

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

WEDNESDAY

10:00 A.M.

JANUARY 06, 2010

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

Others: Catherine Dunn, Deputy Clerk of the Board; Joseph Whalen, Human Resources Director; William Holmes, Juvenile Court Administrator; Jerry Pettit, Auditor; Judy Pless, Budget and Finance Manager; Brent Bottoms, Deputy Prosecutor.

SPECIAL MEETING

BUDGET REDUCTION

COMMISSIONERS

At 10:00 a.m. **Chairman McClain** opened a special meeting continued from January 5, 2010 to consider reductions in the 2010 County Budget. **William Holmes** presented a proposed budget for the Juvenile Court showing the reduction of \$17,710.83.

Vice-Chairman Jewell said he had gone through the budget and found that none of the reductions were grant funded. **Mr. Holmes** explained that the majority of the reductions were because of a maternity leave requested in the office, where there is minimal banked leave. Other reductions involve a proposed increase in the Juvenile Court Administrators salary, as well as overtime funds.

Joseph Whalen, Human Resources Director told the Board that under FMLA, only 12 weeks of leave will guarantee holding a position.

Chairman McClain asked why all the overtime wasn't cut earlier. **Mr. Holmes** explained the Juvenile Court is mandated to be available 24 hours, so it is important to maintain some overtime. **Chairman McClain** thanked Mr. Holmes for his cooperation.

At 10:10 a.m. **Chairman McClain** announced that the Board would retire into Executive Session for ten minutes with **Joseph Whalen** to discuss ongoing negotiations under RCW 42.30.140 (4)(a) Collective bargaining sessions with employee organizations, including contract negotiations, grievance meetings, and discussions relating to the interpretation or application of a labor agreement; or (b) that portion of a meeting during which the governing body is planning or adopting the strategy or position to be taken by the governing body during the course of any collective bargaining, professional negotiations, or grievance or mediation proceedings, or reviewing

the proposals made in the negotiations or proceedings while in progress. No action is anticipated.

At 10:20 a.m. the Board returned from Executive Session and **Chairman McClain** announced the Board would retire into Executive Session for ten minutes with **Joseph Whalen** to discuss ongoing negotiations under RCW 42.30.140 (4)(a) Collective bargaining sessions with employee organizations, including contract negotiations, grievance meetings, and discussions relating to the interpretation or application of a labor agreement; or (b) that portion of a meeting during which the governing body is planning or adopting the strategy or position to be taken by the governing body during the course of any collective bargaining, professional negotiations, or grievance or mediation proceedings, or reviewing the proposals made in the negotiations or proceedings while in progress. No action is anticipated.

At 10:30 a.m. the Board returned from Executive Session and **Chairman McClain** announced the Board would retire into Executive Session for five minutes with **Joseph Whalen** to discuss ongoing negotiations under RCW 42.30.140 (4)(a) Collective bargaining sessions with employee organizations, including contract negotiations, grievance meetings, and discussions relating to the interpretation or application of a labor agreement; or (b) that portion of a meeting during which the governing body is planning or adopting the strategy or position to be taken by the governing body during the course of any collective bargaining, professional negotiations, or grievance or mediation proceedings, or reviewing the proposals made in the negotiations or proceedings while in progress. No action is anticipated.

At 10:35 a.m. the Board returned from Executive Session and the Board told **Joseph Whalen** to continue working with the Union as directed.

At 10:35 **Chairman McClain** announced that the Board would go into Executive Session with **Brent Bottoms**, Deputy Prosecutor 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.

At 10:55 a.m. the Board reconvened out of Executive Session. No action was taken. At 10:55 a.m. **Chairman McClain** announced that the Board would go into Executive Session with **Brent Bottoms**, Deputy

Prosecutor for 5 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.

At 11:00 a.m. the Board reconvened out of Executive Session with no action taken.

Meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

DEPUTY CLERK OF THE BOARD

**KITTITAS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
KITTITAS COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

Catherine Dunn

Mark McClain, Chairman