



KITTITAS COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT 7

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Board of Fire Commissioners-Special Meeting Minutes- Joint Study Session with Cle Elum and South Cle Elum March 30, 2026

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by Mayor Lundh for City of Cle Elum; Mayor DeVere opened the meeting for the City of South Cle Elum; and Commissioner Chair Myers for Kittitas County Fire District 7 at 1816 hours at Upper Kittitas County Senior Center; the Pledge of allegiance was completed.

PRESENT:

Kittitas County Fire District 7

- Commissioner Jeff Myers
- Commissioner John P Keffer
- Chief Aaron Lowe
- District Secretary Eryn A Micallef

City of Cle Elum

- Mayor Matthew Lundh
- Ken Ratliff
- Steven Harper
- Steven Cook
- Audrey Malek
- Cassidy Buechle-Curtis
- Jon Cornelius
- Erica Krum
- Rob Omans
- Brian Carlson
- Debbie Lee

City of South Cle Elum

- Mayor Jim DeVere
- Leslie Ditsworht
- David Allenbaugh
- Judi Sandretto

The Meeting started about sixteen minutes late due to technical difficulties related to the live stream which Cle Elum was attempting to initiate from this remote location.

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The Leaders of all three entities gave a description of why the meeting was called and what would be discussed.

Public Comment: Ten people from the audience signed up to speak, these people were from various areas of Upper Kittitas County. They had comments, questions and provided input.

Kittitas County Fire District 7 then provided a PowerPoint presentation with an overview of the District.

Cle Elum's Financial Advisor, Brian Carlson provided a PowerPoint presentation of the three financial options that the City of Cle Elum is facing, in consideration of the pending bankruptcy proceeding, regarding ongoing funding for the city Fire Department.

The elected representatives asked numerous questions of all three Fire Chiefs in attendance.

Time for additional public comments was provided.

Gary Berndt, a member of the City of Cle Elum Levy Committee, gave a quick description of what the Levy Committee had been discussing and gave his recommendation.

Mayor Lundh adjourned the Meeting for City of Cle Elum at 2101.

Commissioner Myers adjourned the Meeting for Kittitas County Fire District 7 at 2101.

Mayor Jim DeVere adjourned the meeting for City of South Cle Elum at 2101.

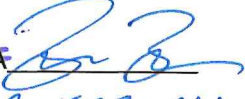
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Kittitas County, Washington

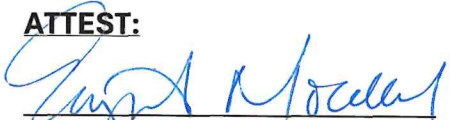
By: 
Jeff Myers, Commissioner

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John P Keffer, Commissioner

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ATTEST:


Eryn A Micallef, District Secretary

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