

COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES
KITTITAS COUNTY, WASHINGTON
COMMISSIONERS CONFERENCE ROOM
SPECIAL MEETING

WEDNESDAY

1:30 PM

OCTOBER 27, 2010

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

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

SPECIAL MEETING

FINANCE COMMITTEE

AUDITOR

At 2:00 p.m. **Chairman Mark McClain** opened the special meeting to consider a discussion of the finances of Kittitas County.

Judy Pless, Budget and Finance Manager, presented the Board with the September 2010 Budget Reports. She said she had received the October Sales Tax in the amount of \$220,000, which was higher than the 2005 level and 82.08% of the amount budgeted. The Real Estate Excise Tax (REET) is up from last year for September, noting there is still a scheduled payment in the amount of \$430,000 for the Airport Infrastructure Improvements coming out of REET. A discussion was held whether this amount could come from Distressed Counties funds? **Ms. Pless** said she would pursue asking the Conference of Governments (COG) about it.

Ms. Pless said the General Fund Revenues are 72.31% of the amount budgeted which is usually at 68% at this time of year. The General Fund expenses are down slightly from last year at 74%. She said several departments have revenues they expected to receive before the end of the year.

Ms. Pless said the Hotel-Motel funds were down but were expected to rise up somewhat, as Labor Day was late this year.

Ms. Pless said the Fund Balance for 2011 was anticipated to be \$1,287,621 plus the Rainy Day Fund of \$538,419. She said there might be \$200,000 more, but that depends on Suncadia's property tax payments. **Deanna Panattoni, Treasurer**, said Suncadia will wait for the last minute to pay the taxes, so it will be several years before the county receives them. **Vice-Chairman Jewell** said that Suncadia was causing the County to lose jobs.

There was a discussion of possible reductions for the proposed 2011 Budget, placement of employees and union contracts. The meeting was adjourned at 3:00.

DEPUTY CLERK OF THE BOARD


Catherine Dunn

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Mark McClain, Chairman