

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

MONDAY

10:20 A.M

AUGUST 5, 2013

Board members present: Chairman Obie O'Brien; Vice-Chairman Paul Jewell & Commissioner Gary Berndt.

Others: Mandy Buchholz, Deputy Clerk of the Board; Greg Zempel, Prosecutor; Robin Rapp, Admin. Assistant.

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DEPARTMENT HEAD

PROSECUTOR

Greg Zempel, Prosecutor explained that they have three funding mechanisms for funding the employees and resources used with the Victim Witness program. He reviewed the costs associated with bringing in victim's and witness's for trial and stated that the fund to finish this year out is looking like it will be short. He stated that after working with the Auditor for a solvent plan the amount needed is approximately \$40,000.00. He stated that they are preparing to interview a replacement for former Deputy Prosecutor Zera Lowe and depending on experience level and the potential of shuffling some current Deputy Prosecutors around they could save approximately \$38,000.00.

Commissioner Jewell reviewed the Boards past practices and explained that it has been a consistent policy of the Board that when funding from a grant went away, the position that was funded by the grant goes away as well. He felt this was something to consider with the 2014 budget discussions and explained that if an answer was needed now he would be inclined to say no. Commissioner O'Brien stated that he needed additional time to consider the request. Commissioner Berndt asked to meet with Mr. Zempel prior to him coming back to continue the discussion. He stated that he needed to consider the request and have questions answered for him.

The Board directed Mr. Zempel to come back to meet with them next Monday August 12, 2013, during a ten minute Department Head meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 10:40 a.m.

DEPUTY CLERK OF THE BOARD



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Mandy Buchholz

Obie O'Brien, Chairman