

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

WEDNESDAY

10:00 AM

SEPTEMBER 23, 2009

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

Others: Catherine Dunn, Deputy Clerk of the Board; Greg Zempel, Prosecutor; Brent Bottoms, Deputy Prosecutor.

SPECIAL MEETING ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OPINION COMMISSIONERS

At 10:00 a.m. **Chairman Alan Crankovich** opened the special meeting to consider the Attorney General's Opinion which answered questions submitted by Kittitas County Prosecutor Greg Zempel along with questions from Jay Manning, Director of WA ST Department of Ecology regarding exempt wells in Upper County.

Vice Chairman Paul Jewell handed out a proposed press release in response to articles written about the release of the Attorney General's Opinion. He had spent the afternoon of September 22, 2009 speaking with reporters and felt they had the wrong outlook on the Opinion.

At 10:10 a.m. **Chairman Crankovich** announced that the Board would retire to executive session for 20 minutes to discuss with legal counsel representing the agency matters relating to agency enforcement actions, or to discuss with legal counsel representing the agency litigation or potential litigation to which the agency, the governing body, or a member acting in an official capacity is, or is likely to become, a party, when public knowledge regarding the discussion is likely to result in an adverse legal or financial consequence to the agency. No action was anticipated.

The Board reconvened at 10:30 a.m. and **Chairman Crankovich** announced that the Board would recess into Executive Session for fifteen minutes to discuss with legal counsel representing the agency matters relating to agency enforcement actions, or to discuss with legal counsel representing the agency litigation or potential litigation to which the agency, the governing body or a member acting in an official capacity is, or is likely to become, a party, when public knowledge regarding the discussion is likely to result in an adverse legal or financial consequence to the agency, with no action following.

At 10:45 a.m. the Board reconvened and **Chairman Crankovich** announced that the Board would recess into Executive Session for thirty minutes to discuss with legal counsel representing the agency matters relating to agency enforcement actions, or to discuss with legal counsel representing the agency litigation or potential litigation to which the agency, the governing body or a member acting in an official capacity is, or is likely to become, a party, when public knowledge regarding the discussion is likely to result in an adverse legal or financial consequence to the agency, with no action following.

At 11:00 a.m. the Board reconvened and the meeting was adjourned.

DEPUTY CLERK OF THE BOARD

**KITTITAS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
KITTITAS COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

Catherine Dunn

Alan Crankovich, Chairman