

**COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES  
KITITAS COUNTY, WASHINGTON  
COMMISSIONER'S AUDITORIUM  
EMERGENCY SPECIAL MEETING**

**WEDNESDAY**

**11:00 A.M.**

**JULY 23, 2014**

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

Others: Julie Kjorsvik, Clerk of the Board; Clay Myers, Undersheriff; Judy Pless, Budget & Finance Manager; Kathy Jurgens, Finance Systems Manager and Brenda Larsen, Fire Marshal.

**SPECIAL MEETING**

**EMERGENCY DECLARATION**

**COMMISSIONERS**

At 11:00 a.m. Commissioner Berndt opened an Emergency Special Meeting to consider a Resolution Declaring an Emergency for the Saddle Mountain Fire.

Undersheriff Clay Myers explained that on July 18, 2014 at 7:55 p.m. the Sheriff's Department notified the Board of County Commissioners that they had activated the Emergency Management Center as a result of a wild land fire that crossed Huntzinger Road, trapping a fire crew and 69 people south of I-90. He said extensive damaged occurred resulting from the fire including part of the transportation infrastructure. He noted the cause of origin was not known at this time from the Military. Commissioner Berndt asked to be sure all costs were tracked. It was noted the State had already declared a State of Emergency due to the wild land fires throughout Washington.

**RESOLUTION 2015-115**

**EMERGENCY DECLARATION**

**COMMISSIONERS**

Commissioner O'Brien moved to approve Resolution No. 2014-115, Declaring an Emergency from the Saddle Mountain Fire, and that the Sheriff's Office, Commissioners Office, Public Works Department, Community Development Services, Event Center/Fair, Fire Marshal, Human Resources, Treasurer, Auditor and the Public Health Department be authorized to enter into contracts and incur obligations necessary to combat the emergency to protect the health and safety of person and property and to provide emergency assistance to the victims of the disaster. Commissioner Berndt seconded. Motion carried 2-0.

**APPROVED**  
8-5-14

Meeting adjourned at 11:06 a.m.

CLERK OF THE BOARD

  
Julie Kjorsvik

KITTITAS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
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Gary Berndt, Vice-Chairman