

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

**MONDAY**

**9:40 A.M.**

**OCTOBER 3, 2011**

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

Others: Mandy Robinson, Deputy Clerk of the Board; Lisa Young, HR Director; Robin Rapp, Office Administrator; Paul Sander, Deputy Prosecutor III.

**REGULAR MEETING**

**DEPARTMENT HEAD**

**PROSECUTOR**

At 9:50 a.m. Paul Sander, Deputy Prosecutor III requested permission to post the recently vacated Civil Deputy position (vacated by Stephanie Happold). He explained that they were previously down one Civil Deputy position and now they are down two. He indicated that he would like to get the position posted and filled as soon as possible so that there is not a great deal of time between Ms. Happold leaving and a new Deputy Prosecutor being hired. He explained that Ms. Happold's work load has been spread out to other attorneys in the office and it will take some time to get a new attorney up to speed.

Commissioner Jewell indicated that his response for now is no, and gave his reasons of why he didn't feel the Board could approve the request. He indicated that with "budget season" approaching they will need to see financial numbers before he felt comfortable giving any firm answer. He indicated that the Prosecutor's Office is one of the only departments that has not taken a hit with cuts and that they would be potentially one of the first to be considered for that reason. Mr. Sander questioned when the Board would have the financial numbers in to allow them to approve or deny the request. He questioned if the numbers came back soon would it be possible to re-group and discuss filling the position.

Lisa Young, HR Director stated that she would be willing to place this issue as a standing topic on her HR Study Session until a decision can be made.

Commissioner Crankovich He stated that he will be abstaining from any decision made pertaining to this department however, he questioned if recruitment could begin so that pending the outcome of the financial numbers they would be ready to move forward.

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Commissioner O'Brien expressed his concerns due to lack of potential funding. He indicated that he would rather not see them hire someone just to turn around and let them go.

It was noted that this topic will begin appearing on the HR Study Session beginning 10/25/2011 until a final decision can be made.

Meeting adjourned at 10:10 a.m.

**KITTITAS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
DEPUTY CLERK OF THE BOARD**

  
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**Mandy Robinson**

**KITTITAS COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

  
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**Paul Jewell, Commissioner**