

**KITTITAS COUNTY  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
COMMISSIONERS AUDITORIUM  
EMERGENCY - SPECIAL MEETING**

**FRIDAY**

**3:30 P.M.**

**AUGUST 8, 2014**

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

Others: Brenda Larsen, Fire Marshal; Clay Myers, Undersheriff; and Debbie Myers, Clerk

**SPECIAL MEETING                      DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY                      COMMISSIONERS**

At 3:33 p.m. Chairman Jewell opened an Emergency Special Meeting to consider a Declaration of Emergency relating to the South Cle Elum Ridge Fire.

Clayton Myers, Undersheriff reviewed a proposed Resolution Declaring an Emergency relating to the South Cle Elum Ridge Fire. He indicated that at approximately 4:12 p.m. on Thursday August 7, 2014 a fire broke out on the South Cle Elum Ridge in Kittitas County in a heavily timbered area less than two miles south of residential areas and power lines, prompting a Level I Evacuation Notice to go out. The fire location, terrain and fuel create a substantial risk to the public, private property and critical infrastructure. The EOC, which was already activated for the Snag Canyon Fire, has expanded to manage the impacts of this fire as well.

Undersheriff Myers stated the South Cle Elum Ridge Fire is currently burning six miles southwest of Cle Elum and is approximately 500 acres in size. Level I Evacuations are in place for the homes in the Woods & Steel Road area. He said the fire response has exceeded local resources and they anticipate the need to bring in outside resources and/or make repairs as quickly as possible as authorized in RCW 36.

**RESOLUTION 2014-124                      DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY                      COMMISSIONERS**

Commissioner O'Brien moved to approve and sign Resolution No. 2014-124, to Declare an Emergency due to the South Cle Elum Ridge Fire as presented. Vice Chairman Berndt seconded. Chairman Jewell commented that resources are spread thin due to

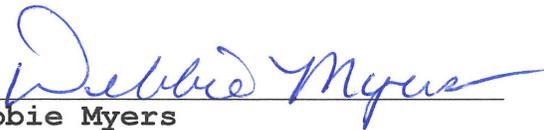
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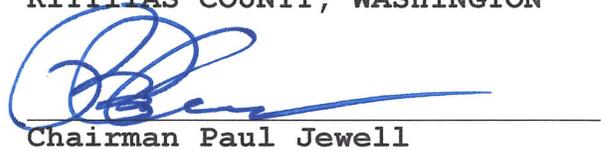
this being the third major fire within the week. Vice-Chairman Berndt said he thought it was good to have this declaration in place. He also said there may be potential for traffic congestion near the fire camp on the Taneum Road. Motion carried 3-0.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:37 p.m.

CLERK

  
Debbie Myers

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Chairman Paul Jewell