

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

MONDAY

3:00 P.M.

DECEMBER 3, 2007

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

Others: Mandy Robinson, Deputy Clerk of the Board; Robin Raap, Prosecutors Office, Greg Zempel, Prosecutor; Bob Gubser, Sheriff's Office; Cathy Bambrick, Public Health Administrator; Jerry Pettit, County Auditor; Kirk Eslinger, HR Director; Tip Hudson, WSU; Darryl Piercy, Director of Community Development Services; Allison Kimball, Assistant Director of Community Development Services; Marsha Weyand, Assessor; Judy Pless, Auditor's Office; Mandy Weed, Administrative Assistant CDS; Lisa Young, HR Manager; Joyce Julsrud, Clerk; Kim Dawson, Sheriff Staff; Gene Dana, Sheriff; Julie Kjorsvik, Clerk of the Board; Amy Mills, Treasurer; Brenda Barker, Fair Staff; Brandon Drexler, Public Works Director; Patti Johnson, Solid Waste Director; Christine Luvera, Lower District Court Administrator; Clay Myers, Undersheriff.

PUBLIC HEARING

2008 - COUNTY BUDGET

AUDITOR

At approximately 3:00 p.m. **CHAIRMAN CRANKOVICH** opened a public hearing to consider the County budget in the amount of \$64,586,827.00.

JUDY PLESS, BUDGET AND FINANCE MANAGER reviewed changes and suggested that the resolution not be adopted until the following agenda until she makes the appropriate changes for a final resolution.

COMMISSIONER McCLAIN questioned whether the budget was in balance yet and indicated that the last study session he sat in; it appeared to be approximately \$6,000.00 dollars out of balance.

COMMISSIONER BOWEN state that he has met with Ms. Pless separately since he was unable to attend the study session, and indicated his support of the budget and gave a brief overview of how the budget process has worked in the past.

MARSHA WEYAND, COUNTY ASSESSOR wanted to explain the increase in her budget. She stated that the new software program that was purchased

this last year was fairly expensive but the program is going to be a huge benefit to the public and everyone who uses the County maps.

COMMISSIONER McCLAIN indicated that he had met with the Sheriff's office to have his questions and concerns addressed and answered and felt most of them were now cleared up. He expressed his appreciation to everyone, stating that this has been a real learning process for him.

COMMISSIONER BOWEN asked Ms. Pless when the budget resolution would be ready for adoption.

JUDY PLESS, BUDGET AND FINANCE MANAGER requested the Board postpone adoption of the budget until the Agenda on December 4, 2007 at 2:00 p.m. in the Commissioners Auditorium.

COMMISSIONER McCLAIN questioned how the levies would affect things and he acknowledged seeing them on the next Agenda.

MARSHA WEYAND, COUNTY ASSESSOR stated that there was really no way around it, she indicated the importance of having those numbers available for assessing districts.

COMMISSIONER BOWEN clarified how the Assessor's Office uses the figures, and noted that the Commissioners only acknowledge them on the Agenda.

THERE BEING NO ONE IN ATTENDANCE REQUESTING TO TESTIFY, THE PUBLIC PORTION OF THE HEARING WAS CLOSED.

COMMISSIONER BOWEN moved to continue the hearing to December 4, 2007 at 2:00 p.m., in the Commissioners Auditorium. **COMMISSIONER McCLAIN** seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Meeting adjourned at 3:21 p.m.

DEPUTY CLERK OF THE BOARD

**KITTITAS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
KITTITAS COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

Mandy Robinson

Alan Crankovich, Chairman