

**COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES
KITITAS COUNTY, WASHINGTON
CONFERENCE ROOM
REGULAR MEETING**

MONDAY

9:00 A.M.

APRIL 8, 2024

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

Others: Mandy Buchholz, Office Administrator; Julie Kjorsvik, Clerk of the Board; Stephanie Hartung, Chief Civil Deputy; Greg Zempel, Prosecutor and one member of the public.

REGULAR MEETING

OFFICE STAFF MEETING

COMMISSIONERS

At 9:00 a.m. Chairman Wachsmith opened the Office Administration meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT - NONE.

CALENDAR

WEEK AT A GLANCE

COMMISSIONERS

The Board of County Commissioners reviewed their weekly calendar.

PAF/VOUCHERS

REVIEW OF PAF'S & VOUCHERS

COMMISSIONERS

The Board of County Commissioners approved and signed County Employee Personnel Action forms and vouchers.

CORRESPONDENCE LOG

REVIEW OF CORRESPONDENCE LOG

COMMISSIONERS

The Board of County Commissioners reviewed the weekly Correspondence Log, a listing of all incoming mail and correspondence for the week ending April 5, 2024.

DISCUSSION

CLARKE CONTRACT

COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Wright stated that he wanted to address on the Agenda that it stated the discussion was about the Clarke & Dykstra Contract but it's in fact Clarke only and Dykstra has not been on the Contract in quite some time. Commissioner Wright stated that Mr. Clarke, Ms. Hartung, and himself have been meeting once a month to stay in touch on current issues as well as share his knowledge on water and land use, and it's been going very well. Commissioner Osiadacz expressed her concerns about Mr. Clarkes case load and feeling like he doesn't have the time to adequately represent the County in all areas that are needed. Mr. Zempel stated he will modify the contract to address today's discussion for the Board to review. He stated he would be fine moving forward with another

extension, with the measures in place now.

ACKNOWLEDGE VICE-CHAIR SIGNATURE - SCHRIER COMMISSIONERS

Chairman Wachsmith moved to acknowledge the Vice-Chair signature on two Letters of Support for the City of South Cle Elum and the City of Roslyn to Congresswoman Schrier. Commissioner Wright seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

ACKNOWLEDGE VICE-CHAIR SIG. - MURRAY/CANTWELL COMMISSIONERS

Chairman Wachsmith moved to acknowledge the Vice-Chair signature on two Letters of Support to Senator Murray and Senator Cantwell for the City of South Cle Elum. Commissioner Wright seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

RATIFY BOARD SIGNATURE - LISA PEARSON COMMISSIONERS

Chairman Wachsmith moved to ratify Board signature on a letter to Lisa Pearson sent on 3/26/2024. Commissioner Wright seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

RATIFY BOARD SIGNATURE - CANTWELL/MURRAY COMMISSIONERS

Vice Chairman Osiadacz moved to ratify Board signature on letters to Senator Cantwell and Senator Murray on behalf of CWU Re: Advanced Competitive Technology Institute Funding Request. Commissioner Wright seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

RATIFY CHAIR SIGNATURE - CRAB NOTICE COMMISSIONERS

Vice Chairman Osiadacz moved to ratify Board signature on a letter to CRAB notifying them of our County Engineer updates. Commissioner Wright seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

DISCUSSION COUNTY FACEBOOK COMMISSIONERS

The Board determined that for the week of April 8, 2024, they would post the following on their Facebook page: Patriot Night Tickets on Sale; County Auditor's Office offering live-streaming of elections; Announcement of Josh Fredrickson, as the new Public Works Director and Chad Bala as the new CDS Director.

UPDATE BOCC/ DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS COMMISSIONERS

Each Commissioner was assigned three different Department Heads to meet with on a weekly basis for the year. The assignments for 2024 were determined at the Board of County Commissioners Office Admin meeting earlier on and they will continue to provide updates at future meetings.

Each Commissioner reviewed discussions held with their respective departments and exchanged details of those meetings.

OTHER BUSINESS/GENERAL UPDATES

There were general updates on meetings & conversations that the Board participated in, individually over the past week.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

COMMISSIONERS

At 9:29 a.m. Chairman Wachsmith announced the Board would recess into an Executive Session under RCW 42.30.110 (g) 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 for 10 minutes with the Board and Ms. Hartung. No action was anticipated.

At 9:39 a.m. the Board reconvened out of Executive Session. No action was taken.

At 9:39 a.m. Chairman Wachsmith announced the Board would recess back into an Executive Session under RCW 42.30.110 (g) 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 for 5 minutes. No action was anticipated.

At 9:44 a.m. the Board reconvened out of Executive Session. No action was taken.

Meeting concluded at 9:44 a.m.

OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR



**KITTITAS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
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Mandy Buchholz

Brett Wachsmith, Chairman