

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

MONDAY

1:30 PM

NOVEMBER 17, 2008

Board members present: Chairman Mark McClain; Vice-Chairman Alan Crankovich; Commissioner Linda Huber.

Others present: Catherine Dunn, Deputy Clerk of the Board; Cathy Bambrick, Public Health Administrator; Amber Simon, Public Health Business Manager; Mark Larsen, MD, Health Officer.

SPECIAL MEETING

2009 BUDGET

PUBLIC HEALTH

CHAIRMAN McCLAIN opened the meeting at 1:30 p.m. **CATHY BAMBRICK, PUBLIC HEALTH ADMINISTRATOR** explained that they were \$270,000 over budget with the decrease in On Site Sewage and Building fees. She planned to reduce staff by at least 2 FTE. She asked the Board how aggressive they wanted her to be in this area. She said that the problem with cuts was that the staff was all certified and trained at this time. She was looking at cutting some middle management staff.

COMMISSIONER HUBER was reluctant to cut Personal Health programs saying this is something local government can do for the citizens in this economic decline while Environmental Health is market based. **DR. LARSON, HEALTH OFFICER** agreed that there were some of the Personal Health programs that would increase because of the economic downturn. He said it was important to keep the nurses and clerks on staff to cope with more outbreaks of communicable diseases.

CATHY BAMBRICK said if they cut Environmental Health managers, she wanted to bring Environmental Health back to the Morris Sorenson building for management. She was planning to talk to all her staff in a meeting on Wednesday afternoon so they didn't hear about cuts in the news. **CHAIRMAN McCLAIN** and **DR. LARSON** planned to be there as well.

The meeting adjourned at 2:20 p.m.

DEPUTY CLERK OF THE BOARD

Catherine Dunn

KITTITAS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
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Mark McClain, Chairman