

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

MONDAY

9:40 A.M.

APRIL 23, 2012

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

Others: Mandy Robinson, Deputy Clerk of the Board; Neil Caulkins, Deputy Prosecutor; Greg Zempel, Prosecutor; Paul Sander, Deputy Prosecutor III.

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DEPARTMENT HEAD

PROSECUTOR

Paul Sander, Deputy Prosecutor III requested permission to fill the recently vacated Civil Deputy position. He explained that the position holds a substantial case load which currently consists of the Sheriff's department, Fire Marshal and Public Health. He explained that they are currently down to two Civil Deputies and explained how they are proposing to maintain the workload in the interim. There was discussion on bringing a Criminal Deputy over to the Civil caseload, however with current staffing Mr. Sander and Mr. Neil Caulkins, Deputy Prosecutor did not feel as though any of them were prepared for that caseload.

Commissioner O'Brien explained that he had mixed feelings with regard to filling the position due to budget concerns. Mr. Sander indicated that if cuts had to be made at the end of the year it was the Prosecutors office hope that the Board would allow them to determine where to cut, noting that it wouldn't be a deputy if it was up to him. Commissioner Jewell listed his concerns and reasons for not wanting to fill the position. He indicated that he would ultimately support filling the position because he didn't see how services could maintain otherwise. Commissioner Crankovich supported going out to ad to fill the position and see what comes of it. He stressed to them it is important to not just fill the position, but to fill it with someone who will truly benefit the office and not require a bunch of training to get them up to speed. Commissioner O'Brien stated that he would support filling the position.

The Board approved the request to advertise for the vacant Civil Deputy position in the County Prosecutor's Office.

Meeting adjourned at 9:50 a.m.

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DEPUTY CLERK OF THE BOARD

KITTITAS COUNTY, WASHINGTON



Mandy Robinson



Alan Crankovich, Chairman