

**COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES  
KITITAS COUNTY, WASHINGTON  
COMMISSIONER'S CONFERENCE ROOM  
SPECIAL MEETING**

**FRIDAY**

**2:00 P.M.**

**JANUARY 27, 2012**

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

Others: Julie Kjorsvik, Clerk of the Board and Suzanne Becker, Deputy Prosecutor.

**SPECIAL MEETING**

**MH/DD SERVICES**

**COMMISSIONERS**

At 2:00 p.m. Vice-Chairman O'Brien opened a Special Meeting to discuss pending contracts with the Washington State Department of Social & Health Services for Mental Health/Developmental Disabilities services.

Commissioner Jewell indicated they had been working on the special terms and conditions portion of the contracts with DSHS for DD services. He said they have been pursuing changes to the qualification requirements within the contracts, as well as having them be retroactive in order to be fully reimbursed for services that have already been provided. Commissioner Jewell indicated they were also working on a draft Interlocal Agreement with Yakima County, who would also be taking over the coordinator and program roles for DD services, through their Human Services department. He said the State would actually prefer that our County contract with Yakima County.

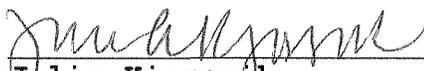
Commissioner O'Brien asked if Kittitas County does begin contracting with Yakima County, where the administrative costs would be going to. Commissioner Jewell said Yakima County would receive the administrative costs since they would be the one contracting with the State.

Suzanne Becker, Deputy Prosecutor questioned if there would be a purpose for the Mental Health/Developmental Disabilities Board if the program was taken over by Yakima County. The Board suggested proposing within the Interlocal Agreement to allow Kittitas County to have a couple of seats on the Yakima MH/DD Board. Commissioner Jewell offered to attend the next MH/DD Board meeting to receive feedback from the members and also to see what other counties have done. Ms. Becker reminded the Board to make sure that future funding wouldn't be impacted if Kittitas County no longer has a MH/DD Board in place.

Commissioner Jewell said he would bring up the Interlocal Agreement under "other business" during the Office Administrative meeting on January 30, 2012 to see if the Board had any issues with him sending out the draft Interlocal Agreement to Yakima County to begin negotiations.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:20 p.m.

**CLERK OF THE BOARD**

  
Julie Kjorsvik

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Obie O'Brien, Vice-Chairman