

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

TUESDAY

1:30 P.M.

FEBRUARY 26, 2008

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

Others: Julie Kjorsvik, Clerk of the Board; Tom Swenson, Facilities Maintenance Director and Bob Wardell of Wardell Architects.

SPECIAL MEETING

WARDELL ARCHITECTS

COMMISSIONERS

At approximately 1:30 p.m. Chairman McClain opened a special meeting to receive an update from Wardell Architects.

Bob Wardell, representing Wardell Architects distributed copies of information on a Courthouse facilities study including areas of allocation for District Court and its Administration offices; Superior Court and its Administration offices; Clerk's office; Prosecutors office; Public Defenders office, Probation Services; building support as well as public accommodations. He reviewed options and issues with having three floors with the existing building. Chairman McClain asked about a basement concept which was not shown and felt it could be used to house either, the Prosecutor and Public Defender's offices and/or storage. Mr. Wardell said it could be done, but it would be an additional 15,000 square feet. He also noted that the Courts would need security and explained ways of bringing in the inmates to the courtrooms.

Mr. Wardell said he still had to fine tune figures, but indicated it would be approximately \$200.00 per square foot to renovate the current facility and a little less if a new building was built. Commissioner Crankovich said the issue would need voter approval and the project could cost up towards \$20 million dollars for the renovation. He spoke with caution because the voters had recently turned down a new jail facility two times.

Chairman McClain asked Mr. Wardell to come up with an actual visualization of the project that he could show the public when the time came, including conceptual drawings of departments.

Chairman McClain scheduled another meeting with Wardell Architects to be held on Wednesday March 19, 2008 at 10:00 a.m. in the Commissioners Conference Room. Mr. Wardell said he would work on the cost estimate as well as updated figures for the Courthouse curtainwall.

Meeting adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

CLERK OF THE BOARD

**KITTITAS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
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Julie A. Kjorsvik

Mark McClain, Chairman