.140 (4), discussion by a governing body of salaries, wages, and other conditions of employment to be generally applied within the agency shall occur in a meeting open to the public, and when a governing body elects to take final action hiring, setting the salary of an individual employee or class of employees, or discharging or disciplining an employee, that action shall be taken in a meeting open to the public. Potential action was anticipated.

At 4:47 p.m. the Board reconvened out of Executive Session. No action was taken.

At 4:47 p.m. Chairman Jewell announced the Board would recess into Executive Session for 10 minutes to evaluate the qualifications of an applicant for public employment or to review the performance of a public employee. However, subject to RCW 42.30.140 (4), discussion by a governing body of salaries, wages, and other conditions of employment to be generally applied within the agency shall occur in a meeting open to the public, and when a governing body elects to take final action hiring, setting the salary of an individual employee or class of employees, or discharging or disciplining an employee, that action shall be taken in a meeting open to the public. Potential action was anticipated.

At 4:57 p.m. the Board reconvened out of Executive Session. Commissioner O'Brien stated that he was in favor of offering the job of Event Center Director to the candidate. Commissioner Berndt felt there were good answers from the candidate that they showed experience in tough situations. He stated that initially there were some reservations however, after going through the process with the candidate he is in support of offering the Event Center Director

position to the candidate. Chairman Jewell agreed with both Commissioners Berndt and O'Brien. Chairman Jewell directed Lisa Young, HR Director/Co-Interim Event Center Director to negotiate with the candidate. He stated that the offer would be for \$49,000.00 a year and a \$2,500.00 moving expense to be reimbursed following a six month probationary period. Ms. Young was given some flexibility in negotiating and directed to use her best judgment and report back to the Board with any updates.

Meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

DEPUTY CLERK OF THE BOARD


Mandy Buchholz

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Paul Jewell, Chairman