

COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES
KITTITAS COUNTY, WASHINGTON
STUDY SESSION
COMMISSIONER'S AUDITORIUM

MONDAY

4:00 P.M.

JANUARY 6, 2003

Board members present: Perry D. Huston & Max A. Golladay.

Others Present: Julie Kjorsvik, Clerk of the Board and approximately 25 members of the public.

Commissioner Huston acknowledged receipt of a letter from Roy Chance, Chairman of the Republican Party, listing the top three candidates for Commissioner District #2 vacancy. The Republican Party ranked the candidates in the following order: Bruce Coe, Dennis Kelly and Jerry Ihrke. He announced the Board would be making the appointment at 3:00 p.m. on January 7, 2003 in the Commissioner's Auditorium.

The three candidates were each given five-minutes to present information relating to why they felt they should be appointed to the vacancy.

Mr. Ihrke felt he was conservative and would be an elect-able candidate. He also claimed he believed in the Republican form of government, and along with good, moral and ethical values, he should be appointed to Commissioner District #2.

Mr. Coe reviewed experience including his service on six volunteer Boards, and served as the Kittitas County Fair Manager for three years. Issues of importance included agriculture, water, growth and governance.

Mr. Kelly said he understood the agriculture needs within the county as well as the continuing growth. He said he would listen to all citizens within the County, including those at Central Washington University. He spoke of his experience and the benefits he would bring to the Commission.

Each of the candidates were given an opportunity to answer questions proposed by the Commissioner's relating to the following: the key to their campaign when they would need to run for election next Fall; the balance between government and private property; the importance of the County budget and how it should be prepared; and the open public meetings act and the appearance of fairness doctrine.

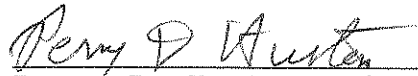
The Board thanked each of the candidates for their time and interest in being appointed to the vacancy. They also expressed their appreciation to the Republican Party for submitting qualified applicants for the District #2 vacancy.

CLERK OF THE BOARD

KITTITAS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
KITTITAS COUNTY, WASHINGTON



Julie A. Kjorsvik



Perry D. Huston, Vice-Chairman