

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

THURSDAY

8:00 AM

NOVEMBER 12, 2009

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

Others: Catherine Dunn, Deputy Clerk of the Board; Judy Pless, Budget and Finance Manager.

SPECIAL MEETING

BUDGET

COMMISSIONERS

At 8:00 a.m. Chairman Crankovich opened the special meeting to consider the Budget. Judy Pless, Budget and Finance Manager reported to the Board that Suncadia had not yet paid their taxes which amounted to \$2.1 million. Commissioner McClain suggested contacting Suncadia.

Judy Pless presented a cash balance report for the General Fund, explaining that there was \$4.5 million cash on hand.

She reported in the 2010 preliminary budget that there were additional revenues due to fee changes, additional revenues reported, and the increased the local retail sales tax. In a review of the expenditures, the Board removed a \$60,500 request from the Assessor's office to revamp the heating and cooling system and added \$10,000 to the Maintenance budget to cover this item. They also took \$60,000 from the Treasurer's budget to improve the heating and cooling system in that office. They removed \$21,000 from the Lower District Court budget for a door project and they removed \$33,800 from Library Advisory Board.

There was a discussion of the ending Fund Balance and the Board decided to retain the \$1,702,086 budgeted to bring the Fund Balance back to a more comfortable amount to carry into 2011. This would leave the County \$3.5 million over budget.

Judy Pless said that there were no large capital outlay items on the budget.

There was a discussion of strategies to increase funds and make sure that all departments receive any monies they are owed by other

jurisdictions or departments, including raising property taxes and looking into a levy shift from county road.

The Board decided to look into the possibility of having a wage and benefit freeze that would affect the Non-union and union personnel as well as the elected officials. A meeting was set for 1:30 p.m. on Wednesday, November 18, 2009 and would include the Union Presidents and Representative.

There was a discussion of the Prosecutor's and Judges' salaries.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 a.m.

DEPUTY CLERK OF THE BOARD

**KITTITAS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
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Catherine Dunn

Alan Crankovich, Chairman