

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

THURSDAY

3:00 P.M.

AUGUST 25, 2011

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

Others: Mandy Robinson, Deputy Clerk of the Board; Paul Pearce, WSAC Vice President; Eric Johnson, WSAC Executive Director.

SPECIAL MEETING

WSAC ANNUAL UPDATE

COMMISSIONERS

At 3:07 p.m. Chairman Jewell opened a Special Meeting to receive updates from WSAC representatives and for the County to update WSAC on any local issues. Commissioner Jewell opened the meeting with introductions of County staff and WSAC representatives. Eric Johnson, WSAC Executive Director provided packets for each Board member to review.

There was discussion on the prediction of what should be expected at the upcoming legislative session. Paul Pearce, WSAC Vice President indicated that it is his opinion this year should be challenging. He explained that there is a real struggle to reach some of the smaller & further away counties. He explained the importance of having representatives from all counties present and shared his appreciation for Kittitas County remaining involved. He explained that it was their opinion the lack of representation was due to budgets and stated that they understood that.

Commissioner Jewell discussed water & land use actions, decisions etc., in Kittitas County as well as the continued unfunded mandates.


There was discussion on "serial public disclosure requestors" and some of the proposal's WSAC is doing to fine tune and bring forward to be considered during an up and coming legislative session that will hopefully provide the Counties some protection.

There was a brief discussion on WSAC continuing to pursue the exempt well statue, in addition there was discussion on WRIA's, medical marijuana and the County's work on a new evaluation process that is intended to be effective January 1, 2012.

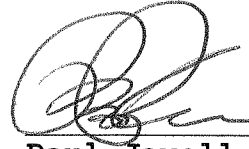
Meeting adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

APPROVED
9/7/2011

DEPUTY CLERK OF THE BOARD


Mandy Robinson

KITTITAS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
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Paul Jewell, Chairman