

**COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES
KITTTITAS COUNTY, WASHINGTON
COMMISSIONERS CONFERENCE ROOM
SPECIAL MEETING**

WEDNESDAY

2:00 P.M.

AUGUST 3, 2011

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

Others: Julie Kjorsvik, Clerk of the Board; Kathy Matlin, Habitat for Humanity representative; Judy Pless, Budget & Finance Manager; and 5 members of the public.

SPECIAL MEETING

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

COMMISSIONERS

At 2:00 p.m. Chairman Jewell opened a Special Meeting to discuss HB2060 funding with Habitat for Humanity.

Ms. Kathy Matlin, representing Habitat for Humanity, explained how they had been awarded a grant from Kittitas County in an amount up to \$50,000 in matching funds from 2060 money for a house in S. Cle Elum. She explained they went through the selection process for a family, and the one who was chosen had the greatest need by far, but ended up owning their own property. She said since they owned property, the cost was much less than they had anticipated and the total cost has ended up being between \$50,000 - \$60,000, therefore leaving approximately \$20,000 left in unused funds. She said they would like to use the remainder of those funds towards something else such as House 12 in Kittitas, or to purchase lots in Cle Elum, but wanted to check with the Board before proceeding. Ms. Matline said the local Habitat for Humanity program has been awarded funding from the International organization to use towards the salary for a full time Executive Director, which will allow them to increase their productivity and make a significant impact on affordable housing within Kittitas County. She noted how the current home owners pay approximately \$15,000 in property taxes into the County.

Chairman Jewell thought the contract language was project specific and before the Board makes any decision on spending of those funds, they should hold public hearing to consider another proposal. The Board questioned if a formal recommendation was needed from the Homeless and Affordable Housing Committee before making a decision. The Habitat for Humanity committee was asked to come up with a proposal to either utilize the excess funds or come up with another contract.


APPROVED
8/16/2011

The meeting was adjourned at 2:20 p.m.

CLERK OF THE BOARD


Julie Kjorsvik

KITTITAS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
KITTITAS COUNTY, WASHINGTON


Paul Jewell, Chairman