

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

THURSDAY

1:30 P.M.

AUGUST 26, 2010

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

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

REGULAR MEETING

FINANCE COMMITTEE

AUDITOR

At 1:30 p.m. **Chairman McClain** opened the regular monthly meeting of the Finance Committee to discuss the County finances.

Judy Pless, Budget and Finance Manager, presented a voucher for payment from Weed Board #5. Normally, two members of the Weed Board could sign the vouchers, but one position is vacant and the other member is out of town. **Commissioner Crankovich** moved to approve a request to sign Weed Board #5 voucher for insurance in the amount of \$1,487.00. **Vice-Chairman Jewell** seconded the motion. Motion carried, 3-0.

Judy Pless, Budget and Finance Manager, gave a PowerPoint presentation showing the financial outlook of the County. She noted that Sales tax is \$1,667,102, which is \$43,488 below where it should be in August, but the heavy and civil engineering construction category is increased substantially, as well as the miscellaneous store retailers and durable goods. The General Fund - Fund Balance is being budgeted this year. The General Fund revenues are holding their own and departments are keeping down their expenses. The General Fund investment interest is low again this year. Law and Justice tax funds are down similar to the Sales Tax collection. The costs for jail repairs have been taken out of the fund as well as from REET, but when the Bond funds come in they will be repaid. The Revenues for Law and Justice are at 49% of the budget being collected, while the Expenses are at 48%. REET funds are relatively close to last year while the Hotel-Motel funds are staying stable. The questions for next year were the potential loss of Liquor Excise tax and Profit; if the initiatives pass (a potential \$70,000 loss to the County); Union contracts, Retirement rates and Medical insurance rate increases.

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Ms. Pless said the Board needed to inform the Risk Pool of their wishes regarding the deductible (\$25,000) and approve the excess insurance layer being offered, if they wish.

Commissioner Crankovich moved to keep the deductible amount the same amount of \$25,000 and to approve the excess insurance. **Vice-Chairman Jewell** seconded the motion. Motion carried, 3-0.

It was decided to have the budget meeting with Department Heads on October 13, 2010 in the morning in the Commissioners Auditorium. The space being limited, only 3 people from each office are invited to attend. Union presidents may attend on vacation time. **Judy Pless** was directed to send a letter to this effect.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:10 p.m.

DEPUTY CLERK OF THE BOARD


Catherine Dunn

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Mark McClain, Chairman