

BUDGET RETREAT
June 5, 2008 – 9:00 A.M.
Kittitas County Fairgrounds

Those Present:	Bonnie Corns	Bob Gubser	Joyce Julsrud
	Lisa Bach	Duke Senter	Greg Zempel
	Todd Davis	Kim Dawson	Kathy Jurgens
	Cathy Bambrick	Gene Dana	Jim Van De Venter
	Paula Hoctor	Clayton Myers	Kelly Carlson
	Marsha Weyand	Michael Carpenter	Doug D'Hondt
	Cindy Adams	Matt Anderson	Christine Luvera
	William Holmes	Kathryn Anderson	Willie Adams
	Lisa Young	Tipton Hudson	Linda Childs
	Kirk Eslinger	Amy Mills	Jerry Pettit
	Judy Pless	Mandy Weed	Darryl Piercy
	Allison Kimball	Linda Huber	Mandy Robinson
	Amber Simon	Mark McClain	Patti Johnson
	Greg Zempel	Steve Panattoni	Jan Ollivier
	Tom Kelley	Jim Goeben	

Commissioner Mark McClain opened the retreat with a brief overview of the Budget retreat agenda he gave an outline of the agenda and of what the expectations are for this retreat and how it's different from previous years. He indicated that this year there are no anticipated new positions. He stated that the only new positions will be the ones from outside sources. He reviewed the plan for building an administrative building, for the administrative offices to allow for more office space for the actual court facilities in the courthouse.

A power point presentation was given by Donald W. Meseck, Regional Labor Economist, Labor Market and Economic Analysis Branch, WA State Employment Security (Out-stationed in the Economics Department, Central Washington University, Ellensburg, WA). He indicated that from 1998 – 2008 he has served as the Regional Labor Economist (RLE) with LEMA with a geographic area of responsibility for economic analysis of Adams, Chelan, Douglas, Grant, Kittitas, Okanogan and Yakima counties. He indicated that effective in February 2008 two additional RLEs were hired by LMEA. One was stationed in Wenatchee and the other in Walla Walla, he indicated that his area of responsibility was changed to Kittitas, Klickitat, Skamania, and Yakima counties. On a monthly basis he assists in preparing nonfarm employment estimates for these counties utilizing a Current Employment Statistics (CES) sample. He reviewed that he is responsible for writing monthly, quarterly, and / or annual economic reports about county-level labor market trends, and contributes to such LEMA publications as the Washington State Labor Area Summaries (LAS), and selected County Profiles. Such county-specific labor market information assists business people, educators, economic developers, government officials, members of the media, and interested citizens in making informed decisions about their local economies.

Judy Pless, discussed the sales tax and sales & use tax revenue and indicated that the PERS rate for employer contribution was going up to 8.43% for the employer she indicated that will automatically go into the budget for 2009. She provided a packet of graphs showing 2008 County Revenue of all funds, 2008 General fund revenues, 2008 Expenses-all funds, County General funds expenses, County Sales Tax, General Fund Expenditures-vs-revenues 1986-2007, County General Fund operating reserve, number of position 1998-2008 & PERS Retirement Rates. (See attached).

Marsha Weyand, reviewed a Highest Lawful Levy Calculation form and explained where the information comes from. She indicated that this is a very complex worksheet and she would be happy to show anyone who is interested how to use the form. It was requested by Treasurer Amy Mills that she bring the form to Management Team to teach the department heads and elected officials how to use the form. Marsha covered the highlights of each form. (See attachments for full form examples.)

Regular Property Tax limit including annexation D+F \$5,398,361.027

Actual Levy Calculation \$4,979,307.48

Amount certified by county legislative authority or taxing districts as applicable \$5,100,000.00.

There was a roundtable discussion on what the mandated & critical needs of all departments present were for 2009. See attachments.

Adjourn @ 4:00 p.m.