

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

FRIDAY

2:00 P.M.

APRIL 8, 2011

Board members present: Chairman Paul Jewell; Vice-Chairman Alan Crankovich and Commissioner Obie O'Brien.

Others: Catherine Dunn, Deputy Clerk of the Board; Judy Pless, Budget and Finance Manager; Deanna Panattoni, Treasurer; Jerry Pettit, Auditor.

SPECIAL MEETING

FINANCE COMMITTEE

COMMISSIONERS

At 2:00 p.m. **Chairman Jewell** opened the Special Meeting to consider the financial state of the County with the Finance Committee.

REPORTS

Judy Pless, Budget and Finance Manager, gave reports on the 2010 Budget, Sales Tax and Court Receivables. She presented Budget Transfers for Community Development Services, Law and Justice and Computer Replacement.

BUDGET TRANSFER

Commissioner O'Brien moved to approve and sign the Budget Transfers for Community Development Services, in the amount of \$17,000; Law and Justice, in the amount of \$50,000, both from the Fund Balance and Computer Replacement/Information Services, in the amount of \$100 from Information Services Office Supplies. **Commissioner Crankovich** seconded the motion. Motion carried, 3-0.

A discussion was held on the impacts of Suncadia property tax deficit.

TRIAL COURT IMPROVEMENTS

Ms. Pless explained that the Court Judges have met and decided to upgrade the recording systems in each of the four court rooms with Trial Court Improvement funds. She said that Upper District Court had already put the upgrade in their 2011 budget and have upgraded their system and since they did not use the Court Improvement Funds for that, **Ms. Pless** presented a Budget Transfer to advance the Court Improvement Fund amount into the Commissioner's budget to upgrade the Auditorium recording system as it is used by the courts as a back-up courtroom.

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with incorrect 4/7/11 date

APPROVED

4/19/2011

BUDGET TRANSFER

Commissioner Crankovich moved to authorize Chair signature on a Budget Transfer of \$9,528.00 from the Court Improvement fund to the Commissioners budget. **Commissioner O'Brien** seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

NEW DEPARTMENTS

Judy Pless explained that she had added two new departments for budgeting and tracking purposes: Upper County Groundwater and Current Use (Open Space). This should solve problems in depositing and paying invoices.

SCHOOL DISTRICTS

Deanna Panattoni, Treasurer, reported to the Board that most of the County Schools had a bond obligation of varying amounts. Thorp School District did not have a bond obligation but the Educational Service District did have concerns about whether they will be able to meet their payroll and pay other bills. She anticipated the School District coming to the County for a loan.

ON-LINE SURPLUS

Judy Pless presented information about Public Surplus which holds on-line auctions of surplus items including: vehicles, computers furniture, scrap and heavy equipment and many more items. She said it might provide an auction service with less costs to the County than the current method. She was asked to pursue looking into this program.

SCHOOL DISTRICTS

Deanna Panattoni said that she had told the school district representative that each district must send a letter to the Board of Commissioners requesting a loan if that is what they need and each case would be considered on its own merits.

Other Business

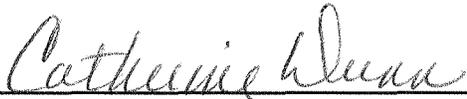
At 3:15 p.m. **Chairman Jewell** announced the Board would retire into Executive Session for ten minutes to consider the minimum price at which real estate will be offered for sale or lease when public knowledge regarding such consideration would cause a likelihood of decreased price. However, final action selling or leasing public property shall be taken in a meeting open to the public. No action was anticipated.

At 3:25 p.m. the Board reconvened and **Chairman Jewell** announced the Board would again retire into Executive Session for five minutes to consider the minimum price at which real estate will be offered for sale or lease when public knowledge regarding such consideration would cause a likelihood of decreased price. However, final action selling or leasing public property shall be taken in a meeting open to the public. No action was anticipated.

At 3:30 p.m. the Board reconvened from Executive Session with no action taken.

Meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

DEPUTY CLERK OF THE BOARD


Catherine Dunn

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Paul Jewell, Chairman