

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

**MONDAY**

**11:00 AM**

**DECEMBER 14, 2009**

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

Others: Catherine Dunn, Deputy Clerk of the Board; Cathy Bambrick, Public Health Administrator; Nancy Goodloe, Homelessness Committee Chair; Susan Grindle, Hope Source Director; Geoff Crump, Hope Source and Don Davis.

**SPECIAL MEETING**

**HOMELESSNESS COMMITTEE**

**COMMISSIONERS**

At 11:20 a.m. **Chairman Alan Crankovich** opened the special meeting to consider amendments to the grant process for 2010. He noted that the previous meeting had run over time.

**Nancy Goodloe** presented the Committee's recommendation for Senior Rent Assistance. On the third year, the committee recommended \$30,500 for direct services. She said they had checked with Geoff Crump and he was comfortable with that level of service. **Geoff Crump** said \$25,000 was for direct services and \$5,500 for administrative costs. He said the program could use whatever funds are allocated, and the need is there.

**Commissioner McClain** asked where the fund is now. **Nancy Goodloe** replied that there was \$518,000 in the fund with \$155,866 being collected annually.

**Cathy Bambrick** said that was the suggested level to fund. **Vice-Chairman Jewell** asked if the County could afford to fund the complete amount. He was told that it could.

There was discussion on changing the criteria for funding Seniors. Any Senior with a negative budget or within \$100 of a negative budget, is within the criteria to receive funds. The Board decided to table the discussion until later.

**Nancy Goodloe** presented the Polaris Project. The project requires a 15-year funding commitment from the County HB2163 and HB2160 funds. The Homelessness committee supports this finding. The Polaris Project is the lease of a building to provide 15 units of Transitional Housing in Kittitas County. They would work with

households from 18-24 months. The Polaris Project would work to have clients fully self-sufficient and depending on no public assistance when exiting the program. The project would allow Kittitas County to be a leader in the statewide goals of reducing homelessness by 2015.

**Ms. Goodloe** said the Committee had three options: Option 1. The original proposal; Option 2. A counter option to Hope Source and Option 3. A halfway measure.

**Commissioner McClain** said he was comfortable with Option 3 and believed that the Board should allow \$61,000 to go towards Senior Rent Assistance. The other members of the Board agreed.

**Commissioner McClain** said he will work with the Prosecutor's Office on the proposals.

**Geoff Crump** thanked the Homelessness and Affordable Housing Committee for their help, and this will help almost 100% of the people in crisis.

**Nancy Goodloe** said the Committee wanted to submit a Resolution to change to 2 Grant opportunities per year. She was told to submit it for an upcoming Commissioner agenda.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

DEPUTY CLERK OF THE BOARD

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Catherine Dunn

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Alan Crankovich, Chairman