

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

**THURSDAY**

**9:00 A.M.**

**JUNE 25, 2009**

Board members present: Chairman Alan Crankovich; Vice-Chairman Paul Jewell and Commissioner Mark McClain.

Others: Mandy Robinson, Deputy Clerk of the Board; Michael Carpenter, Maintenance Director; Judy Pless, Budget and Finance Manager; Deanna Panattoni, Treasurer; Gene Dana, Sheriff; Steve Panattoni, Patrol Sgt; Bob Gubser, Commander; Paula Hocter, Commander.

**SPECIAL MEETING**

**JAIL FINANCING**

**COMMISSIONERS**

At 9:00 a.m. Chairman Crankovich opened a special meeting to consider what payment options the County has for the financing of the Jail project.

Commissioner Jewell stated that he had requested this meeting and provided a list of questions he would like to get addressed. He expressed his desire to get things moving so that the County can begin working on getting bids together. He indicated it was his opinion that building in the current courtyard was the best option. He stated that those decisions needed to be made prior to the work beginning in the Jail.

Judy Pless provided bonding information from Susan Musselman, DashenMusselman Inc., financial consulting for public entities. Commissioner Jewell asked if a decision was made by the County by August of this year and given to the consultants when could the construction start. Mr. Carpenter indicated work would begin most likely in late spring or early summer.

Mr. Panattoni questioned whether or not there were plans to replace the boilers at the Jail and when that project was estimated to be completed.

Mr. Carpenter discussed options for the renovations and construction timelines that he felt the County could best work with.

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Commissioner McClain asked the Sheriff for a time frame on when they could provide numbers for the questions that Ms. Pless presented.

Ms. Hctor reviewed the costs associated with inmates being sent out of town and reviewed how many inmates we currently have.

Ms. Pless provided reports for the Juvenile Adult Facility Tax & Criminal Justice Tax expense funds as well as the Capital Facilities-REET funds.

Discussion on staffing levels and where FTE increase's would be needed and why. Ms. Hctor explained the responsibilities of Corrections Officers and how they work with the inmates.

Discussion on the County getting a contract with Department of Corrections (DOC) since we are currently housing their inmates anyway.

Commissioner Jewell asked the Sheriff to see if he had a feel for whether or not we could get agreements in place with the other agencies that we house inmates for. He felt that would provide surety to the County. Further discussion was held on whether MOU's or letters of intent would be obtainable the quickest. Staff was directed to discuss the options with DashenMusselman Inc. along with, the insurance.

There was extensive discussion regarding the potential of a REET Fund interfund loan.

Commissioner Crankovich felt we needed to put a cap on what the final decision is when dedicating funds from REET.

The BoCC felt that the economy the County is currently in is an excellent bidding environment, so we may have the option to come in way under the estimated bid.

Discussion was held on taking on Juveniles and how the expectations would increase from housing them.

Ms. Pless provided the Board a report on the long term debt the County has for their review.

Commissioner McClain asked that all questions from this meeting be answered by July 1, 2009. He indicated that they will be re-visiting them at the 8:00 a.m. Sheriff's Law & Justice Study Session.

Commissioner McClain moved to continue the meeting to July 1, 2009 at 8:00 a.m. in the Commissioners Auditorium during the Law & Justice Study Session. Commissioner Jewell seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Meeting adjourned at 9:50 a.m.

DEPUTY CLERK OF THE BOARD

  
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Mandy Robinson

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Alan Crankovich, Chairman