

**KITTITAS COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
COMMISSIONERS CONFERENCE ROOM
SPECIAL MEETING**

TUESDAY

9:00 A.M.

JULY 24, 2007

Board members present: Chairman Alan Crankovich; Vice-Chairman David Bowen; Commissioner Mark McClain.

Others present: William Holmes, Probation Services; Clay Myers, Undersheriff; Simon Barr, Department of Corrections; Julie Kjorsvik, Clerk of the Board; Perry Rowe, Housing Authority; Harry Kramer, Central Washington Comprehensive Mental Health.

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OFFENDER RE-ENTRY

SHERIFF

Clay Myers, Undersheriff reviewed a letter which was received from the Department of Community, Trade & Economic Development requesting a point of contact relating to the development of a County inventory of offender re-entry resources as required by Engrossed Substitute Senate Bill 6157 (ESSB 6157).

He mentioned it was unclear if the request was for an inventory of while the offenders are in jail, or the resources that are provided for them when they get out of jail. He said a document is required to be submitted by each County and they have asked for a single point of contact for the project by July 31, 2007. He said the County can be reimbursed up to \$1,600.00 for the research.

Simon Barr, Department of Corrections, said the inventory was for what resources can be accessed when inmates leave jail or prison so they are aware what type of programs are available to them including housing, mental health counseling, etc. He felt the inventory could include resources that are available outside of the County such as Yakima. William Holmes said it refers to the local Law & Justice Councils and a community transition coordination network.

Commissioner McClain felt the Commissioners office would have most of the information and offered to take the lead on it. Harry Kramer said most of the information would be connected with the crisis line and then it could be modified from there. Clay Myers said until the online survey is ready to review it is unsure exactly what information would be expected to have. Since we have specific direction relating to the survey, work on that and then look at the rest of the bill and discuss the remainder at the Law & Justice committee.

William Holmes said there is more to the bill than this section which would eventually need to be followed up on.

There was discussion on the benefits of having the survey done. Harry Kramer said they have a similar model (APEC program) which has a case manager assigned to inmates while they are incarcerated and offer various services. Commissioner McClain said he would contact Washington State Association of Counties and Department of Community Economic Development office to advise them he will be the point of contact.

Meeting adjourned at 9:25 a.m.

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Julie A. Kjorsvik

Alan Crankovich, Chairman