

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

FRIDAY

9:00 AM

DECEMBER 11, 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; Jerry Pettit, Auditor; Gene Dana, Sheriff; Joyce Julsrud, Clerk; Marsha Weyand, Assessor; Brenda Larsen, Fire Marshal; Linda Childs, Upper County District Court Commissioner; Todd Davis, Noxious Weed Board Coordinator; William Holmes, Probation Services; Patti Johnson, Solid Waste Director; Matt Anderson, Fairgrounds Programs Director; Kirk Holmes, Director of Public Works and Interim Director of Community Development Services; Duke Senter, Information Services Director; Judy Young, Treasurer's Office; Bob Gubser, Commander, Sara Keith, Clerk's Office; Cindy Adams, Assessor's Office; Sue Higginbotham, Auditor's Office; Christine Luvera, Lower District Court Administrator; Mandy Weed, Community Development Services; Kathy Jurgens, Department of Public Works; Paula Hiatt, Lower District Court.

SPECIAL MEETING

BUDGET

COMMISSIONERS

At 9:00 a.m. **Chairman Crankovich** opened the special meeting continued from December 10, 2009 to consider adoption of the 2010 budget for Kittitas County.

Judy Pless, Budget and Finance Manager explained that there were five Resolutions for the Board's consideration to adopt the 2010 Budget.

Chairman Crankovich opened the public hearing continued from December 10, 2009 to public testimony.

William Holmes, Probation Services, said that he felt some comments should be made regarding the reductions of some department Salary and Benefit Budget for 2010. He said that it seemed the cuts were made in those departments that were bringing in revenue, those departments that had a larger number of union positions, departments with Elected Officials, those departments whose Department Head/Elected Officials spoke out about the budget and no cuts from the Board of Commissioners' department budget. He said that in his opinion, not

taking the additional property tax is counterproductive and will reduce future income.

Joyce Julsrud, Clerk, asked whether furloughs would be considered. **Chairman Crankovich** said they would be considered in addition to the cuts already directed. **Ms. Julsrud** asked if there was no choice but to cut personnel. **Chairman Crankovich** said if that was what was chosen by the Department Head.

Ms. Julsrud asked if the Board would consider the reduction met if each employee made a voluntary \$127 contribution per month back to the medical benefits fund to make up the amount of the reduction in the budget. **Vice-Chairman Jewell** said this was a good creative solution, but there were Human Resource and process questions that needed to be answered. **Ms. Julsrud** said that this would be a voluntary solution and would involve a Memorandum of Understanding and signed agreement with the employee to insure compliance.

Don Boxford, AFSCME Staff Representative, said the unions took a vote and voted against wage freezes, but voted for furloughs which would have a lesser impact on those looking to retire in the next few years. He said the unions were always willing to work with the County on these issues. **Chairman Crankovich** said that furloughs were taken off the table yesterday.

Chairman Crankovich closed the public testimony portion of the Public Hearing.

RESOLUTION 2009-152 GENERAL FUND TAX LEVY AUDITOR

Commissioner McClain moved to approve Resolution 2009-152, a Resolution for levying taxes for the General Fund Tax Levy for municipal purposes of Kittitas County, Washington according to the assessed valuation as determined in the year 2009. **Vice-Chairman Jewell** seconded the motion. Motion carried, 3-0.

RESOLUTION 2009-153 COUNTY ROAD TAX LEVY AUDITOR

Commissioner McClain moved to approve Resolution 2009-153, a Resolution for levying taxes for the County Road for municipal purposes of Kittitas County, Washington for the year 2010 according to the assessed valuation as determined in the year 2009. **Vice-Chairman Jewell** seconded the motion. Motion carried, 3-0.

RESOLUTION 2009-154 BUDGET ADOPTION AUDITOR

Vice-Chairman Jewell moved to approve Resolution 2009-154, a Resolution adopting the budget for the County of Kittitas, Washington, in the amount of \$68,179,470 for the fiscal year ending

December 31st, 2010. **Chairman Crankovich** seconded the motion. Motion carried, 3-0.

Commissioner McClain said irrespective of the vote, he knew there has been a great deal of hard work done and yet to do on the budget. Passing this budget will not delay this work. This resolution is just meeting the statutory obligation. He said he struggled with a budget that included libraries and the amount of the Sheriff's budget. He said the concept that this has been unequal treatment is disappointing, after all the work that has been done with Investment in Excellence and working together. He said cuts need to be made and it's not in the County's advantage to delay.

Chairman Crankovich said signing these resolutions doesn't mean the budget work is over. He said the budget will be tracked weekly and the State cuts will impact the County as well.

There was a discussion on washing vehicles.

RESOLUTION 2009-155 LEVY CERTIFICATION FOR GENERAL FUND AUDITOR

Commissioner McClain moved to approve Resolution 2009-155, a Resolution for the levying certification for the General Fund for municipal purposes of Kittitas County, Washington for the year 2010 according to the assessed valuation as determined in the year 2009. **Vice-Chairman Jewell** seconded the motion. Motion carried, 3-0.

RESOLUTION 2009-156 LEVY CERTIFICATION FOR COUNTY ROADS AUDITOR

Commissioner McClain moved to approve Resolution 2009-156, a Resolution for the levying certification for the county Road for municipal purposes of Kittitas County, Washington for the year 2010 according to the assessed valuation as determined in the year 2009. **Vice-Chairman Jewell** seconded the motion. Motion carried, 3-0.

The public hearing was adjourned at 9:25 a.m.

DEPUTY CLERK OF THE BOARD

KITTITAS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
KITTITAS COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Catherine Dunn

Alan Crankovich, Chairman