

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

THURSDAY

1:00 P.M.

JANUARY 3, 2008

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

Others: Greg Zempel, Prosecuting Attorney; Kirk Eslinger, Human Resources Director; Debbie Myers, Deputy Clerk of the Board.

At approximately 1:00 p.m. Chairman McClain opened a special meeting to discuss the Prosecutors office wage scale.

Greg Zempel was concerned that the Criminal Attorney's top out at \$5,834 on the wage scale as opposed to the Civil Attorney's who top out at \$7,550. He thought they should be treated more equally.

Chairman McClain pointed out the reason the Civil Attorneys pay scale was elevated was to attract more seasoned attorneys.

Greg Zempel thought the value of both Civil and Criminal Attorney was similar.

There was discussion on entry level versus top end of the wage scale for both civil and criminal attorneys.

The Board decided the Prosecutor could hire attorneys with a starting wage up to \$4,420 before coming to the Board, higher than that would need Board approval. Top salary for both civil and criminal would be \$7,093.

Kirk Eslinger will bring proposal back within two weeks to reflect the Board's decision.

Greg Zempel brought up the issue of bar dues and stated that most Counties pay for bar dues. Bar dues are approximately \$411.25 per year. Greg suggested they set it up to pay the bar dues after an attorney has been here two years.

Coroner duty compensation was also discussed. Chairman McClain stated this county will probably need a coroner's office by 2010. How to compensate coroner call outs will be discussed at a later date.

Meeting adjourned 2:10 p.m.

DEPUTY CLERK OF THE BOARD

KITTITAS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
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Debbie Myers

Mark McClain, Chairman