

**COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES
KITITAS COUNTY, WASHINGTON
COMMISSIONER'S CONFERENCE ROOM
SPECIAL MEETING**

THURSDAY

9:00 A.M.

MAY 26, 2011

Board members present: Chairman Paul Jewell and Vice-Chairman Alan Crankovich. Commissioner Obie O'Brien was absent.

Others: Catherine Dunn, Deputy Clerk of the Board, Patti Johnson, Solid Waste Director; Judy Pless, Budget and Finance Manager; Matt Anderson, Facilities Maintenance Director; Gene Dana, Sheriff; Clay Myers, Undersheriff; Paula Hoctor, Jail Commander; Catherine Clerf.

SPECIAL MEETING JAIL EXTENSION PROJECT UPDATE COMMISSIONERS

At 9:02 a.m. **Chairman Jewell** opened the Special Meeting to consider updates to the Jail Extension project. **Patti Johnson**, the Project Manager, asked for direction from the Board regarding the jail costs in relation to the other projects.

Chairman Jewell said the maximum allowance for the jail was \$4,500,000, but this was increasing and wondered if the soft costs would increase. **Patti Johnson** said the sales tax and permit fees would be higher, but the utility connection fees may be going down dramatically as the gas is taken care of and the electric work was done on the remodel project. **Chairman Jewell** said the engineer's estimate was \$4.8 to \$5.5 million.

Patti Johnson said one of the biggest changes is the security rating which was upped from minimum security to medium/maximum security. She said the cost of the maximum security products is higher than minimum security. She said they added a program room from an unused room and new rugs and paint in the old Sheriff's Admin area and a second exit to the electrical room due to increased voltage. She said most of the additional increases in costs were code issues.

Chairman Jewell asked about the security settings. **Undersheriff Myers** said there was some parts of the architects list that were listed as minimum security, but when the walls were installed in the remodeled portion of the jail, they were not strong enough and already have holes from inmates fighting and knocking into them. He said the higher security doors and hinges and latches were more expensive but don't work if you have a weaker, less expensive wall.

Judy Pless, Budget and Finance Manager, reported the amount spent in 2010 for the architect fee was \$256,000. She said the bond amount for the jail expansion was \$6,100,000, the Upper District Court was

\$1,502,500, Armory was \$1,502,500, Jail Repairs was \$1,303,000 for a total of \$10,408,000. She said the jail repairs cost \$1,400,000.

Chairman Jewell asked for the balances in the various funds. **Ms. Pless** said the Criminal Justice Tax balance was at \$1,200,000 and the revenue for 2010 was \$330,000. The Juvenile/Adult Facility Tax balance was \$649,618 with the 2010 revenue at \$648,083.

Chairman Jewell asked how much of the Jail fund could be used? **Judy Pless** said \$300,000 could be used for the jail expansion and \$400,000 from the Criminal Justice fund.

Patti Johnson noted that redesign and rebidding costs money. There was a discussion on what changes would require rebidding.

Chairman Jewell asked what the estimated date of completion would be. **Patti Johnson** said it would be 365 days from the start date.

Undersheriff Myers said that a discussion was needed on the security system. He said that having two systems that don't work well together is becoming difficult. **Chairman Jewell** said that the bid is too high to include a security system and grants or other monies would be necessary to fund it. **Undersheriff Myers** said that every time the security system needs to be fixed it is a cost of \$1,000. **Ms. Johnson** said she would try to hold the bid at \$65,000 plus tax for a total of \$70,200 and juggle between the soft costs to try and get the money needed.

Chairman Jewell said the total amount the Board has discovered to add to the Jail Expansion amount to cover the bid is \$500,000 from Criminal Justice Funds, \$300,000 from Adult/Juvenile Justice Funds and \$400,000 from the Upper County District Court/City of Cle Elum Funds. This totals \$1,200,000 which adds to the \$6,100,000 bond amount to come close to the \$7,323,580 which the jail will cost. Grants and other funding needs to be pursued to make up the difference.

Patti Johnson asked whether she could tell the contractor to start on the paperwork. She was told to proceed.

Matt Anderson, Facilities Maintenance Director, asked what were they missing, in looking at the Jail Expansion. **Patti Johnson** said the unknown was whatever was six feet under the courtyard.


Patti Johnson said she will have the plan review on the Armory started and she will be sending letters to the City asking for deferrals of the frontage and street improvements which may reduce the costs.

Chairman Jewell asked about the payoff on the Berry's Building to the Cummings family. Since **Judy Pless** had the money set aside, it might be prudent to inquire of the family if they would consider an early payment, in view of Dennis Cummings death. She said she would inquire after an appropriate amount of time.


The meeting adjourned at 10:00 a.m.

DEPUTY CLERK OF THE BOARD

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Catherine Dunn



Paul Jewell, Chairman