

**COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES
KITTTITAS COUNTY, WASHINGTON
COMMISSIONERS AUDITORIUM
SPECIAL MEETING**

WEDNESDAY

10:00 A.M.

AUGUST 8, 2007

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

Others: Mandy Robinson, Deputy Clerk of the Board; Paul H. Carlson, Regional Coordinator for the United States Interagency Council on Homelessness for Federal Region X, Pacific Northwest & Alaska; Perry Rowe, Chair of Kittitas County Housing Authority; Susan Grindle, Hopesource Director; Larry Anderson, Hopesource; Gene Dana, Kittitas County Sheriff; and two members of the public.

REPORT

2163 & 2060 PAUL CARLSON

COMMISSIONERS

At approximately 10:00 a.m. **CHAIRMAN CRANKOVICH** opened a special meeting to receive a report on 2163 & 2060 Funds from Paul Carlson Representing HUD & Hopesource.

PAUL CARLSON, HUD REPRESENTATIVE reviewed a ten year plan of ending homelessness and presented the Commissioners with reports on funds for homelessness & low income housing. Mr. Carlson indicated he is very passionate about the problem and has seen the changes begin to take place in communities and stated this is nothing short of dramatic. He indicated the push of a ten year plan is to get homeless individual's in a home and with a job, he also indicated that after homeless individuals were interviewed those were the top two answers of what they wanted. Mr. Carlson stated that he began composing this idea four years ago. He indicated that Oregon has ten plans. Mr. Carlson expressed his excitement for a small community to join in on this, and that from his experience the small communities are the most successful and generally they have the most political support.

There was discussion on "Project Homeless", and Mr. Carlson indicated that when a County agrees to this, a benefit fair is brought in to benefit the homeless at risk.

CHAIRMAN CRANKOVICH indicated that we do have funds for homeless expenses, but we have been unable to find a good way to use them. He questioned whether there was an average of federal dollars and capital funds.

COMMISSIONER McCLAIN felt it was important to define the needs of the committee.

COMMISSIONER BOWEN felt it would be beneficial to the Commissioners to be shown what problems need to be addressed. He felt it was unfair to ask the Commissioners to decide what was most important to fix, since they are not amidst the issues every day to know what was most crucial.

COMMISSIONER McCLAIN indicated he would like to see a committee formed that the Commissioners oversee and the committee would be responsible for providing reports to the Board. He indicated he would look into the statute that pertains to the 2163 & 2060 funds and how they can be used, and who is most appropriate to oversee the funds.

The Commissioners thanked **MR. CARLSON** for the information provided today.

Meeting adjourned at 10:42 a.m.

DEPUTY CLERK OF THE BOARD

**KITTITAS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
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Mandy Robinson

Alan Crankovich, Chairman