

**COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES
KITITITAS COUNTY, WASHINGTON
COMMISSIONERS AUDITORIUM
SPECIAL MEETING**

TUESDAY

1:00 PM

SEPTEMBER 8, 2009

Board members present: Chairman Alan Crankovich and Vice-Chairman Paul Jewell. Commissioner Mark McClain absent.

Others: Catherine Dunn, Deputy Clerk of the Board; Jerry Pettit, Auditor; Judy Pless, Budget and Finance Manager; Terri Mohan, Auditor's office; Greg Zempel, Prosecutor; William Holmes, Probation Services Director; Joseph Whalen, Human Resources Director; Lisa Young, Human Resources Manager; Vyrle Hill, Washington Counties Risk Pool Executive Director and David Goldsmith, Member Services, WCRP.

SPECIAL MEETING WA COUNTIES RISK POOL PRESENTATION COMMISSIONERS

At 1:00 P.m. **Chairman Alan Crankovich** opened the special meeting to discuss services and review the Annual Report from Washington Counties Risk Pool.

David Goldsmith showed a PowerPoint presentation which explained how the WA Counties Risk Pool has been self insuring member counties since 1988. At this time they serve 28 counties. They work under the oversight of the WA State Auditor, as well as the State Risk Manager. They handle third party liability, property, crime, environmental, Public Official Bonds and Special Event insurance. **Vyrle Hill**, WCRP Executive Director said that the membership has asked for a broad based Environmental Coverage.

David Goldsmith said with the current updates, the Public Records Act Violations will not be covered. The WCRP Board of Directors voted that fines were not damages. Also updated is an 'opt out' provision, providing an opportunity for a county to continue with a lawsuit after the Risk Pool wished to settle. The Board of Directors clarified the coverage for any person or organization defined as insured under Section 2(B).

In explaining the updates to the Risk Pool, **Mr. Goldsmith** said that experts can come in to assist with Public Disclosure Requests.

Vyrle Hill explained the costs charts. Amounts increased on the chart were from increased payouts and an increased training budget.

Greg Zempel, Prosecutor, asked about the possibility of mounting a lobby to get caps on Court payments. **Mr. Hill** said that a change in

society is needed to make that change. He said the legislature is more interested in those being insured.

Vyrle Hill asked if the County was adopting a Public Disclosure Request policy. **Prosecutor Zempel** replied that it was being updated at this time. **Mr. Hill** said that with a policy in place, it is possible to channel the requestors and develop strategies. He said that each office needs to designate in policy the Public Disclosure Officer.

VOUCHERS

The Board approved and signed vouchers for payment.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:25 p.m.

DEPUTY CLERK OF THE BOARD

**KITTITAS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
KITTITAS COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

Catherine Dunn

Alan Crankovich, Chairman